



# Alaska State Legislature

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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

Relating to a study of certain aspects of Alaska's workman's compensation laws.

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**BE IT RESOLVED**

**BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

WHEREAS Alaska's experience has been that each time workman's compensation benefits are increased, the premium rates are also increased; and

WHEREAS, although a nominal increase in premium cost is to be expected as benefits are increased, there have been numerous complaints that premium increases have been extremely high, and do not bear a fair relation to losses experienced; and

WHEREAS some persons have suggested that premium rates would be lower and more equitable if we were to institute a state operated fund system; and

WHEREAS the Legislature at this juncture, lacks the benefit of knowledge of what other states have done and are doing in this regard;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council is directed to conduct a survey of how other states are dealing with the problem of keeping premium rates at an acceptable level in light of the general trend toward increases in benefits, with particular attention being paid to those states that have state operated funds as opposed to the Alaska system; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall present its report to the Seventh Legislature, Second Session, together with any recommendations it may have concerning this matter.