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IN THE SENATE

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Relating to expansion of the Com-
munity Colleges.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska in Fairbanks is responsible
for administering the community college system; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, there exists a rapidly rising youth population in
Alaska, where present school enrollments indicate within the next
two years an increase in the size of high school graduating
classes from approximately 2,100 students per year to 3,000
students per year, and within six years to nearly 8,000 students
per year; and

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

1 WHEREAS, many of the community college students are unable to
2 take a regular full-time freshman or sophomore academic program
3 because of a limited night-time schedule only; and

4 WHEREAS, these students in rapidly increasing numbers should
5 not for economic or other causes beyond their control be handi-
6 capped, but assisted, in their earnest quest for higher learning;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the University of Alaska
8 in his capacity as responsible representative of the state program
9 of higher education, be urged and requested to make a feasibility
10 survey and cost estimate for the acquisition and development of
11 suitable sites and the planning and construction of separate multi-
12 purpose facilities to house essential classrooms, laboratories,
13 administrative and faculty offices, library, technical education
14 workshops, and other appropriate spaces for the use of the com-
15 munity colleges of the University of Alaska; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include a report on whether
17 or not expanded facilities will injure privately owned and operated
18 institutions of higher education; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED that a report of the feasibility survey and
20 cost estimate be submitted to the Office of the Governor and to
21 the Legislative Council not later than November 1, 1963, for
22 review and transmittal to the legislature convening in January,
23 1964.

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