

**HJR**

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### Sponsor Statement

#### *House Joint Resolution 29*

*“Urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act of 2000.”*

House Joint Resolution 29 calls on the US Congress to pass legislation extending the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Communities Self-Determination Act of 2000.

Since 1908, the Forest Service provided counties and schools 25 percent of the revenues collected from management activities on the National Forest System. The SRS program was enacted in 2000 to provide funding for communities and schools to compensate for steep reductions in revenues from timber harvests.

In Alaska the Act provided funding for schools in communities in and near the Chugach National Forrest and the Tongass National Forrest. The expiration of SRS created dramatic budgetary shortfalls for local school districts.

This resolution calls on Congress the re-authorize this long-standing federal obligation to local governments and schools, and enact a sustainable long-term program to share revenues generated from the management of designated federal lands.

I encourage the passage of this resolution.

If you have additional questions please contact Darrell Breese in my office at 465-4859.

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## Explanation of Changes

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State Affairs amended the bill to include – “the Honorable Sonny Perdue, United State Secretary of Agriculture”

Initial version did not include Secretary Perdue in the designated recipients of the resolution and his name was added as the US Department of Forestry falls under the Secretary of Agriculture.



## All Service Receipts (ASR)

### Final Title I, II, and III Report PNF (ASR-18-01)

Fiscal Year: 2015

National : NA

Run Date : 01/22/2016

Region: NA

Admin Unit: NA

PNF: NA

State: ALASKA (02)

County: NA

Cong. District: NA

County	Township	National Forest	Full Payment Base Amount	Title I %	Title I Amount	Title II %	Title II Amount	Title III %	Title III Amount
<b>ALASKA (02)</b>									
Anchorage (020)		CHUGACH PNF (0011)	\$73,838.56	85	\$62,762.77	15	\$11,075.78	0	\$0.00
		<b>Anchorage Total :</b>	<b>\$73,838.56</b>		<b>\$62,762.77</b>		<b>\$11,075.78</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Haines (100)		TONGASS PNF (0012)	\$171,236.03	85	\$145,550.63	15	\$25,685.40	0	\$0.00
		<b>Haines Total :</b>	<b>\$171,236.03</b>		<b>\$145,550.63</b>		<b>\$25,685.40</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Juneau (110)		TONGASS PNF (0012)	\$679,290.10	85	\$577,396.58	8	\$54,343.21	7	\$47,550.31
		<b>Juneau Total :</b>	<b>\$679,290.10</b>		<b>\$577,396.58</b>		<b>\$54,343.21</b>		<b>\$47,550.31</b>
Kenai Penin. (122)		CHUGACH PNF (0011)	\$542,470.57	85	\$461,099.98	15	\$81,370.59	0	\$0.00
		<b>Kenai Penin. Total :</b>	<b>\$542,470.57</b>		<b>\$461,099.98</b>		<b>\$81,370.59</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Ktn. Gateway (130)		TONGASS PNF (0012)	\$1,168,296.56	85	\$993,052.08	15	\$175,244.48	0	\$0.00
		<b>Ktn. Gateway Total :</b>	<b>\$1,168,296.56</b>		<b>\$993,052.08</b>		<b>\$175,244.48</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Matanuska-Su (170)		CHUGACH PNF (0011)	\$19,650.50	100	\$19,650.50	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
		<b>Matanuska-Su Total :</b>	<b>\$19,650.50</b>		<b>\$19,650.50</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Petersburg Borough (195)		TONGASS PNF (0012)	\$679,697.25	85	\$577,742.67	15	\$101,954.59	0	\$0.00
		<b>Petersburg Borough Total :</b>	<b>\$679,697.25</b>		<b>\$577,742.67</b>		<b>\$101,954.59</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Sitka (220)		TONGASS PNF (0012)	\$641,137.29	85	\$544,966.70	15	\$96,170.59	0	\$0.00
		<b>Sitka Total :</b>	<b>\$641,137.29</b>		<b>\$544,966.70</b>		<b>\$96,170.59</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Skagway (230)		TONGASS PNF (0012)	\$18,611.01	85	\$15,819.36	8	\$1,488.88	7	\$1,302.77
		<b>Skagway Total :</b>	<b>\$18,611.01</b>		<b>\$15,819.36</b>		<b>\$1,488.88</b>		<b>\$1,302.77</b>
Unorganized (999)		CHUGACH PNF (0011)	\$2,586,462.76	85	\$2,198,493.35	14.825	\$383,452.70	.17463	\$4,516.72
		TONGASS PNF (0012)	\$3,139,957.23	85	\$2,668,963.65	14.825	\$465,510.30	.17463	\$5,483.28
		<b>Unorganized Total :</b>	<b>\$5,726,419.99</b>		<b>\$4,867,457.00</b>		<b>\$848,963.00</b>		<b>\$10,000.00</b>

