

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE
TASK FORCE**

Introduced: 1/12/98

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the use of prototype designs in public school construction projects.

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

3 WHEREAS art. VII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, requires the state to
4 establish and maintain a system of public schools to meet the educational needs of children
5 throughout the state; and

6 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature recognizes the critical role that local school
7 districts serve in the state in meeting this most important constitutional responsibility; and

8 WHEREAS the Alaska Legislature understands the challenges school districts face to
9 ensure Alaska's children have skilled teachers, quality curriculum, and safe schools; and

10 WHEREAS continued growth is projected in Alaska's school age population that will
11 increase the need for new schools and place further pressure on school district budgets; and

12 WHEREAS prudent stewardship of state resources requires that every effort be made
13 to get the best value for each state dollar spent; and

14 WHEREAS use of prototype school designs has enabled the Anchorage, Fairbanks,
15 Kenai Peninsula, and Matanuska-Susitna Borough school districts to more quickly and
16 economically respond to their district's need for new schools and realize cost savings;

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Legislature encourages school districts to use

1 prototype school designs wherever feasible so future school classrooms can be constructed
2 quicker and funds maximized; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Education is requested to develop
4 a prototype school designs for core school functions that could be used by school districts; and
5 be it

6 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department of Education is requested to develop
7 incentives for school districts to use prototype school designs in school construction funded
8 through the educational facilities maintenance and construction fund (AS 37.05.560); and be
9 it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, if statutory changes are necessary to implement these
11 incentives, the Department of Education is requested to report suggested statutory changes to
12 the legislature by March 1, 1998, so the changes can be considered by the Second Regular
13 Session of the Twentieth Alaska State Legislature.

14 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Shirley J. Holloway, commissioner of
15 education, to the Alaska State Board of Education, and to the school board of each school
16 district.