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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70

Relating to the waste disposal exigencies in Barrow and Bethel.

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

WHEREAS the sewage and trash disposal systems in Barrow and Bethel are utterly inadequate; and

WHEREAS the present system of waste disposal in these communities presents a grave threat to the health of the people living in Barrow and Bethel; and

WHEREAS the incidence of hepatitis and other illness caused by inadequate waste disposal has increased dramatically in recent years; and

WHEREAS solutions to the waste disposal problems in Barrow and Bethel are very expensive; and

WHEREAS the financial resources in these communities are inadequate for solving the problems; and

WHEREAS steps must be taken without delay to alleviate the problems in order to avert the threat of an epidemic of hepatitis and other illness at spring breakup;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Public Health Service is respectfully requested to cooperate with local and state officials in working to solve the waste disposal and health crises in Barrow and Bethel and in planning a long-range solution to these problems.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable F. David Mathews, Secretary, Department of Health, Education and

Welfare; the Honorable Theodore Cooper, M.D., Acting Assistant Secretary for Health; the Honorable David W. Johnson, M.D., Regional Health Administrator; and 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.