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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 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to winter sports programs

6 in regional high schools.

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

8 WHEREAS athletics have always been a means whereby persons of minority
9 groups have been able to combat prejudice and win acceptance; and

10 WHEREAS participation in athletics instills incentive in the athletes
11 and inspires them to work toward new goals, both on the field and in higher
12 scholastic attainment; and

13 WHEREAS our regional high schools are lacking in recreational programs,
14 and especially in winter programs; and

15 WHEREAS Alaska's climate and the locations of many of our schools are
16 ideal for institution of viable winter sports programs; and

17 WHEREAS a model example of a winter sports program under climatic condi-
18 tions much harsher than those experienced by most areas of Alaska is the
19 Territorial Experimental Ski Training Program instituted by the Canadian
20 Government at Inuvik, Northwest Territories; and

21 WHEREAS there appears no reason why Alaskan youth cannot equal or exceed
22 the expertise that has been developed at Inuvik and why they should not
23 enjoy the many benefits of competition and travel which can be realized from
24 a successfully operated program;

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is
26 respectfully requested to direct the Department of Education to develop an
27 experimental winter sports program at the Beltz Regional High School with
28 a long-range goal of expanding the program into other schools of the state.
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