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BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to a study of the feasibility  
6 of establishing a law center, including  
7 a professional law school and law  
8 library, at the University of Alaska.

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

10 WHEREAS Alaska stands virtually alone among her sister states as one  
11 that currently does not offer its residents the opportunity to pursue a legal  
12 education; and

13 WHEREAS there exist in Alaska no facilities or established programs for  
14 continuing legal education for members of the profession; and

15 WHEREAS the need for at least paraprofessionals trained in certain areas  
16 is becoming more apparent each day; and

17 WHEREAS there exists in Alaska inadequate basic research facilities for  
18 members of the legal profession; and

19 WHEREAS the creation of a law center which could offer all of the above  
20 would be unique in America, able to utilize innovative ideas and programs as  
21 well as offer traditional legal studies and training; and

22 WHEREAS the concept of a law center has been discussed widely by  
23 members of the bench and bar and the reaction has been favorable; and

24 WHEREAS the establishment of such a center would upgrade the profession  
25 in every way and the citizens of Alaska would realize benefits heretofore  
26 unavailable;

27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of Regents  
28 of the University of Alaska is respectfully requested to undertake a study,  
29 in cooperation with the bench and bar and other appropriate organizations,

1 agencies and individuals, of the feasibility of establishing a law center,  
2 including a professional law school and law library, a program of continuing  
3 education for the bench and bar, and paralegal education and training; and  
4 prepare a proposed budget for staffing and equipping this program and any  
5 physical facilities that may be required for the center's establishment; and  
6 be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents present its report together  
8 with its recommendations to the Ninth Alaska Legislature, Second Session,  
9 on the date of its convening.

10 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. Robert E. McFarland,  
11 President of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska and to Dr.  
12 Robert W. Hiatt, President of the University.

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