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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

Requesting the Alaska Supreme Court to establish by rule guidelines for the practice of plea bargaining.

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

WHEREAS recent attention to the common practice in criminal cases of plea bargaining has resulted in abundant amounts of criticism from police as well as civil libertarians; and

WHEREAS there are many problems associated with the process of plea bargaining that are both disturbing and highly complex, and plea bargaining without stringent guidelines can be detrimental to a defendant as well as detrimental to the wise administration of justice from society's point of view; and

WHEREAS, even though there are dangers inherent in plea bargaining for both the defendant and society, plea bargaining is a common and extremely efficient and economical way of disposing of numerous cases; and

WHEREAS, even though some groups and individuals have advocated the complete abolition of plea bargaining, many of the inherent dangers involved in the practice of plea bargaining could be eliminated if the Alaska Supreme Court would promulgate clear and concise rules of criminal procedure governing the practice of plea bargaining;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska Supreme Court is respectfully requested to promulgate rules of criminal procedure relative to the practice of plea bargaining, taking into account existing recommendations and standards espoused by the American Bar Association, the National Advisory Commission on Standards and Goals, and the President's

Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. Arthur H. Snowden, Administrative Director, Alaska Court System; and to each justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.