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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the continuing coordina-
6 tion of higher education policies
7 and programs in Alaska.

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

9 WHEREAS during the First Session of the Seventh Legislature, the need
10 for an expert examination of the laws, policies, programs and facilities
11 relating to higher education in Alaska was recognized by the Legislature; and

12 WHEREAS as a result of that observation, the Legislature directed the
13 Legislative Council to contract with a nationally recognized higher educa-
14 tion firm to conduct such a study; and

15 WHEREAS the firm selected by the Legislative Council has completed its
16 initial report and has tendered its report containing a myriad of recommenda-
17 tions to the Legislature; and

18 WHEREAS the initial contract with the Legislative Council's higher edu-
19 cation study firm was terminated as of February 1, the time the report was
20 tendered to the Council; and

21 WHEREAS the consulting firm will be, and has already been, requested by
22 a variety of legislative committees and individual legislators to be present
23 on an on-call basis in Alaska for testimony, the presentation of background
24 material, and numerous other matters connected with the matters contained
25 in the higher education report; and

26 WHEREAS there are innumerable matters contained in the report that
27 call for continuing examination and re-evaluation over a period of time; and

28 WHEREAS already as an adjunct to the final written report, agreements
29 have been negotiated between the state, Alaska Methodist University, the

1 University of Alaska and Sheldon Jackson College which require continuing
2 professional objective monitoring to insure their implementation in a
3 manner consistent with the state's desire to have the most viable higher
4 education program attainable for its citizens; and

5 WHEREAS these memoranda require the Legislative Council to oversee
6 their implementation and enforce recommendations and settle disputes between
7 Alaska Methodist University and the University of Alaska and to provide
8 consultant services to the consortium committee of Sheldon Jackson College
9 and the University of Alaska and Sitka Community College;

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that the Legislative Council
11 is directed to continue to retain its consultant on higher education for
12 an extended period, not to exceed one year; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the funds for this for the remainder of fiscal
14 1972, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 be inserted in House Bill No. 526,
15 currently pending before the Legislature, or in a subsequent supplemental
16 to be offered by the Council during the current session, and that the Legis-
17 lative Council insert in its proposed budget for fiscal 1972-73 an amount
18 not to exceed \$33,500 for the consultant services necessary to assure the
19 Eighth Legislature, First Session, a complete and comprehensive follow-up
20 report on the implementation of the current report, together with any
21 new recommendations that may be necessary and to carry out the directives of
22 the Memoranda of Understanding.
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