Note: PCPI data for year 2014 is used for Formula Payment Calculation

ASR: Final Title I, II, and III Report PNF (ASR-18-01)

## FFY16 SRS/NFR Payments Final (SFY17)

Borough	Title I (Schools/Roads)		Title III	Total
Anchorage	\$ 62,762.77			\$ 62,762.77
Sitka	\$ 544,966.70			\$ 544,966.70
Haines	\$ 145,550.63			\$ 145,550.63
Juneau	\$ 577,396.58		\$ 47,550.31	\$ 624,946.89
Kenai Peninsula	\$ 461,099.98			\$ 461,099.98
Ketchikan Gateway	\$ 993,052.08			\$ 993,052.08
Mat-Su	\$ 19,650.50			\$ 19,650.50
Petersburg	\$ 577,742.67			\$ 577,742.67
Skagway	\$ 15,819.36		\$ 1,302.77	\$ 17,122.13
Wrangell	\$ 922,952.08			\$ 922,952.08
Yakutat	\$ 624,040.26			\$ 624,040.26

Unorganized Borough	Title I Schools	Title I Roads	Title III	Total
City of Craig	\$ 486,879.33	\$ 19,205.46	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 516,084.79
City of Hoonah	\$ 184,491.26	\$ 18,691.95		\$ 203,183.21
City of Hydaburg	\$ 115,101.50	\$ 12,735.17		\$ 127,836.67
City of Kake	\$ 180,380.49	\$ 29,290.90		\$ 209,671.39
City of Klawock	\$ 202,167.56	\$ 21,156.82		\$ 223,324.38
City of Pelican	\$ 18,662.89	\$ 2,670.28		\$ 21,333.17
City of Angoon		\$ 15,795.72		\$ 15,795.72
City of Coffman Cove		\$ 41,348.23		\$ 41,348.23
City of Edna Bay		\$ 12,529.77		\$ 12,529.77
City of Gustavus		\$ 64,107.22		\$ 64,107.22
City of Kasaan		\$ 17,459.51		\$ 17,459.51
City of Port Alexander		\$ 2,772.98		\$ 2,772.98
City of Tenakee Springs		\$ 5,135.15		\$ 5,135.15
City of Thorne Bay		\$ 69,838.05		\$ 69,838.05
Annette Island SD	\$ 485,925.63			\$ 485,925.63
Chatham SD	\$ 278,216.76			\$ 278,216.76
Southeast Island SD	\$ 312,714.32			\$ 312,714.32
City of Cordova	\$ 652,554.32	\$ 57,610.03		\$ 710,164.35
City of Valdez	\$ 1,196,537.28	\$ 136,093.83		\$ 1,332,631.11
Chugach SD	\$ 121,763.22			\$ 121,763.22
City of Whittier		\$ 33,934.67		\$ 33,934.67
Metlakatla Comm. Dev.		\$ 71,686.70		\$ 71,686.70

**Unorganized Borough totals:**

Tongass School	2,264,539.74
Tongass Road	404,423.91
Chugach School	1,970,854.82
Chugach Road	227,638.53
<b>Borough Payments</b>	<b>4,945,033.61</b>
<b>Title III Payments</b>	<b>58,853.08</b>
<b>Total payments:</b>	<b>9,871,343.69</b>

Calculated by: J. Julian

R. Parks

J. Mason

Certified by: D. Lindoff

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## FFY17 SRS/NFR Payments (SFY18)

Borough	App	Title I (Schools/Roads)	Title III	Total
Anchorage	✓	\$ 3,581.13		\$ 3,334.03
Sitka	✓	\$ 49,388.93		\$ 45,981.09
Haines	✓	\$ 30,166.31		\$ 28,084.83
Juneau	✓	\$ 43,274.53		\$ 40,288.59
Kenai Peninsula	✓	\$ 15,473.81		\$ 14,406.12
Ketchikan Gateway	✓	\$ 91,315.67		\$ 85,014.89
Mat-Su	✓	\$ 9,861.55		\$ 9,181.10
Petersburg	✓	\$ 41,876.22		\$ 38,986.76
Skagway	✓	\$ 2,663.55		\$ 2,479.77
Wrangell	✓	\$ 47,826.36		\$ 44,526.34
Yakutat	✓	\$ 36,693.68		\$ 34,161.82

