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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 86

Relating to a study of penal institutions in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS most penal institutions in Alaska constitute no more than places for the warehousing of those inmates held in the state, while those Alaskans who are placed in federal institutions constitute a great economic burden on the Alaska taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, in order for penal institutions to serve a useful purpose to the inmate and society alike, there should be programs designed to teach persons incarcerated how to be productive and give them an opportunity to have some economic resources before their release; and

WHEREAS labor organizations might be extremely helpful and a valuable resource in establishing institutional apprentice programs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to valuable work and training programs, some penal institutions have been successful in establishing viable educational classes and group sessions for medical and psychological therapy;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Legislative Council, in cooperation with all appropriate departments and agencies, to conduct a feasibility study, including cost analyses, of implementing these various programs and ideas within Alaska's penal institutions; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the council's report, with any recommendations, be presented to the Ninth Legislature - First Session.