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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to expansion of the
6 Anchorage Community College.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

8 WHEREAS, American higher education, both public and private,
9 is widely recognized "as a priceless asset fundamental to the
10 National purpose"; and

11 WHEREAS, in Alaska, higher education, both public and
12 private, constitutes a most vital resource essential and central
13 to the wise and orderly development of all other resources; and

14 WHEREAS, higher education today is as fundamental to the
15 achievement of great state and national goals as it is "to the
16 achievement of worthy aspirations of individual citizens"; and

17 WHEREAS, there exists a rapidly rising youth population in
18 Alaska, particularly in the Anchorage area where present school
19 enrollments indicate within the next two years an increase in the
20 size of high school graduating classes from approximately six
21 hundred students per year to one thousand students per year, and
22 within six years to nearly two thousand students per year; and

23 WHEREAS, many of these high school graduates will be denied
24 the necessities of a college education, with consequent loss of a
25 vital state resource, unless low-cost community college opportu-
26 nities are available within commuting distance of their homes; and

27 WHEREAS, the present enrollment of approximately 1,400
28 students in the Anchorage Community College poses an ever-increas-
29 ing space problem to the local school district; and

1 WHEREAS, many of the Anchorage Community College students
2 are unable to take a regular full-time freshman or sophomore
3 academic program because of a limited night-time schedule only;
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5 WHEREAS, these students in rapidly increasing numbers should
6 not for economic or other causes beyond their control be handi-
7 capped, but assisted, in their earnest quest for higher learning;

8 BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the University of Alaska
9 in his capacity as responsible representative of the State program
10 of higher education, be urged and requested to make a feasibility
11 survey and cost estimate for the acquisition and development of a
12 suitable site and the planning and construction of a separate
13 multipurpose facility to house essential classrooms, laboratories,
14 administrative and faculty offices, library, technical education
15 workshops, and other appropriate spaces for the use of the
16 Anchorage Community College of the University of Alaska and the
17 Anchorage Independent School District; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED that a report of the feasibility survey and
19 cost estimate be submitted to the Office of the Governor and to
20 the Legislative Council not later than November 1, 1963, for re-
21 view and transmittal to the legislature convening in January,
22 1964.

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