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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

Requesting the University of Alaska to institute a comprehensive plan to assist native students in obtaining a college education.

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

WHEREAS the Legislature, in providing for a number of scholarships for natives to attend the University of Alaska, recognized that the native student faced many impediments in attaining a higher education such as language difficulty, the economic conditions of the native peoples of the state, transcultural conflicts and poor educational preparation; and

WHEREAS financial aid alone is not sufficient to insure native students the quality of education which they desire; and

WHEREAS a college education can only take place when the student is able to relate to and interact with the academic environment; and

WHEREAS this cannot take place when the student is not just unfamiliar with the new culture which he must accept in order to be educated in the university, but that culture and environment are altogether foreign to his psychological and cultural orientation; and

WHEREAS if the university community is to fulfill its educative role with regard to all of its students, it has a duty to make provisions for thorough and intensive orientation and counseling for native students to lessen the effects of transcultural conflicts and language difficulties which the new student must face;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University

of Alaska are requested to institute a comprehensive plan for assisting more native students in obtaining a college education through intensive orientation and counseling programs to integrate native students into the academic community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents is requested, upon adoption of a program, to present suggestions to the Legislature for possible legislation to assist the implementation of the program.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Dr. William R. Wood, President of the University of Alaska; and to all members of the Board of Regents.