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Education and Finance

BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to the administration of federal
6 funds for vocational education.

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

8 WHEREAS the State of Alaska continues to rank high among the 50 states
9 in unemployment levels, and communities throughout the state have indicated a
10 high priority for educational programs leading to gainful employment; and

11 WHEREAS a major source of financial aid for program leadership comes
12 from the federal Vocational Education Act of 1963, as amended, which requires
13 that a state desiring to receive federal funds under the Act shall designate
14 or create by state law a state board that is the sole state agency responsi-
15 ble for overseeing the administration of these federal funds by local educa-
16 tion agencies; and

17 WHEREAS the State of Alaska has designated the state Board of Education
18 as the sole state agency for receipt and disbursement of these federal funds;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, through administrative action which channeled funds directly to
21 the University of Alaska thereby circumventing the state plan and the desig-
22 nated exclusive state agency, the State of Alaska has jeopardized more than
23 \$1 million which flows through the state and which could make the state
24 ineligible for federal vocational education funds because of a lack of
25 acceptable local effort expenditures; and

26 WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature supports the concept of consensus
27 decision making by the state Board of Education and the Alaska Commission on
28 Postsecondary Education;

29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Governor is

1 respectfully requested to recoup the local match and maintenance of effort
2 funds required by the federal Vocational Act of 1963, as amended, which were
3 distributed to the University of Alaska by the Department of Education, and
4 that he is further requested to distribute these funds in the future only to
5 the state Board of Education so that the state will be in compliance with
6 established federal and state regulations; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
8 the Governor to request the involvement of concurrence of the state Board of
9 Education and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education in all matters
10 related to program standards or fiscal allocations which may directly or
11 indirectly serve as a bridge between secondary and postsecondary education.