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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Relating to emergency hospital facilities in Alaska.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS there is the ever-present danger in Alaska of destructive natural disasters occurring such as air disasters, earthquakes, floods, tidal waves and avalanches, plus others; and

WHEREAS even today there is a totally inadequate number of emergency beds available in the event of a disaster and the potential problem will be augmented with the great influx of persons expected during construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline; and

WHEREAS when disasters occur many injured persons are not able to receive prompt medical care because of the delay in getting the injured to emergency quarters and this problem is always aggravated if, in order to reach medical facilities, highways and roads are crowded with the idle and the curious; and

WHEREAS air transportation capability is growing at a rapid pace in Alaska and will further increase with construction of the proposed trans-Alaska pipeline; and

WHEREAS emergency facilities located near airport terminals could be of great convenience in times of air disaster; and

WHEREAS the installation of unobtrusive shackles and fittings in hospitals and public buildings such as armories, warehouses, hotels and the like would permit the immediate conversion of such buildings into emergency hospitals; and

WHEREAS, additionally, portable stretchers could be obtained at a relatively low cost and could be easily stored;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested, after consultation with the appropriate local officials, to propose legislation requiring the installation of shackles and mounts and the storage of exchangeable stretchers in all of Alaska's hospitals and in designated public buildings adjacent to existing airports and those to be built throughout the state in quantities proportionate to the passenger traffic utilizing a particular airport; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the state pay for stretchers and stretcher mounts in buildings adjacent to airports and state buildings in boroughs and municipalities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that each airport be required to have a contingency plan for various types of major emergency situations, and that airport personnel be briefed at least annually on the implementation of such plans; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that boroughs and municipalities pay for such mounts in hospitals and other public buildings within their boundaries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to present such a plan, together with the implementing legislation, to the First Session of the Ninth Legislature.