

HB

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613 Fourth Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801
May 2, 1978

Dear Representative Charles Parr:

I recently heard that there is a bill in the Legislature that would enable students to borrow money through the state's student loan program in order to finance education at foreign schools.

Several years ago I attended Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I chose that school not only because I was interested in seeing Nova Scotia, but also because I was unable to find any school in the United States at that time which offered a degree in environmental design with an emphasis on rural land use planning. American universities were almost solely offering urban planning which held no interest for me. I would like to return to school in Halifax but recently discovered that the student loan program cannot lend for foreign schools. This would mean that I would have to postpone my plans for continuing my education or search for an American school which may not have the specific courses that interest me.

I believe that the loan program was established to aid Alaskans in pursuing higher education and feel that the restrictions on where those schools may be to be a hindrance to my pursuit of an education in rural land use planning. If the problem is one of accreditation, perhaps the list of veteran's approved programs could be a guideline for state loan program approval as well.

I strongly support this bill and urge its passage in the Legislature.

Sincerely,

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THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HB 950
 Title An Act relating to student loans for foreign colleges
 Requested by HESS Date May 2, 1978

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Education
 Program Category Affected Education
 Budget Request Unit(s) Affected Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

No Fiscal impact.

IV. DATE May 2, 1978 PREPARED BY *Berg...*
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 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: The Honorable Charles Parr
Alaska House of Representatives

FROM: Kerry D. Romesburg, Executive Director
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

DATE: April 21, 1978

I understand that Mr. Lloyd Robinson has discussed some changes in the student loan program with you. Specifically, he would like students attending foreign institutions (approved by the Commission) to be eligible for participation in the State student loan program. He has asked that I send you suggested language which would accomplish this, since the current legislation prohibits such eligibility.

If you wish to amend our law to provide for this possibility, I would suggest the following:

Amend Sec. 14.40.763 (b). The loans may be used to attend a career education program approved by the Commission, [OR] a college or university accredited by the accreditation association for the region in which the college or university is located, or a foreign college or university approved by the Commission.