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Relating to the funding of the emergency medical services system.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS federal grant funding for emergency medical services systems to promote and assist non-Alaska Native communities to upgrade prehospital emergency medical services has been dissolved; and

WHEREAS Alaska has more than 2,570 volunteer emergency medical technicians working in more than 114 volunteer provider agencies; and

WHEREAS the provision of emergency medical service prehospital care systems is a responsibility of local government, the Legislature, Alaska Native Health Services, and the administration; and

WHEREAS the quality of service available to a victim of an emergency should be standardized throughout the state, with due regard for the size of the community and the level of service; and

WHEREAS the planning process for ambulance service operation, ambulance service personnel certification, and technical assistance to ambulance services and communities is in place and functioning; and

WHEREAS the Governor is responsible for the faithful execution of the laws; and

WHEREAS Alaska law (AS 18.08) authorizes the adoption of regulations relating to certification and recertification of emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technician instructors, and ambulance and air ambulance services; and

WHEREAS the Legislature is responsible for the promotion and protection of public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS the state office of emergency medical services, division of public health, Department of Health and Social Services is responsible for the implementation of AS 18.08 to protect the public health and welfare; and

WHEREAS the current level of funding and the uncertain distribution of funds for the emergency medical services system inhibit compliance with this law; and

WHEREAS the emergency medical services system is dependent on several funding sources; and

WHEREAS the amount of money allocated to support the state's emergency medical services system is insufficient to comply with the intent of AS 18.08;

BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives respectfully requests that the Governor include an annual appropriation from identified funding sources to provide a basic level of emergency medical services appropriate to each community in the state.