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IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to federal aid to education.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN SECOND
LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, an aid to education bill essential to the future of
public education in the United States is now under consideration
by the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the formula which the bill prescribes for the
determination of the amount of aid to be given each state depends
upon certain income figures; and

WHEREAS, these income figures, when compared with like figures
for other states, do not fairly represent the actual wealth and
purchasing power of the citizens of Alaska, but rather reflect
the high cost of living which results from geographical remoteness
and consequent high transportation costs; and

WHEREAS, the result of the operation of this formula is
artificially to place Alaska, which needs assistance in its educa-
tional program as badly as almost any state in the Union, in the
same minimum aid bracket as such wealthy, highly industrialized
states as New York and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the bill for amendment of the law
under which aid is provided to federally impacted areas would
cause such a reduction in aid to those areas as to result in a net
loss to Alaska if it were passed; and

WHEREAS, by reason of a combination of such natural factors
as a widely scattered population, a cold climate, and vast area,

1 and of factors produced by past federal neglect and discrimination,
2 Alaska is faced with many additional and severe educational prob-
3 lems;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in
5 Second Legislature, First Session assembled that the Congress of
6 the United States be respectfully urged to so amend S. 1021 or
7 any like bill as to compensate for the high costs in and peculiar
8 to the problems of Alaska, and to provide aid which will accord to
9 Alaskan education its fair share of support; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to
11 the Honorable A. Ribicoff, secretary, Department of Health, Educa-
12 tion and Welfare; and to the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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