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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Relating to the establishment of a Native cultural orientation program for teachers.

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

WHEREAS in both rural and urban schools there is an urgent need for a cultural orientation program in order that new teachers can receive a greater familiarity with and understanding of the Native cultures of Alaska; and

WHEREAS at present the University of Alaska conducts the Alaska Rural Schools Project which is excellent but available only to selected teachers; and

WHEREAS other programs of this sort tend to emphasize practical instruction such as the running of the physical plant while the great need is for increased emphasis on the study of behavior, attitudes, and living conditions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor is respectfully requested to direct the Department of Education to establish an intensive Native cultural orientation program for new teachers in the state, to require all new teachers in state-operated schools to attend the program, and to operate the program in such a way that borough and city school districts can participate.