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Relating to epidemiological and quarantine services in ports of entry in the state.

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

**WHEREAS** Alaska is becoming increasingly important as an international center for trade and travel to and from the Russian Far East and other Pacific Rim countries; and

**WHEREAS** the increasing frequency of travelers increases the risk of the spread of communicable diseases; and

**WHEREAS** Alaskans have reported medical problems after returning from the Russian Far East and other Pacific Rim countries; and

**WHEREAS** the medical and disease monitoring capabilities in the Russian Far East may not be sufficient due to the political changes occurring in the Russian government; and

**WHEREAS** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has discontinued its support of epidemiological and quarantine services in ports of entry in the state, including the Anchorage International Airport;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Congress and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support additional epidemiological staff to increase Alaska's capability to monitor potential outbreaks of communicable diseases carried

by travelers from the Russian Far East and other Pacific Rim countries.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; James O. Mason, Assistant Secretary for Health, Public Health Service; William L. Roper, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and 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.