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Referred: Finance

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY COWPER

2 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the financing of an addition
6 to the University of Alaska power plant.

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

8 WHEREAS the Legislature, with the passage of House Concurrent Resolution
9 No. 45 in the Second Legislature, Second Session, recognized the needs of the
10 University of Alaska for adequate heating facilities and made it possible for
11 the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska to proceed with the estab-
12 lishment of a nonprofit corporation designed to finance the construction of
13 the heating plant needed by the University of Alaska; and

14 WHEREAS the production of power is an integral part of the heating
15 plant; and

16 WHEREAS, since the construction of the heating plant by the nonprofit
17 corporation, power needs of the university have grown substantially and;

18 WHEREAS the cost of purchasing power is anticipated to continue growing
19 at a substantial rate in the years to come; and

20 WHEREAS the present needs of the University of Alaska for power are such
21 that it has critical need for expansion of the existing power plant; and

22 WHEREAS it has been established that it is feasible for such an expansion
23 of the power plant to be constructed by the University of Alaska Heating
24 Corporation through the sale of bonds to obtain necessary construction funds
25 and through the amortization of the debt from rental or power service fees
26 charged to the university over a period of years; and

27 WHEREAS this method of financing would assure expansion of the power
28 plant to provide adequate power generation to meet the total needs of the
29 university for the foreseeable future; and

1 WHEREAS this method of financing would eliminate the need for immediate
2 financing of capital construction from current revenues of the general fund;
3 and

4 WHEREAS as a result of this expansion the Fairbanks campus will provide
5 increased facilities for public shelter in times of disaster;

6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Board of Regents
7 of the University of Alaska, in its sound discretion, is requested to proceed
8 immediately through the University of Alaska Heating Corporation with any
9 needed expansions to the existing power plant, the financing of which shall
10 be through the sale of bonds by the corporation, and the corporation shall
11 amortize the debt from rentals or heating service fees charged to the univer-
12 sity over a period of years.

13 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to all members of the Board of
14 Regents of the University of Alaska.

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