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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 150

Relating to the Eagle River Correctional Center.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Eagle River Correctional Center, the newest of the state's correctional facilities, was originally intended to be a medium to minimum security facility which would apply progressive correctional techniques in a relaxed environment; and

WHEREAS over \$5.2 million was spent to build a 72,000 square foot complex of wooded courtyards, covered walkways, and clustered housing units where treatment could be conducted in a relaxed, open, and congenial environment; and

WHEREAS the Eagle River Correctional Center, in spite of its nominal commitment to open, relaxed treatment of criminal offenders, does contain a housing facility capable of holding maximum security prisoners; and

WHEREAS the maximum security housing has been utilized at least in part to meet the needs of the Division of Corrections in adequately supervising maximum security prisoners; and

WHEREAS the growing reliance upon the Eagle River Correctional Center to house maximum security prisoners poses serious questions regarding the original purposes for which the facility was constructed;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is respectfully requested to have the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Corrections, make a formal policy commitment stating the manner in which it intends to use the Eagle River Correctional Center in the future, in-

cluding a statement as to whether the facility will continue to house maximum security prisoners or whether it will be used exclusively as a treatment center for minimum security prisoners.