Unorganized Borough	App	Title I Schools	Title I Roads	Title III	Total
City of Craig	✓	\$22,040.31	\$1,658.91		\$ 23,699.23
City of Hoonah	✓	\$8,893.93	\$1,614.56		\$ 10,508.49
City of Hydaburg	✓	\$6,270.82	\$1,100.03		\$ 7,370.85
City of Kake	✓	\$8,293.04	\$2,530.06		\$ 10,823.11
City of Klawock	✓	\$8,824.60	\$1,827.47		\$ 10,652.07
City of Pelican	✓	\$966.82	\$230.65		\$ 1,197.47
City of Angoon	✓		\$1,364.39		\$ 1,364.39
City of Coffman Cove	✓		\$3,571.54		\$ 3,571.54
City of Edna Bay	✓		\$ 1,082.29		\$ 1,082.29
City of Gustavus	✓		\$5,537.40		\$ 5,537.40
City of Kasaan	✓		\$1,508.10		\$ 1,508.10
City of Port Alexander	✓		\$239.52		\$ 239.52
City of Tenakee Springs	✓		\$443.56		\$ 443.56
City of Thorne Bay	✓		\$6,032.41		\$ 6,032.41
Annette Island SD	✓	\$23,172.76			\$ 23,172.76
Chatham SD	✓	\$12,799.71			\$ 12,799.71
Southeast Island SD	✓	\$13,536.96			\$ 13,536.96
City of Cordova	✓	\$12,085.25	\$2,991.08		\$ 15,076.33
City of Valdez	✓	\$21,204.19	\$7,065.92		\$ 28,270.11
Chugach SD	✓	\$2,167.17			\$ 2,167.17
City of Whittier	✓		\$1,761.87		\$ 1,761.87
Metlakatla Comm. Dev.	✓		\$6,192.09		\$ 6,192.09

**Unorganized Borough totals:**

74.72/25.28 % ~ Tongass/Chugach split using the 7 year average allocation

Tongass School 104,798.96  
 Tongass Road 34,932.99  
 Chugach School 35,456.61  
 Chugach Road 11,818.87

Certified by: Debi Kruse  
 8/29/2017

**Borough Payments** 346,445.34  
**Title III Payments** 0.00

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**Total payments:** 533,452.76 with 6.9% Sequestor Reduction

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2340

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
of 2000.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2017

Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DUFFY, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, and Mr. KILMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-  
Determination Act of 2000.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND**  
4 **COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF**  
5 **2000.**

6 (a) SECURE PAYMENTS FOR STATES AND COUNTIES  
7 CONTAINING FEDERAL LAND.—

8 (1) SECURE PAYMENTS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 101 of the Se-  
2 cure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-  
3 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is  
4 amended, in subsections (a) and (b), by striking  
5 “2015” each place it appears and inserting  
6 “2017”.

7 (B) SPECIAL RULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016  
8 PAYMENTS.—Section 101 of the Secure Rural  
9 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
10 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended by add-  
11 ing at the end the following:

12 “(d) SPECIAL RULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PAY-  
13 MENTS.—

14 “(1) STATE PAYMENT.—If an eligible county in  
15 a State that will receive a share of the State pay-  
16 ment for fiscal year 2016 has already received, or  
17 will receive, a share of the 25-percent payment for  
18 fiscal year 2016 distributed to the State before the  
19 date of enactment of this subsection, the amount of  
20 the State payment shall be reduced by the amount  
21 of the share of the eligible county of the 25-percent  
22 payment.

23 “(2) COUNTY PAYMENT.—If an eligible county  
24 that will receive a county payment for fiscal year  
25 2016 has already received a 50-percent payment for

1 fiscal year 2016, the amount of the county payment  
2 shall be reduced by the amount of the 50-percent  
3 payment.

4 “(3) PROMPT PAYMENT.—Not later than 45  
5 days after the date of enactment of this subsection,  
6 the Secretary of the Treasury shall make all pay-  
7 ments under this title for fiscal year 2016.”.

8 (2) PAYMENTS TO STATES AND COUNTIES.—

9 (A) ELECTION TO RECEIVE PAYMENT  
10 AMOUNT.—Section 102(b) of the Secure Rural  
11 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
12 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112(b)) is amended—

13 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking sub-  
14 paragraph (C) and inserting the following:

15 “(C) PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014  
16 THROUGH 2017.—The election otherwise re-  
17 quired by subparagraph (A) shall not apply for  
18 each of fiscal years 2014 through 2017.”; and

19 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

20 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
21 ing “fiscal years 2014 and 2015” and  
22 inserting “each of fiscal years 2014  
23 through 2017”; and

1 (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
2 striking “2015” and inserting  
3 “2017”.

