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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the incorporation of the  
6 study of law into the program of the  
7 Western Interstate Commission for  
8 Higher Education.

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

10 WHEREAS, in the western states, Alaska is the only state without a  
11 school of law operating either independently or as a part of its state  
12 university system but its progress requires more citizens with legal training;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, because Alaska is without professional graduate schools in the  
15 healing arts and other fields, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher  
16 Education (WICHE) makes it possible for Alaska students interested in a  
17 career in these professions to train for them at colleges and universities,  
18 both public and private, throughout the western United States where these  
19 professional training facilities are available; and

20 WHEREAS the WICHE program not only saves Alaskans millions of tax dollars  
21 that otherwise would be required to finance the development of expensive pro-  
22 fessional education facilities but also makes availabel to Alaskans, who  
23 otherwise might not be able to go outside of the state to school, high  
24 quality professional education and training at a cost for tuition as if they  
25 were residents of the states in which they attend these institutions; and

26 WHEREAS, at present, the WICHE program tends to favor those electing  
27 professional training in the healing arts and related fields, but Alaskans  
28 desiring to practice law must obtain professional training at their own  
29 expense outside of Alaska; and

1       WHEREAS the cost of developing an accredited law school -- recruiting  
2 and hiring a distinguished faculty, constructing an appropriate physical  
3 plant, acquiring a sound professional library and building a relevant, basic  
4 curriculum -- would require the diversion of financial resources;

5       BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests  
6 the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education to consider incorpora-  
7 tion of the study of law into its program to permit Alaskans an opportunity  
8 to gain the essential training required for the practice of this profession  
9 and make it as readily available to them, through WICHE, as training is in  
10 the valued professions in the healing arts; and be it

11       FURTHER RESOLVED that WICHE is requested to report to the legislature  
12 its findings, recommendations and progress toward the goal set out in this  
13 Resolution.

14       COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Western Interstate  
15 Commission for Higher Education and to Alaska's representatives to that  
16 agency.

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