

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14(EDU)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Offered: 2/1/06**

**Referred: Resources**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE ELKINS**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to convey land to the University of**  
2 **Alaska.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the University of Alaska is a land grant institution offering higher  
5 education to Alaskans; and

6 **WHEREAS** an academically strong and financially secure state university system is a  
7 cornerstone to the long-term development of a stable population and to a healthy, diverse  
8 economy; and

9 **WHEREAS** the University of Alaska is the successor to and the beneficiary of all  
10 federal grants and conveyances to or for the Alaska Agricultural College and School of  
11 Mines; and

12 **WHEREAS**, under the Acts of March 4, 1915 (38 Stat. 1214), and January 21, 1929  
13 (45 Stat. 1091), the United States granted to the Territory of Alaska certain federal land for  
14 the University of Alaska; and

15 **WHEREAS** the Territory of Alaska did not receive most of the land intended to be  
16 conveyed by the Act of March 4, 1915, before repeal of that Act by sec. 6(k) of the Alaska

1 Statehood Act (P. L. 85-508, 72 Stat. 339); and

2 **WHEREAS** only one other state land grant college in the United States has obtained a  
3 smaller land grant from the federal government than has the University of Alaska, and all land  
4 grant colleges in the western states of the United States have obtained substantially larger land  
5 grants than has the University of Alaska; and

6 **WHEREAS** Alaska is the largest state in the United States; and

7 **WHEREAS** the federal government is the largest landowner in the state;

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States Congress  
9 is urged to pass S. 293 to facilitate the continuation of higher education in Alaska through the  
10 conveyance of certain public land in the state to the University of Alaska; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that the United States  
12 Congress is urged to include a provision in S. 293 to provide that the land grants do not  
13 interfere with public access to or along fishing streams or the continued use of established  
14 hunting, dog mushing, motorized vehicle, mining, and recreational trails or roads; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the conveyance  
16 of federal land in Alaska that was identified for conveyance under the Acts of March 4, 1915  
17 (38 Stat. 1214), and January 21, 1929 (45 Stat. 1091), but was not conveyed before Alaska  
18 achieved statehood.

19 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President  
20 of the United States; the Honorable Richard B. Cheney, Vice-President of the United States  
21 and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate;  
22 the Honorable Harry Reid, Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable J. Dennis  
23 Hastert, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Roy Blunt, Majority  
24 Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of  
25 the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Gale Norton, United States Secretary of the  
26 Interior; the Honorable Pete V. Domenici, Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources  
27 Committee of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Lisa  
28 Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of  
29 the Alaska delegation in Congress; and, by electronic transmission, to all other members of  
30 the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives serving in the 109th United States  
31 Congress.