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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.

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

First Committee of Referral

DATE: 4/6/10

FURTHER:

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

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: _____

Finance Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

SCR 19 LEGIS. TASK FORCE: HIGHER ED SCHOLARSHIPS

Relating to a Joint Legislative Higher Education Scholarship Funding Task Force.

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

SENATE BILL:
 Same Title
 New Title

HOUSE BILL:
 Same Title
 Technical Title Change
 New Title w/ SCR # _____

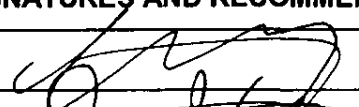
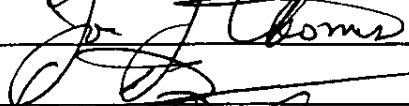
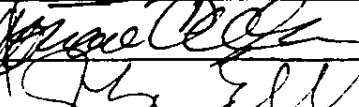
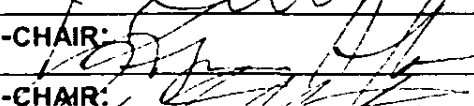


NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
LAA	4/14	✓			

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Huggins	✓			
	Thomas	✓			
	OLSON			✓	
	Ellis	✓			
CO-CHAIR: 	Hoffman	✓			
CO-CHAIR: 	Stedman	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: SCR19
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): SCR19-LEG-COU-4-14-10 Dept. Affected: Legislature
Title: Relating to a Joint Legislative Higher Education Scholarship Funding Task Force 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						
		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

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	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

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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