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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to training for paraprofes-
6 sional educators.

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

8 WHEREAS the elementary and secondary teacher turnover rate in rural
9 areas exceeds 50 percent annually; and

10 WHEREAS their high turnover rate creates unstable schooling conditions
11 which adversely impacts rural students' academic achievement; and

12 WHEREAS quality education can be enhanced by the placement of local
13 teachers in their community schools; and

14 WHEREAS significant numbers of rural Alaskan residents currently serve
15 in paraprofessional educational capacities; and

16 WHEREAS opportunities for professional growth and development for para-
17 professionals are limited; and

18 WHEREAS Native people and paraprofessionals desire additional training
19 leading to regular teacher certification under Alaska State statutes and
20 regulations;

21 BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature endorses and recommends the Alaska
22 State Department of Education and the University of Alaska direct resources
23 to develop a statewide plan for implementation of a field-based training
24 program for paraprofessional educators including, but not limited to, bi-
25 lingual, vocational, cross-cultural education and other teacher aides; and be
26 it

27 FURTHER RESOLVED that the established training program be designated to
28 meet the teacher certification requirements under Alaska State statutes and
29 regulations.

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