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Urging a change in the allocation formula for federal grants for alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health services.

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

WHEREAS there is a substantial need for prevention and treatment programs related to alcoholism, drug abuse, and mental health in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Congress has recently approved increased funding for federal block grants for alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health services (ADMS); and

WHEREAS, under the current ADMS allocation formula, Alaska and six other states would receive no increase in ADMS funding because the formula overemphasizes factors like urban population and amount of total taxable resources while giving no consideration to other factors like the high cost of providing services in particular geographic settings; and

WHEREAS, according to a 1988 survey by Dr. Bernard Segal of the University of Alaska, Anchorage, substance abuse among Alaska high school students exceeds the national average and is continuing to increase; and

WHEREAS a truly national effort to combat the effects of alcohol and drug abuse should include increased funding for every state in the nation;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska congressional delegation is urged to actively seek and support changes in the formula for allocating ADMS block grants so that every state receives an increase in funding for substance abuse prevention and treatment programs in this area of vital importance to the future of our state and nation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.