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SPONSOR STATEMENT **Senate Concurrent Resolution 19**

The issue of incentivizing our high school students to do better in school, to prepare for and complete college, is more complex than simply providing a tuition scholarship upon graduation.

However, that by itself is an issue requiring more focused thought and discussion as the legislature prepares to reform the K-12 educational system, with particular emphasis on the transition to and preparedness for postsecondary study.

We must first put into context the idea of there being a new and/or expanded form of postsecondary financial aid provided to our graduating high school seniors. SCR 19 complements existing legislation that would create a basic scholarship program structure, but would need further review before codifying a specific award level, or tiered award levels.

We are on the cusp of establishing a comprehensive reform of Alaska's educational system. As the Legislature decides this session on what type of reform measures to take, including a scholarship program structure for our graduating seniors, it's this task force's imperative to define the best means of applying awards in the program(s). In the event of no such legislation passing the legislature, then this task force would also carry the mantle of recommending which scholarship program structure to establish, in addition to the best way of applying scholarship awards.

As the task force begins work, besides defining an award structure, the goals of a scholarship program should ultimately include efforts to: improve preparedness of Alaska students for postsecondary education; improve postsecondary graduation rates; increase high school graduation rates; improve scores on college entrance examinations; increase participation of Alaska high school students in Alaska postsecondary institutions; and increase job training opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile endeavor.

FISCAL NOTE

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Identifier (file name): SCR19-LEG-COU-4-14-10 Dept. Affected: Legislature
Title: Relating to a Joint Legislative Higher Education RDU: Legislative Council
Scholarship Funding Task Force Component: Council and Subcommittees
Sponsor: Senate Rules Committee by Request
Requester: Senate Finance Committee Component Number: 783

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| | Appropriation Required | Information | | | | | | |
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| | | FY 2011 | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | | | | | | | | |
| Travel | 70.0 | | | | | | | |
| Contractual | | | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 70.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | |
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| CHANGE IN REVENUES () | | | | | | | | |
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | 70.0 | | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | | | |
| Other Interagency Receipts | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 70.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

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| Full-time | | | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SCR19 establishes an eleven member Joint Legislative Higher Education Scholarship Funding Task Force for the purpose of examining higher education costs and identifying the best approach in providing financial aid to assist students in the state. The Task Force is composed of five Senators and five Representatives and a member appointed by the Governor. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House will appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair. Staff members of the Legislators appointed to the Task Force will staff the Task Force. It is anticipated the Task Force will meet six times with all meetings requiring travel. Costs to teleconference the meetings and to print the final report due December 1, 2010 will be absorbed within existing agency budgets. The Joint Legislative Higher Education Scholarship Task Force is terminated January 1, 2011.

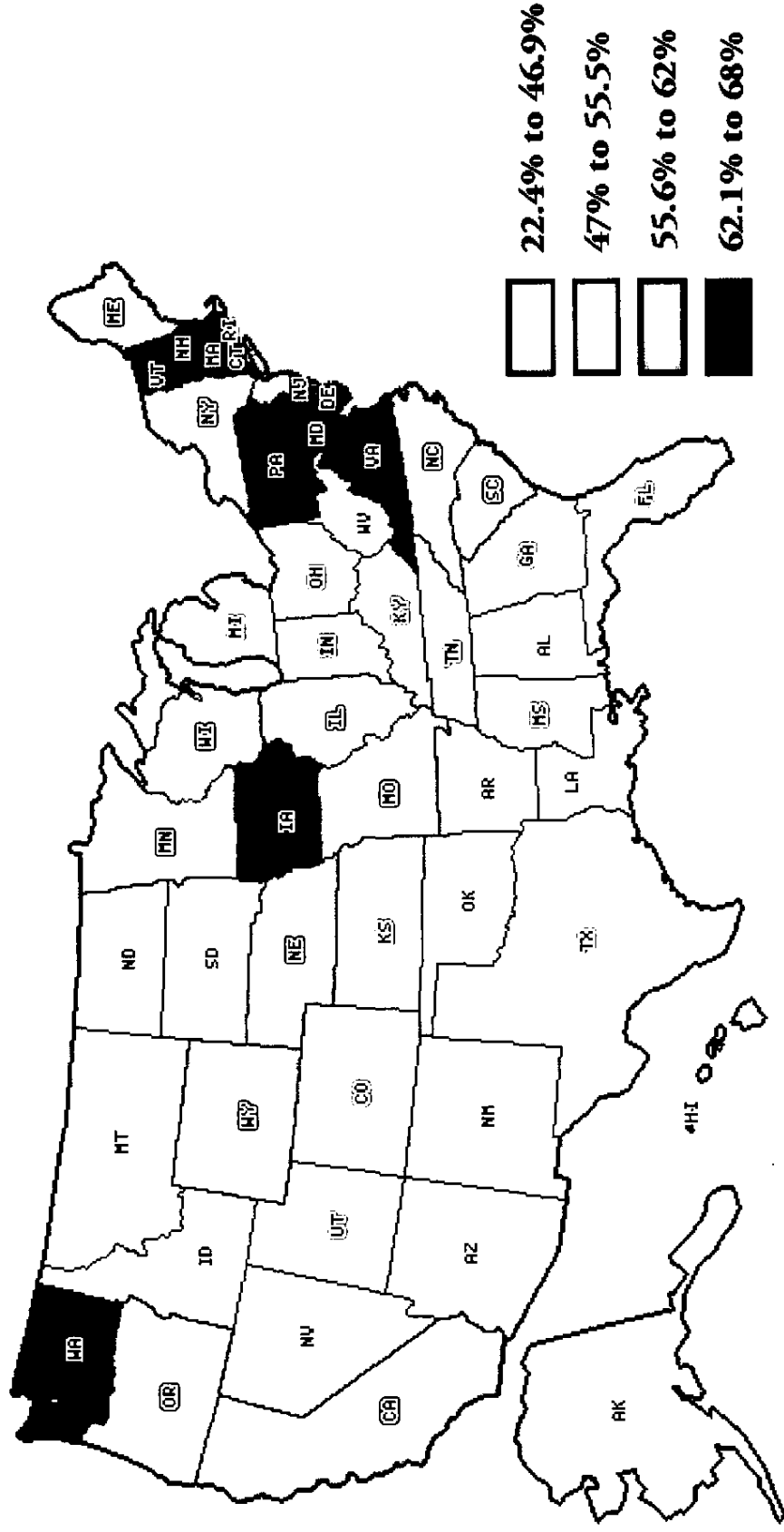
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Graduation Rates: Six-Year Graduation Rates for Bachelor's Students, 2007

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Rates for first-time, full-time bachelor's degree-seeking students, 2007
US Average = 56.1% Alaska Average = 22.4% (The bottom)



Source: The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems; National Center for Education Statistics, IPEDS Enrollment Survey