SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14(UOV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY OVERSIGHT

Offered: 5/2/06
Referred: Resources

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES ELKINS, Seaton

A RESOLUTION

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to convey land to the University of Alaska.

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

WHEREAS the University of Alaska is a land grant institution offering higher education to Alaskans; and

WHEREAS an academically strong and financially secure state university system is a cornerstone to the long-term development of a stable population and to a healthy, diverse economy; and

WHEREAS the University of Alaska is the successor to and the beneficiary of all federal grants and conveyances to or for the Alaska Agricultural College and School of Mines; and

WHEREAS, under the Acts of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214), and January 21, 1929 (45 Stat. 1091), the United States granted to the Territory of Alaska certain federal land for the University of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Territory of Alaska did not receive most of the land intended to be conveyed by the Act of March 4, 1915, before repeal of that Act by sec. 6(k) of the Alaska
WHEREAS only one other state land grant college in the United States has obtained a smaller land grant from the federal government than has the University of Alaska, and all land grant colleges in the western states of the United States have obtained substantially larger land grants than has the University of Alaska; and

Whereas Alaska is the largest state in the United States; and

WHEREAS the federal government is the largest landowner in the state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Congress is urged to pass S. 293 to facilitate the continuation of higher education in Alaska through the conveyance of certain public land in the state to the University of Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the conveyance of federal land in Alaska that was identified for conveyance under the Acts of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214), and January 21, 1929 (45 Stat. 1091), but was not conveyed before Alaska achieved statehood.

Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable John Boehner, Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Lynn Scarlett, Acting United States Secretary of the Interior; the Honorable Pete V. Domenici, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and, by electronic transmission, to all other members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives serving in the 109th United States Congress.