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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Paul Fischer
Chair, Senate HESS Committee

FROM: Senator Jay Kerttula

SUBJECT: SCR 13 - CREATING AN EDUCATION STANDING
COMMITTEE

DATE: February 6, 1989

I would appreciate it very much if you would schedule a committee hearing on Senate Concurrent Resolution 13 at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request.



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March 2, 1989

To: Senator Paul Fischer, Chair
Members, Senate HESS Committee

Re: Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13; Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature creating and relating to the jurisdiction of the Education standing committees and relating to the jurisdiction of the Health and Social Services standing committees; and providing that the amendment will take effect on the convening of the First Session of the Seventeenth Alaska State Legislature.

NEA-Alaska supports and encourages the creation of a separate standing committee for public education and the University system. We commend the sponsors for acknowledging this crucial need.

The current HESS committees have responsibility for two of the most comprehensive agencies in state government and the magnitude of load which is always before HESS can't help but detract from the critical policy matters which deserve their scrutiny.

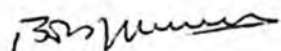
With over 1/4 of the total state operating budget, not to even mention the capital budget, necessarily focused on public education in Alaska it is essential that public education and the University be the focus of a single committee.

We feel that this long over-due change would result in better policy decisions, continuity in the appropriate legislative oversight, and the ability to be more responsive to the increasing and ever changing needs in public education in Alaska.

The opportunity and potential need for interim work by a standing Education Committee would permit legislators to more closely focus on the specific programs, services and the needs in our public schools as well as working more closely with the Department of Education and the State Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Manners
Executive Secretary

cc: Senator Jay Kerttula
Senator Tim Kelly



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March 7, 1989

TO: Senator Paul Fischer
Chairman, Senate HESS Committee

FROM: Senator Jay Kerttula *JK/et*

SUBJECT: SCR 13 - Creation of an Education Standing Committee

I would like to request that a hearing be scheduled for Senate Concurrent Resolution 13, creating an Education Standing Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.