

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE KOTT**

**Introduced: 2/18/98**

**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services**

**A RESOLUTION**

**1 Relating to the student loan program.**

**2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

**3 WHEREAS** the Alaska student loan program offers financial support to thousands of  
**4** students in pursuing higher education; and

**5 WHEREAS** the Alaska student loan program was at one time in financial difficulty;  
**6** and

**7 WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature passed legislation in 1996 amending the  
**8** Alaska student loan program to make it financially sound; and

**9 WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature passed legislation in 1997 again amending  
**10** the Alaska student loan program to increase its financial soundness; and

**11 WHEREAS** HB 256 am was one of the bills that passed the legislature in 1997  
**12** regarding the Alaska student loan program; and

**13 WHEREAS** HB 256 am was amended in the House of Representatives to clarify how  
**14** long the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education must track student loan payments  
**15** to determine institution default rates; and

**16 WHEREAS** the staff of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education is

1 interpreting the amendment to HB 256 am adopted by the House of Representatives to require  
2 student loans to be tracked for a period of three years after the loans enter repayment; and

3 **WHEREAS** the sponsor of the amendment adopted by the House of Representatives  
4 offered the amendment to require the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to track  
5 student loans for a period of one year after the loans enter repayment; and

6 **WHEREAS** the language of the amendment to HB 256 adopted by the House of  
7 Representatives clearly and unambiguously requires the commission to track student loans for  
8 a period of one year after the loans enter repayment; and

9 **WHEREAS** educational institutions cannot reasonably be held responsible for the  
10 payment of their student loans after more than one year.

11 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature declares that it was the intent  
12 of HB 256 am to require the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education to track student  
13 loans for a period of one year after those loans have entered repayment and not to authorize  
14 the commission to track loans for a period longer than one year.