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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Directing the Legislative Council to
6 conduct a feasibility study relating
7 to educational television.

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

9 WHEREAS there is a need to provide direction to all educational institu-
10 tions to assure that any continued state funding for educational television
11 broadcasting is based on a feasible, integrated plan that assures effective
12 management and utilization of services; and

13 WHEREAS efforts such as these are particularly appropriate now, since
14 comprehensive educational television planning is not likely to develop inde-
15 pendently within the different institutions that are interested in educa-
16 tional television potential; and

17 WHEREAS this planning and essential policy advice should prove valuable
18 in any future legislative consideration of the question of satellite tele-
19 vision and its public worth and future in Alaska; and

20 WHEREAS the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission has the statutory
21 authority to provide educational broadcasting services to all public and
22 private agencies in the state;

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that under the provisions
24 of AS 24.20.090 and Uniform Rule 48(c) the Legislative Council, in consulta-
25 tion with the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission and the instructional
26 television coordinator with the Department of Education, is directed to
27 conduct a feasibility study of the degree to which Alaska's public education
28 needs can effectively be met through improved use or availability of educa-
29 tional television, and, upon the completion of its feasibility study, to

1 prepare a plan of service with recommendations that address (1) desired level
2 of service to identified educational audiences; (2) technical capabilities
3 required to provide service; (3) estimated capital and annual costs of
4 service; (4) interagency management, operations, and funding; (5) utilization
5 support services to users; and (6) other related issues that the feasibility
6 study may raise as appropriate considerations; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purpose of this resolution "educational
8 television" is defined to include public affairs and cultural programs of
9 general public interest, as well as instructional programs for (1) preschool;
10 (2) kindergarten through 12th grade; (3) adult basic education; (4) post-
11 secondary education; (5) continuing and professional education; and (6) other
12 specialized education; and be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council shall report its recommen-
14 dations to the Legislature no later than January 31, 1980.

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