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HOUSE CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39 (HESS) am H

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Requesting the State Board of Education to require the study of Alaska history and government in Alaska schools.

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

WHEREAS knowledge of American history and government is fundamental to informed and effective participation by citizens in the affairs of the nation; and

WHEREAS in recognition of this, boards of education throughout the United States have made the study of American history and government a requirement for high school graduation; and

WHEREAS knowledge of one's own state's history and government is fundamental to informed and effective participation in state and local affairs; and

WHEREAS in a 1987 survey, 33 percent of Alaska's high school seniors reported no school instruction in Alaska history; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education has the authority to establish graduation requirements for all school districts and has adopted general requirements;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the State Board of Education to adopt regulations requiring at least one unit of credit in the study of Alaska history and government prior to graduation from high school.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to Barney Gottstein, president of the State Board of Education; and to William G. Demmert, commissioner of education.