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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, WELFARE AND  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Relating to the availability of

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scholarships, loans, graduate fellow-

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ships and assistantships to students

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attending the University of Alaska.

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

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WHEREAS under the present policy of the Board of Regents of the Uni-  
11 versity of Alaska, the only students eligible for most of the University's  
12 scholarships, loans, graduate fellowships and assistantships are those  
13 who are in attendance at the Fairbanks campus; and

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WHEREAS the room and board scholarship given the outstanding graduate  
15 of each high school in the state is applicable only to the cost of those  
16 services at the Fairbanks campus; and

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WHEREAS the limitation of these student assistance programs to those  
18 attending the University's Fairbanks campus effectively removes the option  
19 of students, particularly the rural Native Alaskan, to select whichever  
20 campus or community college of the University best meets his needs; and

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WHEREAS the expansion of both undergraduate and graduate education at  
22 the Anchorage campus of the University has expanded to the point where there  
23 are more students in attendance at Anchorage than at the Fairbanks campus;  
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WHEREAS the failure of the Board of Regents to make the scholarship  
26 and loan resources of the University, as well as the graduate fellowship  
27 and assistantship programs, available to students at campuses other than  
28 Fairbanks constitutes geographic discrimination in favor of one class of  
29 students over another, is prejudicial to the best interests of the University's

1 entire student body and is at variance with the constitutional requirement  
2 imposed on the Regents that the University is responsible for a statewide  
3 system of public higher education in Alaska;

4 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska directs  
5 the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska to make its entire scholar-  
6 ship and loan resources, as well as its graduate fellowship and assistant-  
7 ship programs, available to all students attending the University on a  
8 statewide basis rather than merely for the exclusive use of those in atten-  
9 dance at Fairbanks; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents is directed to report  
11 to the Legislature not later than the fifth calendar day of the Eighth  
12 Legislature, First Session, on the steps it has taken to comply with this  
13 resolution.

14 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Dr. William R. Wood, Presi-  
15 dent of the University of Alaska, and to Mr. William A. O'Neill, President  
16 of the Board of Regents, and to each member of the Board.  
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