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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Requesting the Board of Regents and the  
6 staff of the University of Alaska to  
7 prepare a program leading to the estab-  
8 lishment of an experimental reindeer  
9 herd facility and the placement of a  
10 reindeer husbandry extension agent in  
11 the area of the Seward Peninsula.

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

13 WHEREAS the domestication of reindeer in Alaska has had far-reaching  
14 effects, already contributing greatly to the economy of northwestern Alaska;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS reindeer are valued commercially for their hides and antlers,  
17 with the marketing of reindeer meat products growing as a profitable enter-  
18 prise for northwest Alaska Natives; and

19 WHEREAS despite the progress and expansion of the reindeer industry,  
20 there remains among those persons who are or who could become participants  
21 in the industry a lack of knowledge and training regarding many of its facets  
22 including: husbandry, range management, herd management, butchering, mer-  
23 chandising and marketing; and

24 WHEREAS the University of Alaska is presently engaging in some experi-  
25 mentation and research on reindeer but much more could be done through the  
26 extension service to foster the industry;

27 BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents and the staff of the University  
28 of Alaska are requested to prepare and institute a program in the agricultural  
29 experimental farm division for the purpose of establishing an experimental

1 reindeer herd facility and placing a reindeer husbandry expert in the area  
2 of the Seward Peninsula; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska is requested to establish  
4 extension courses on the Seward Peninsula for reindeer herders and potential  
5 herders which deal with the various facets of the reindeer industry.

6 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to Dr. William R. Wood, Presi-  
7 dent of the University of Alaska; Dr. Arthur S. Buswell, Vice President for  
8 Public Service and Director, Cooperative Extension Service, University of  
9 Alaska; and to the members of the University of Alaska Board of Regents:  
10 Dorothy A. Wrede, Edith Bullock, William A. O'Neill, Jim Nolan, Robert E.  
11 McFarland, A. D. Robertson, Brian J. Brundin and Dr. Hugh B. Fate, Jr.