

Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks

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SR 202-002 In Support of HB 236: UA Major Maintenance and Modernization Fund

First Considered: January 26, 2024

Sponsors: Stein, Kitts, Bathija

Whereas, The University of Alaska system currently has a deferred maintenance backlog of over \$1.4 billion; and

Whereas, 40% of state buildings are owned and operated by the University of Alaska system; and

Whereas, The University of Alaska building fund has proven to be an unreliable source of funding for the University of Alaska system to catch up on its deferred maintenance backlog; and

Whereas, Many students live in unsanitary and unhealthy conditions directly caused by out-dated, decrepit housing, facilities, and infrastructure that desperately need maintenance, renovation, or replacement; and

Whereas, HB 236 is a bill that has been introduced in the Alaska State Legislature and, if passed, will create a fund that the UA Board of Regents can use to solve University of Alaska's deferred maintenance backlog; and

Whereas, HB 236 would authorize funds to be approved for projects that directly benefit UAF campuses, such as making improvements to the Bristol Bay campus, Bunnell Building, Duckering Building, Fine Arts Complex, pedestrian pathways, building exteriors, Signers' Hall, Community and Technical College, Patty Center, and Tilly Commons; and

Whereas, HB 236 would directly benefit students with disabilities by approving projects that would make several campus buildings compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

- Whereas, HB 236 would authorize funds to be approved for projects that drastically improve the living conditions of students living in the Cutler Apartment complex, employee, family, and graduate housing; Now, therefore be it
- **Resolved,** That it is the opinion ASUAF and of the UAF student body that HB 236 should be passed by the Alaska State Legislature and signed by Governor Dunleavy; and be it further
- **Resolved,** That ASUAF and the UAF student body urges every Alaska State representative and senator to vote in favor of HB 236; and be it further
- **Resolved,** That copies of this resolution be sent to the offices of Representative Will Stapp, Representative Ashley Carrick, Representative Frank Tomaszewski, Representative Maxine Dibert, Senator Click Bishop, Senator Scott Kawasaki, Senator Robert Myers, and Governor Mike Dunleavy.

Purpose: To resolve in support of the passage and signage of HB 236.

Fiscal impact: None Vote: 10 - 1 - 0

Scott Stein

ASUAF Senate Chair

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