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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a statewide preschool  
6 education program.

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

8 WHEREAS the federal government now provides for the majority of the  
9 preschool educational programs now in operation in the state through the  
10 Headstart program; and

11 WHEREAS, in relation to the number of children eligible or who would  
12 benefit from such a program, the federal programs come nowhere near meeting  
13 the state's needs in this vital area; and

14 WHEREAS, just as the state recognized that the public schools have a  
15 responsibility for providing kindergartens, it must now recognize its re-  
16 sponsibility for educating prekindergarten age children; and

17 WHEREAS early childhood education is now recognized as an important  
18 factor in advancing the level of education generally and also in aiding  
19 culturally disadvantaged and geographically isolated children to enter the  
20 regular elementary program on a level closer to that of their more fortunate  
21 peers; and

22 WHEREAS, by cooperating with, and benefiting from the experiences and  
23 knowledge of those working with the federal preschool programs, the state  
24 could develop a viable and comprehensive early childhood education program  
25 which would result in broadened educational and cultural horizons for all  
26 the children in Alaska;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the legislature respectfully requests the Governor  
28 to direct the Department of Education to cooperate with the appropriate  
29 federal agencies in developing a comprehensive statewide preschool



1 educational program for the public schools of the state.

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