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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 50

Requesting the United States Congress to increase the federal share of funding for state occupational safety and health programs.

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

WHEREAS the State of Alaska is participating as an "18(b) plan" state in the occupational safety and health program; and

WHEREAS state employees must spend extended periods of time preparing periodic and special workload accomplishment and fiscal activity reports to comply with federal program requirements; and

WHEREAS the state must produce voluminous documents to demonstrate that state occupational safety and health standards are as effective as comparable federal standards; and

WHEREAS it appears that the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration is considering providing fully funded consultative services in states which are not participating in the program while the Alaska program receives only 50 per cent federal funding for its consultative program; and

WHEREAS the state has had to align its occupational safety and health priorities according to federal guidelines even though some issues appear to have little relevance to the state; and

WHEREAS the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration costs would increase without state participation if the same level of coverage was provided to Alaska employees;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature requests the

Congress of the United States to increase federal funding for state Occupational Safety and Health programs from 50 per cent to 75 per cent.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Occupational Safety and Health program designees in Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Washington, and Wyoming; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.