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Encouraging hospitals in the state to establish residency programs for persons being trained as physicians.

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

**WHEREAS** many communities in the state are experiencing a severe shortage of health care providers; and

**WHEREAS** physicians are at the core of the ability to sustain health services in rural areas, and many people may leave rural areas if there are too few physicians, thereby decreasing the base of support for a local health program; and

**WHEREAS** there is also a severe national shortage of primary care physicians in rural areas, causing competition among the states to attract physicians to their communities; and

**WHEREAS** from 50 percent to 75 percent of physicians remain in the region in which they completed their residency; and

**WHEREAS** all medical students from Alaska must perform their residencies outside of the state because of the lack of residency programs here; and

**WHEREAS** there are several hospitals in the state capable of supporting a residency

program that could attract physicians to stay and practice in the state;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages appropriate hospitals in the state to establish a medical residency program for primary health care.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the board of directors of each major hospital in the state.