

Original sponsor: The Rules Committee by request
of the Interim Committee on Higher Education

Offered: 5/5/75
Referred: Rules

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the establishment of a
6 community college in Nome.

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

8 WHEREAS the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the University of Alaska
9 Extension Center in Nome has prepared a feasibility study, containing find-
10 ings and recommendations, urging the establishment of a community college
11 in Nome and has forwarded the same to the Board of Regents and to the Presi-
12 dent of the University; and

13 WHEREAS the voters of the City of Nome, in supporting the 1972 Univer-
14 sity of Alaska Construction Fund general obligation bond issue, believed
15 they were voting for funds for the establishment of a community college, thus
16 were stunned when the modest facility constructed from the proceeds of that
17 bond issue was designated as an extension center; and

18 WHEREAS the Citizens' Advisory Committee believes that the postsecondary
19 educational programs needed by the residents of Northwest Alaska could be
20 more meaningfully and effectively expanded through the upgrading of the
21 extension center to community college status, especially in vocational educa-
22 tion, one of the major unmet needs of the area; and

23 WHEREAS the feasibility study contains the essential elements required
24 for a thorough analysis of the postsecondary educational needs of a com-
25 munity: the historical background of the delivery of postsecondary educa-
26 tional services in Nome and the surrounding area, a description of the region
27 to be served by the community college, community interests, course and pro-
28 gram needs, a description of available physical facilities, a proposed core
29 instructional and administrative staff together with a proposed budget for

1 the initial year of operation, and other relevant recommendations; and

2 WHEREAS the establishment of a community college in Nome has been widely
3 endorsed by civic, social and service organizations in the community;

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it endorses the
5 establishment of a community college in Nome and urges the Board of Regents
6 of the University of Alaska to enter into a cooperative agreement with the
7 City of Nome or the Nome School District for its establishment, operation and
8 maintenance beginning with the 1975-76 academic year.

9 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Mr. Robert E. McFarland,
10 President of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; Dr. Robert W.
11 Hiatt, President of the University of Alaska; Mr. Robert H. Renshaw, Mayor,
12 City of Nome; and Dr. Darroll R. Hargraves, Superintendent of Schools, Nome
13 School District.