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Requesting the U. S. House Committee on Education and Labor to retain the present language of section 5(d)(2) of P.L. 81-874 as amended.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS section 5(d)(2) of Public Law 81-874, as amended, permits states to deduct federal impact aid payments made to school districts from state aid entitlements to equalize school district aid; and

WHEREAS Alaska's public school finance program, by deducting federal impact aid payments from state aid entitlements with respect to certain districts, provides for the equitable and reasonable financial support for all school districts; and

WHEREAS the deduction of impact aid payments under section 5(d)(2) is essential to the continued vitality of Alaska's school finance equalization formula; and

WHEREAS the U. S. House Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary and Vocational Education has approved an amendment to section 5(d)(2) of Public Law 81-874 which will substantively foreclose the option of any state to continue to take impact aid payments made to districts into account in statewide school finance equalization formula determinations; and

WHEREAS passage of this amendment will preclude the equitable distribution of aid to public schools in Alaska, result in the destruction of Alaska's school finance equalization formula, and cause gross discrepancies between the amounts of funds made available to public school districts in Alaska;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Senate requests the Chairman of the U S House Education and Labor Committee to produce a measure in full committee which would retain the

language of section 5(d)(2) of P.L. 81-874 as enacted in the education amendments of 1974.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Carl D. Perkins, Chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.