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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Relating to the incorporation of the study of law into the program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

BE IT RESOLVED

BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS, in the western states, Alaska is the only state without a school of law operating either independently or as a part of its state university system but its progress requires more citizens with legal training; and

WHEREAS, because Alaska is without professional graduate schools in the healing arts and other fields, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) makes it possible for Alaska students interested in a career in these professions to train for them at colleges and universities, both public and private, throughout the western United States where these professional training facilities are available; and

WHEREAS the WICHE program not only saves Alaskans millions of tax dollars that otherwise would be required to finance the development of expensive professional education facilities but also makes available to Alaskans, who otherwise might not be able to go outside of the state to school, high quality professional education and training at a cost for tuition as if they were residents of the states in which they attend these institutions; and

WHEREAS, at present, the WICHE program tends to favor those electing professional training in the healing arts and related fields, but Alaskans desiring to practice law must obtain professional training at their own expense outside of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the cost of developing an accredited law school -- recruiting and hiring a distinguished faculty, constructing an

appropriate physical plant, acquiring a sound professional library and building a relevant, basic curriculum -- would require the diversion of financial resources;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education to consider incorporation of the study of law into its program to permit Alaskans an opportunity to gain the essential training required for the practice of this profession and make it as readily available to them, through WICHE, as training is in the valued professions in the healing arts; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that WICHE is requested to report to the legislature its findings, recommendations and progress toward the goal set out in this resolution.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education and to Alaska's representatives to that agency.