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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

Requesting the Board of Regents and the staff of the University of Alaska to prepare a program leading to the establishment of an experimental reindeer herd facility and the placement of a reindeer husbandry extension agent in the area of the Seward Peninsula.

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### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS the domestication of reindeer in Alaska has had far-reaching effects, already contributing greatly to the economy of northwestern Alaska; and

WHEREAS reindeer are valued commercially for their hides and antlers, with the marketing of reindeer meat products growing as a profitable enterprise for northwest Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS despite the progress and expansion of the reindeer industry, there remains among those persons who are or who could become participants in the industry a lack of knowledge and training regarding many of its facets including: husbandry, range management, herd management, butchering, merchandising and marketing; and

WHEREAS the University of Alaska is presently engaging in some experimentation and research on reindeer but much more could be done through the extension service to foster the industry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents and the staff of the University of Alaska are requested to prepare and institute a program in the agricultural experimental farm division for the purpose of establishing an experimental reindeer herd facility and placing a reindeer husbandry expert in the area of the Seward Peninsula; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska is requested to establish extension courses on the Seward Peninsula for reindeer herders and potential herders which deal with the various facets of the reindeer industry.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Dr. William R. Wood, President of the University of Alaska; Dr. Arthur S. Buswell, Vice President for Public Service and Director, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Alaska; and to the members of the University of Alaska Board of Regents: Dorothy A. Wrede, Edith Bullock, William A. O'Neill, Jim Nolan, Robert E. McFarland, A. D. Robertson, Brian J. Brundin and Dr. Hugh B. Pate, Jr.