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SCR 25 SENATOR MILLER

I would like to thank the committee for allowing me to introduce Senate Concurrent Resolution 25, which would recognize and support home schooling and establish Alaska Home Education Week.

In 1987 the Alaska Private and Home Education Association (APHEA) was founded to represent home educators throughout the state and to promote excellence in private sector home education. Each year the Association has held annual conventions and promoted the development of two local support networks for home educators throughout Alaska. In addition, the association has sponsored public information seminars, worked to protect parents' right to home educate their children, and cooperated with state education officials to ensure a broad range of educational choices for Alaska families. Currently, the Association has more than 300 member families, and it is affiliated with the National Center for Home Education.

In 1991, Governor Walter J. Hickel recognized the achievement of APHEA and its leadership by appointing the founder and then President, Jack Phelps, to the State Board of Education. In 1993 Governor Hickel issued a Proclamation recognizing the contributions of home educators to Alaska society, initiating a process whereby the Alaska legislature can also recognize this important segment of Alaska's educational infrastructure.

I would further like to recognize this valuable and important group and ask your support of SCR 25. This resolution would request the Governor to take whatever steps are necessary to direct the Department of Education and all other pertinent educational agencies not to unnecessarily interfere with parents exercising their right to home school their children and to establish the week of October 13-19, 1996, as Alaska Home Education Week.

This resolution has a zero fiscal note.

SPONSOR STATEMENT



APHEA

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February 23, 1996

The Honorable Mike Miller
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Miller:

Thank you for introducing SCR 25, supporting home schooling in Alaska. The Alaska Private and Home Educators Association (APHEA) was founded in 1987 to represent home educators throughout the state and to promote excellence in private sector home education. The Association has held annual conventions each year since its founding, promoted the development of local support networks for home educators throughout Alaska, sponsored public information seminars, worked to protect parents' rights to home educate their children, and cooperated with state education officials to ensure a broad range of educational choices for Alaska families. Currently, the Association has more than 300 member families. It is affiliated with the National Center for Home Education.

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As your resolution recognizes, educational freedom and initiative is an important part of Alaska's education in Alaska. Your resolution continues this trend by recognizing an important subset of private education, the home schooling community. Please be assured of our complete support for this resolution.

Sincerely,

Gerald Allsup, President
Alaska Private & Home Educators Association

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Dear Senator Miller
I am writing to express
my support for a resolution
to call upon the Commissioner
of Education to establish Oct 13-15
as AK Home Educators' Week.

Thankyou,

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1996 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SCR 25

Revision Date: _____

Department Affected: Education

Title: Home Education Week

BRU: Executive Administration

Component: Commissioner's Office

Sponsor: Senator Mike Miller

Requester: Senate HESS Committee

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 185

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANT CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY96) impact: \$ 0.0

ANALYSIS:

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Date: March 12, 1996

Approved by Commissioner: *[Signature]*

Richard S. Cross, Deputy Commissioner

Agency: Education

Date: March 12, 1996

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