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Requesting the establishment of an Arctic Circumpolar Cultural and Technical Interchange Center.

Buchholdt

SUMMARY

Resolves that the legislature urges congress to authorize a program for the establishment and operation in Alaska of an institution concerned with Arctic circumpolar cultural and economic research, development and the exchange of ideas and views through arrangements with public educational or other non-profit institutions; grants, fellowships and other aid to outstanding scholars and authorities from circumpolar nations and making the facilities of the institution available for study to other qualified persons on a reasonable basis.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

This bill was reported back from House HESS on March 15 with a majority recommending DO PASS. Buchholdt introduced an amendment which was adopted March 19 and the resolution passed the House 38-0.

Mrs. Buchholdt is preparing a memo to our committee which we will get on Monday April 2, 1979. She will also be present to testify at the committee meeting.

RELATED LEGISLATION: None

FISCAL NOTE: None

INTERESTED PARTIES: Buchholdt (She has been notified of the meeting and she will take care of notifying other interested parties.)

April 2, 1979

To Senator Bob Mulcahy,
Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee

From Rep. Thelma Buchholdt *tb*

Subject HJR 32 am Arctic Circumpolar Center

There have been several attempts at creating a unified circumpolar community during the past few years. Very little success has been seen out of these various endeavors. It's time that we try something that works, and I propose to copy the East-West Center in Hawaii as a model for our Arctic community development embodied in HJR 32.

Although recent activities indicate that we are coming into better communications with other Arctic nations, I feel the need to get the cooperation of the federal government with our state in a way never done before. The establishment of an Arctic Cicumpolar Center would be an answer. The East-West Center in Hawaii has proven to be an effective forum for the federal/state and Asian nations in the expression of human relations, education, and other ventures.

I urge the favorable action of your committee in considering HJR 32 am today.

Thank you.