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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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JAN 31 2000
SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

DATE: 1/18/01

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 31 Jan 01

Finance Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS SJR6 (FIN)
- adopt previous _____ CS CS forthcoming (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
 same title
 new title
- House Bill:**
 same title
 technical title
 new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
<i>SFC/</i> Education	1/29/01		✓	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Ryan Green</i>	✓			
<i>Alan Gustery</i>	✓		✓	
<i>Tom Hilly</i>			X	
<i>Thomas O'Brien</i>			X	
<i>Gregg Wilkins</i>	✓			
<i>Angela Wright</i>	✓			
<i>John D. Lanning</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
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FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number:
Bill Version:
(S) Publish Date:

SJR 6

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 1/29/01
Title: Education Block Grants

Dept. Affected: EDUCATION

Sponsor: Senate Finance

BRU: _____

Requester: Senate Finance Committee

Component: _____

Component Number: _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
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)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

It is estimated that there will be no fiscal impact for this resolution.

Prepared by: SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Senator: SENATOR PETE KELLY, CO-CHAIR
SENATOR DAVE DONLEY, CO-CHAIR

Date: 1/29/2001

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 1/18/01
Referred: Finance

A RESOLUTION

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

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS** the federal government provides funding for education to the states; and

5 **WHEREAS** the State of Alaska is a better judge of how to use funding to meet the
6 education needs in the State of Alaska than is the federal government; and

7 **WHEREAS** the use of a block grant system is a method that maximizes control by the
8 states and local communities; and

9 **WHEREAS** the block grant system has proven successful in other areas such as
10 welfare funding; and

11 **WHEREAS** the United States Congress is considering legislation that would revise
12 federal education funding to the states;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States
14 Congress to adopt a block grant system for distributing education funding to the states that
15 allows the states maximum flexibility in the use of education funds.

16 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George W. Bush, President/ delete

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1 ~~elect~~ of the United States; the Honorable Rod Paige, United States Secretary of Education
2 ~~designee~~; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.
3 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
4 delegation in Congress.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
1 B1 / 2001 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SUR 6		
Amendment	#1		
Motion			
<u>Motion by</u>	Donley		
<u>Objection by</u>	None		
Removed			
<u>Second Objection by</u>			
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	<u>Vote</u>	N
Senator Austerman			
Senator Green			
Senator Hoffman			
Senator Leman			
Senator Olson			
Senator Ward			
Senator Wilken			
Co-Chair Donley			
Co-Chair Kelly			
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
MOTION	Passed		



SENATOR DAVE DONLEY

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

**SPONSOR STATEMENT
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 6
"FEDERAL EDUCATION AND BLOCK GRANTS"**

Senate Joint Resolution 6 urges Congress to provide federal education funds as block grants to the states including Alaska.

Senate Joint Resolution 6 encourages Congress to give the states greater control over the education funds provided by the federal government. By taking control of funds from federal bureaucrats thousands of miles away it will empower state officials to put these important education dollars to their most appropriate uses.

Block grants will reduce administrative expenses and allow more funds to be used in the classroom. Currently, the federal government provides many different types of funding for education that are specifically earmarked for various education uses. SJR 6 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 105th Congress, the House of Representatives passed HR 3248, which would have created an education block grant system. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass the Senate.

Senate Joint Resolution 6 encourages Congress to give the states maximum flexibility in the use of federal education funds. State and local governments are a better judge of how this money should be spent than distant federal bureaucrats.

A similar measure, SJR 11, passed during the 21st legislature and we should adopt a new resolution for the new President and Congress.

DD/bc

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Vice-Chair: Senate Judiciary Committee**

Member: Legislative Budget and Audit Committee • Legislative Council