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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: March 29, 1999

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/28/99

The FINANCE Committee considered:

CSSJR 11(FIN)

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11(FIN)

EDUCATION BLOCK GRANTS

Urging the Congress of the United States to provide federal education funds as a block grant to the state.

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] the same title  
[ ] a new title

[ ] additional referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee  
[ ] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_ [] zero fiscal note(s) SFC, 3/12/99

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS		DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Gene Therriault</i>	Therriault	X			
<i>John Mulder</i>	Mulder	X			
<i>Clara Bunde</i>	Bunde	X			
<i>Vic Kohring</i>	Kohring	X			
<i>Gila Custer</i>	Custer	X			
<i>Ben Grussenier</i>	Grussenier	X			
<i>John Davis</i>	DAVIS	X			
<i>Will Williams</i>	Williams	X			

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE

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*Gene Therriault*  
Therriault  
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1999 Legislative Session

Bill No. 2. 1  
Bill Ver. No.: CSSTR11(FIN)  
(S) Publish Date: 3/12/99

Revised Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Urging the Congress of the United States to provide federal education funds as a block grant to the State.  
Sponsor: Senate Finance Committee  
Requester: Senate Finance Committee

Dept. Affected All Departments  
BRU \_\_\_\_\_  
Component \_\_\_\_\_  
Component Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05
Personal Services	0.0					
Travel	0.0					
Contractual	0.0					
Supplies	0.0					
Equipment	0.0					
Land & Structures	0.0					
Grants & Claims	0.0					
Miscellaneous	0.0					
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0					
1003 GF Match	0.0					
1004 GF	0.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0					
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0					
1091 Designated Program Receipts	0.0					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY99) costs: 0.0

POSITIONS

	FY 00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

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# Alaska State Senate

## Senate Finance Committee

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### SPONSOR STATEMENT

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11

#### "FEDERAL EDUCATION AND BLOCK GRANTS"

Senate Joint Resolution 11 urges Congress to provide federal education funds as block grants to the state of Alaska.

Senate Joint Resolution 11 encourages Congress to give the State of Alaska greater control over the education funds provided by the federal government. By taking control of funds from an agency thousands of miles away and placing the disbursement responsibility in the hands of the state and communities the funding will directly impact, the money will be put to its most appropriate use.

Currently, the federal government provides funding for education that is specifically earmarked for education programs within the state. SJR 11 will encourage Congress to instead disburse the money in the form of a block grant, as they do with welfare funding, directly to the State of Alaska. In the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 3248, which would have created an education block grant system. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass the Senate. Congress is considering a similar resolution in the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Senate Joint Resolution 11 will give the state maximum flexibility in the use of education funds. Alaska is faced with a looming fiscal gap and the last thing the state needs is an outside entity directing education funding. State and local governments are a better judge of where money should be spent and what programs are vital to the continuing education of the people of the State of Alaska.