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AMENDMENT # 5

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
CSHB103(Fin)

BY REPRESENTATIVES: **Berkowitz, Cissna,
Crawford, Croft, Davies, Guess, Hayes, Jولة,
Kapsner, Kerttula, Kookesh, Moses**

Sec.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT. Contingent upon passage by the First Regular Session of the Twenty-Second Alaska State Legislature and the enactment into law of an increase in the receipts collected under AS 43.60.010, the following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education and Early Development for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2002 for the purposes described:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Pupil Transportation – Funds pupil transportation at approximately 99%	732,350
Teaching and Learning Support – Assistance for Low Performing Schools	2,000,000
Teaching and Learning Support – Center for School Excellence	2,000,000
Teaching and Learning Support – District Cost Factor Study	350,000
Alyeska Central School – Distance delivered core courses	1,000,000

This amendment would provide districts with 99% of the funding for pupil transportation, and funds certain recommendations by the Education Funding Task Force.

Assistance for low performing schools - would provide between \$10,000 - \$100,000 for schools designated by the Department as low-performing. Funds are linked to a plan for school improvement and future gains in student academic achievement.

The Center for School Excellence - would provide one-on-one technical assistance to schools and conduct research in order to improve instruction and student achievement.

District Cost Factor Study - would be used to contract for development of a methodology that can be used to update DCFs and make recommendations to the Legislature. The current DCF methodology is flawed because it is based on what school districts spent over time, during a time of scarcity, rather than on the actual costs of operating schools (schools could only spend what they had).

Alyeska Central School - would fund development and distance delivery of core courses based on state standards to be offered to high schools with fewer than 50 students.

Sec.

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA. Contingent upon passage by the First Regular Session of the Twenty Second Alaska State Legislature and the enactment into law of an increase in the receipts collected under AS 43.60.010, the following amounts are appropriated from the general fund to the University of Alaska for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2002 for the purposes described:

PURPOSE	AMOUNT
University of Alaska – Fully funds University’s budget request	7,194,600