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Authorizing a study of the certificate of need program.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the certificate of need program is the only method by which the state currently reviews and controls capital expenditures for health care facilities in the state; and

WHEREAS a recent study has shown that state certificate of need programs effectively inhibit the unrestrained construction of health care facilities; and

WHEREAS substantial federal funding is available to the state if the state maintains a certificate of need program that is in compliance with federal law; and

WHEREAS Congress is considering substantial changes in federal certificate of need requirements; and

WHEREAS it would be imprudent to repeal or suspend the state certificate of need program at this time;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Senate that the Senate Finance Committee conduct or contract for a comprehensive study of the state certificate of need program to examine the feasibility of maintaining the program in some form that is in compliance with federal law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that if the certificate of need program is found to be an ineffective method of insuring adequate state review of capital expenditures for health care facilities and providing for rational and systematic planning of a health care delivery system in the state, the person conducting the study shall investigate and recommend alternatives for achieving such goals; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall be submitted to the Senate not later than January 30, 1984.