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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to training of physicians.

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

7 WHEREAS the Washington, Alaska, Montana, Idaho (WAMI) Medical Educa-
8 tion Program has demonstrated the ability to provide high quality and cost
9 effective medical education for residents of this state; and

10 WHEREAS the number of students from this state who are studying medi-
11 cine is very low when compared to other states; and

12 WHEREAS the number of applicants from this state to the WAMI program
13 has increased substantially since the program was established in 1975; and

14 WHEREAS each year since 1975 there have been only 10 positions in the
15 program for students from this state; and

16 WHEREAS the combination of population growth and attrition in the
17 numbers of physicians practicing in this state requires 30 or 40 physicians
18 each year to enter into practice in this state annually to serve the medi-
19 cal needs of this state adequately;

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the number of
21 students from this state participating in the WAMI Medical Education Pro-
22 gram be increased from 10 positions annually to 15 positions annually; and
23 be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that succeeding sessions of this legislature, and the
25 following legislatures, are urged to appropriate the funds necessary to
26 meet the costs of teaching this increased number of medical students; and
27 be it

28 FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Washington School of Medicine,
29 the WAMI Medical Education Program, and the Washington State Legislature

1 are respectfully urged to support the increase in the number of students
2 from this state participating in the WAMI Medical Education Program.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the dean of the University
4 of Washington School of Medicine, the director of the WAMI Medical Educa-
5 tional Program, and the Washington State Legislature.