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TO: Senator Parr, Chairman  
Members of the Senate HESS Committee

RE: SB 767; "An Act relating to the membership of  
the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education"

NEA-Alaska supports this bill and encourages that provision be made for the inclusion of a full-time student as a member of the Commission.

We further recommend that SB 767 be amended in Section 2 to provide a new paragraph (g) which would provide expanding the number of Commission members to include two public school guidance counselors. Amendment to Section 3 by adding a paragraph (f) would provide for appointment by the Governor from lists submitted to him by NEA-Alaska.

The presence of public school guidance counselors on the Commission enhances the Purpose, Intent, as stated in 14.40.901.

In the routine of their normal duties and responsibilities, guidance counselors regularly counsel students on educational career planning and acquire substantial information and data which would be essential to the functions of the Commission. A more direct tie between the Commission and the public secondary schools of the State seems most appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Robert Manners  
Executive Secretary

RM: jw

I. REQUEST  
 Bill/Resolution No. CS SB 767  
 Title Relating to "Membership of Commission on Postsecondary Education"  
 Requested by Senate HESS Date March 26, 1982

II. FISCAL DETAIL  
 Agency Affected Education  
 Program Category Affected Commission on Postsecondary Education  
 BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 82	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

IV. DATE March 26, 1982 PREPARED BY Paul Gulyas  
 AGENCY Commission on Postsecondary Education  
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 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)  
 33-001 (Rev. 12/81)



# Alaska Statewide Student Association

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REPRESENTING STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA STATEWIDE SYSTEM

## POSITION PAPER: SB 767 (Membership/Postsecondary)

This bill has the effect of replacing one of the public members of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education with a full-time student. The student would be chosen by a process similar to that by which the University Board of Regents' student member is chosen, and would be subject to the same restrictions: he or she would have to remain a full time student for the full two-year term.

The candidates for the position would be chosen by campus elections at each UA campus plus Sheldon Jackson and Alaska Pacific U. The Governor would then choose from the candidates the student member of the Commission.

There are two major reasons for the change: first, this would help to bridge the communications gap which currently exists between students and the Commission. Second, students can be positive, contributing members of boards and commissions, as evidenced by the just-previous student regent, Tim Burgess, and the new student regent, Sara Hannan.

Two alternatives have been suggested. One would have the student regent sit on the Commission. However, this would be an incredibly heavy work load, as the student must remain a full-time student in good standing. Also, this would leave Sheldon Jackson and APU students out of the process.

The other alternative would be to have the Governor simply appoint a student to one of the public slots. However, since the public positions are for five years, and there is no way to ascertain that the student will remain a student, chances are that most of that term would be served by an ex-student.

We feel that the approach in SB767 is the best method available. We strongly urge you to pass the bill out of committee promptly and with a "do pass" recommendation.

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