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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting a study and a report
6 relative to the impact of ab-
7 sorbing native children into the
8 state school system, to serve
9 as the basis on which the legis-
10 lature's request for distribu-
11 tion of federal funds to the
12 state and to local school
13 districts can be granted.

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

15 WHEREAS education of native children is of paramount impor-
16 tance in insuring that the native people of Alaska accomplish the
17 cultural transition to the modern Alaska culture; and

18 WHEREAS the federal government has historically, and
19 presently continues, to assume a portion of the responsibility
20 for providing the education and the funds for it; and

21 WHEREAS the state, through its "Overall Education Plan for
22 Rural Alaska", dated May 25, 1963, and pursuant to the "Alaska
23 State Plan for Administration of Johnson - O'Malley Act Funds"
24 dated and amended November 15, 1965, is gradually assuming the
25 title to Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools; and

26 WHEREAS the state is now considering a plan for a system
27 of regional high schools which is designed to best serve the needs
28 of the native children of Alaska; and

29 WHEREAS absorption of these native children into the state

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1 school system will have a significant impact on the facilities
2 and finances of public schools of the state; and

3 WHEREAS in recognition of this, the legislature has requested
4 the federal government to allocate funds to the state on a 100
5 per cent federally-funded basis for each native child educated in
6 the public schools of the state;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor at his discretion is re-
8 quested to contract with a private entity to make a comprehensive
9 study relative to the impact of the absorption of these children
10 into the public school system, including the number and location
11 of these children, and to direct the state Department of Education
12 and other departments, and to request the Bureau of Indian
13 Affairs, to provide the information requested by the contractor,
14 and to submit by January 1967 a report of the study to the
15 federal government, with copies to the legislature to serve as
16 the basis on which the request by the legislature for distribution
17 of federal funds to the state and to local school districts on a
18 100 per cent federally-funded basis for native children educated
19 in the public schools of the state can be granted.