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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 13, 2002

TO: Representative Fred Dyson
Chair, House HESS Committee

FROM: Representative Con Bunde, Chair

RE: HCR 23, "Legislative Committees: Split House HESS"

I respectfully request that you schedule a hearing for HCR 23 at your earliest possible convenience. I have attached copies of the resolution, sponsor statement, fiscal note, and two letters of support.

If you have any questions or concerns about this legislation, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.



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Sponsor Statement

House Concurrent Resolution 23

Proposing amendments to Uniform Rule 20 of the Alaska State Legislature; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.

HCR 23 changes the House Special Committee on Education to a standing committee and changes the current House Health, Education, and Social Services Committee to the House Health and Social Services Committee. It does not change the committee structure in the Senate.

Historically, the House Health, Education, and Social Services Committee (HES) has been responsible for all issues related to the Department of Health and Social Services, the Department of Education and Early Development, and the University of Alaska. However, in 2001, the House Special Committee on Education was formed to study issues and hear bills related to education.

This special committee has proven to be beneficial to the legislative process by facilitating focused committee work on education bills and issues. Thirty-one bills have been referred to the House Special Committee on Education on such subjects as the High School Graduation Qualifying Exam, Student Loan Forgiveness, Supplementary Public School Funding, Alaska History Curriculum, Student Loans, and School Performance Reports. The special committee has also tracked federal education legislation, distributed research on a number of education issues, and conducted intensive investigation on such subjects as the statewide teacher shortage.

The change proposed by HCR 23 would allow for an appropriate and beneficial focus on education issues and legislation.

FISCAL NOTE

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2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title "Legislative Committees - Split House BRU _____
HESS" Component _____
 Sponsor House Special Committee on Education _____
 Requester _____ Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & 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						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This resolution would split Education out of the House Health, Education and Social Services Committee and create a standing House Education Committee. As the current Health, Education and Social Services Committee and the House Special Committee on Education both have committee aides, there would be no additional expenditure. The Senate is not affected by this resolution.

Prepared by: Karen McCarthy, Committee Aide Phone 465-4843
 Division _____ Date/Time 2/11/02 5:45 PM
 Approved by: Representative Con Bunde, Chair Date 2/11/02
 Agency House Special Committee on Education



February 12, 2002

Representative Con Bunde
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Bunde:

The Association of Alaska School Boards supports HCR 23, the establishment of a House Education Committee to address educational issues. This support is based on:

- Our Association's belief that education issues are sufficiently complex and important that it should have the full attention of a designated House committee.
- The current structure of a House Special Committee on Education, implemented with the 22nd Legislature, has proven to be helpful and afforded full discussion of many complex issues without the scheduling challenges of both education and health and social service issues typically faced in House HESS.
- Recognizing that House HESS often honored the careful deliberations occurring in the House Special Committee on Education, the assignment of education bills to both the Special Committee and House HESS could prove to be cumbersome and unnecessarily time consuming.
- Our Association is in steadfast support of a committee focused exclusively on education. The workload related to education has become significant and some division of responsibility to accommodate this makes logical sense.

Thank you for allowing the Association of Alaska School Boards the opportunity to comment on the organizational structure being considered in the House.

Respectfully,

Carl Rose
AASB Executive Director



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Alaska Council of School Administrators

Date: February 12, 2002
To: Representative Con Bunde, Chair Subcommittee on Education
From: Darroll Hargraves Executive Director ACSA
Subject: Support for HCR 23

Many school administrators support the level of legislative attention to public education that would be available by creating a standing committee for education. It has been obvious in recent years that the HESS Committee has been over extended with the needs of health and social services.

Public education issues have loomed larger with each passing year over the past decade and the House has recognized that the sub-committee on education has been necessary during the 22nd Legislature. I don't have any expectation that public education matters will be less in future years.

None of the associations representing school administrators have taken a formal position on this issue. It will likely be a topic for consideration when the superintendents meet in Juneau March 17-19. We may have a formal position for you at that time.

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The cost of this resolution represents personnel costs of one staff's salary, in addition to overhead and supplies, and transcription.

Prepared by: HIES Committee
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 Approved by: Representative Fred Dyson, Chair House H.E.S.S. Committee
 Agency: HIES Committee

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