

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
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A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the University of Alaska to compile certain types of information relating to
2 adolescent pregnancy and parenthood.

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

4 WHEREAS the development of sound public policy relating to adolescent pregnancy and
5 parenthood would be aided by a complete understanding of the social and economic effects of adolescent
6 pregnancy and parenthood, including the costs of promoting the health and welfare of both the parents
7 and the children in families headed by adolescents; and

8 WHEREAS public policy makers also need more information on the social and economic effects
9 of various programs that would help prevent adolescent pregnancy so that they can be compared to the
10 costs incurred by the state as a result of our current high adolescent pregnancy rate; and

11 WHEREAS the Institute of Social and Economic Research in the University of Alaska is
12 uniquely suited for compiling and maintaining the type of statistics that would be useful in this area of
13 public policy formulation;

14 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Board of Regents
15 of the University of Alaska to direct the Institute of Social and Economic Research to establish and
16 maintain statistical information that assesses the social and economic costs to the state of adolescent

1 pregnancies in Alaska compared to the estimated social and economic costs of preventing these
2 pregnancies; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Institute of Social and Economic Research should prepare a
4 report that includes a 10-year projection of comparative financial costs and social implications of various
5 public policy alternatives relating to adolescent pregnancy.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska.