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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 93

Relating to medical-clinical laboratories, blood banks and personnel.

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

WHEREAS the State of Alaska has no licensing or certification program covering all medical-clinical laboratories, blood banks and personnel which would provide and maintain minimum standards and qualifications necessary for high quality health care and a continuing education program; and

WHEREAS the citizens of this state are entitled to receive the highest level of competence, reliability and accuracy that may be expected from medical-clinical laboratories and blood banks as well as assurance that laboratory personnel are qualified to perform the vital duties assigned and that laboratory personnel have kept abreast of developments through continuing professional education; and

WHEREAS medical-clinical laboratories and blood banks provide supportive services to the medical practitioner by furnishing him vital information necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of his patient; and

WHEREAS the laboratory reports provide essential information to the physician on the management of his patient and the health care of the community, and unreliable and inaccurate reports may cause unnecessary anxiety, suffering, illness, death and great financial burdens; and

WHEREAS it is necessary that more information be acquired from those closely connected with the medical-clinical and blood bank laboratory field before attempting to legislate in

this area;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services to appoint a 10-member committee to assess the need for medical-clinical laboratory and blood bank certification and licensing and laboratory personnel certification and licensure; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee submit a report with proposed legislation to the legislature not later than the convening of the Ninth Legislature, First Session, at which time the committee shall be discharged; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee consist of two medical practitioners (one pathologist certified in clinical pathology), one supervisory medical technologist, one hospital administrator, two medical technologists or equivalent (one from a small laboratory with less than three technologists), one medical technician or equivalent, one laboratory assistant or equivalent, one educator in the allied health field and one representative of the Department of Health and Social Services (laboratory section); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$30,000 for the operations of the committee.