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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Legislative Council to
6 direct a study relating to the estab-
7 lishment of kindergartens in all state-
8 operated schools.

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

10 WHEREAS the early childhood years are a tremendously important formative
11 period during which a child's mental, social and physical development is
12 greatly influenced; and

13 WHEREAS the OEO-funded Head Start programs now provide pre-elementary
14 education in a limited number of schools in the rural areas but the demand
15 far exceeds program availability; and

16 WHEREAS there are few kindergarten programs being provided in the state-
17 operated schools; and

18 WHEREAS all Alaskan children deserve the opportunity for the healthy
19 and stimulating pre-school development provided by a kindergarten education;

20 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council is requested to direct a
21 study evaluating the level and adequacy of kindergarten education in Alaska,
22 exploring the possibility of funneling Head Start funds through the state
23 for the operation of kindergartens in the state-operated schools, and recom-
24 mending legislative action required for the establishment of kindergartens
25 in all state-operated schools.
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