

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Supporting extension of the Economic
6 Opportunity Act of 1964 (as amended).

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

8 WHEREAS, the Economic Opportunity Act was passed by Congress in 1964
9 as a major federal commitment to deal with the problems of poverty in
10 America, and

11 WHEREAS, the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Incorporated has
12 been established pursuant to the philosophy of the Economic Opportunity
13 Act and has received funding through the Federal Office of Economic
14 Opportunity, and

15 WHEREAS, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Incorporated has used
16 this funding for the benefit of less fortunate rural Alaskans through
17 formation of several unique rural development corporations and has provided
18 training, planning expertise, and over-all administrative accountability
19 for these development corporations, and

20 WHEREAS, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Incorporated has been
21 the recipient of, and administrator for, a wide variety of grants for
22 programs which include (but are not limited to) such worthwhile programs
23 as

24 (1) Head Start (currently operating 30 village centers and four
25 Anchorage centers)

26 (2) alcoholism treatment (sponsoring seven rural counselors)

27 (3) student housing (operating boarding programs for 300 high
28 school students in Nome and Bethel), and

29 WHEREAS, a vital function that Rural Alaska Community Action Program,

1 Incorporated continues to perform is human resource development, encour-
2 aging low-income people to become involved in the great issues of our
3 state and equipping them to successfully function in the competitive labor
4 market, and

5 WHEREAS, the core of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program,
6 Incorporated program is jeopardized by the President's fiscal year 1975
7 budget message, which would eliminate the Office of Economic Opportunity
8 and categorical federal funding to community action programs, and

9 WHEREAS, legislation is pending in the United States House of
10 Representatives (HR 12464) which would extend the Economic Opportunity
11 Act for three years and which would continue the Federal Office of
12 Economic Opportunity;

13 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Alaska strongly
14 supports HR 12464, pending before the United States House of
15 Representatives.

16 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Augustus
17 Hawkins and the Honorable Carl Perkins, United States House of Representa-
18 tives, to the Honorable Alvin Arnett, director of the Office of Economic
19 Opportunity; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike
20 Gravel, United States Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, United States
21 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.
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