4 (B) EXPENDITURE RULES FOR ELIGIBLE  
5 COUNTIES.—Section 102(d) of the Secure Rural  
6 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
7 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112(d)) is amended—

8 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking sub-  
9 paragraph (E) and inserting the following:

10 “(E) PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014  
11 THROUGH 2017.—The election made by an eligi-  
12 ble county under subparagraph (B), (C), or (D)  
13 for fiscal year 2013, or deemed to be made by  
14 the county under paragraph (3)(B) for that fis-  
15 cal year, shall be effective for each of fiscal  
16 years 2014 through 2017.”; and

17 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

18 (I) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by  
19 striking “purpose described in section  
20 202(b)” and inserting “purposes de-  
21 scribed in section 202(b), section  
22 203(c), or section 204(a)(5)”;

23 (II) by striking subparagraph (C)  
24 and inserting the following:

1           “(C) PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014  
2 THROUGH 2017.—This paragraph does not  
3 apply for each of fiscal years 2014 through  
4 2017.”.

5           (C) TREATMENT AS SUPPLEMENTAL  
6 FUNDING.—Section 102 of the Secure Rural  
7 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
8 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112) is amended by add-  
9 ing at the end the following:

10       “(f) TREATMENT AS SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.—  
11 None of the funds made available to an eligible county  
12 under this Act may be used in lieu of, or to otherwise off-  
13 set, a State funding source for a local school, facility, or  
14 educational purpose.”.

15           (D) DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO ELI-  
16 GIBLE COUNTIES.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Se-  
17 cure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-  
18 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is  
19 amended by striking “2015” and inserting  
20 “2017”.

21       (b) CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT  
22 SPECIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—

23           (1) REPEAL OF CONTRACTING PILOT PRO-  
24 GRAM.—Section 204(e) of the Secure Rural Schools  
25 and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16

1 U.S.C. 7124(e)) is amended by striking paragraph  
2 (3).

3 (2) RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—Sec-  
4 tion 205(a)(4) of the Secure Rural Schools and  
5 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16  
6 U.S.C. 7125(a)(4)) is amended by striking “2012”  
7 each place it appears and inserting “2017”.

8 (3) AVAILABILITY OF PROJECT FUNDS.—Sec-  
9 tion 207(d)(2) of the Secure Rural Schools and  
10 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16  
11 U.S.C. 7127(d)(2)) is amended by striking “sub-  
12 paragraph (B)” and inserting “subparagraph (B)(i),  
13 (B)(ii),”.

14 (4) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—Section  
15 208 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community  
16 Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7128) is  
17 amended—

18 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “2017”  
19 and inserting “2019”; and

20 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2018”  
21 and inserting “2020”.

22 (c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 304 of  
23 the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determina-  
24 tion Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7144) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2017” and  
2           inserting “2019”; and

3           (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2018” and  
4           inserting “2020”.

5           (d) OFFSET.—It is the sense of the House of Rep-  
6           resentatives that the costs of carrying out this section and  
7           the amendments made by this section will be offset.

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## Cosponsors: H.R.2340 — 115th Congress (2017-2018)

**Sponsor: Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5] |**  
**Cosponsor statistics: 57 current - includes 5 original**

Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]*	Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]*	Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]*	Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]*	Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]*	Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]
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Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]
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Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]	Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-8]
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	Rep. Meehan, Patrick [R-PA-7]
Rep. Labrador, Raul R. [R-ID-1]	

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1027

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of 2000.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3, 2017

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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25 2016 has already received a 50-percent payment for

1 fiscal year 2016, the amount of the county payment  
2 shall be reduced by the amount of the 50-percent  
3 payment.

4 “(3) PROMPT PAYMENT.—Not later than 45  
5 days after the date of enactment of this subsection,  
6 the Secretary of the Treasury shall make all pay-  
7 ments under this title for fiscal year 2016.”.

8 (2) PAYMENTS TO STATES AND COUNTIES.—

9 (A) ELECTION TO RECEIVE PAYMENT  
10 AMOUNT.—Section 102(b) of the Secure Rural  
11 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
12 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112(b)) is amended—

13 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking sub-  
14 paragraph (C) and inserting the following:

15 “(C) PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014  
16 THROUGH 2017.—The election otherwise re-  
17 quired by subparagraph (A) shall not apply for  
18 each of fiscal years 2014 through 2017.”; and

19 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

20 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
21 ing “fiscal years 2014 and 2015” and  
22 inserting “each of fiscal years 2014  
23 through 2017”; and

1 (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
2 striking “2015” and inserting  
3 “2017”.

4 (B) EXPENDITURE RULES FOR ELIGIBLE  
5 COUNTIES.—Section 102(d) of the Secure Rural  
6 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
7 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112(d)) is amended—

8 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking sub-  
9 paragraph (E) and inserting the following:

10 “(E) PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014  
11 THROUGH 2017.—The election made by an eligi-  
12 ble county under subparagraph (B), (C), or (D)  
13 for fiscal year 2013, or deemed to be made by  
14 the county under paragraph (3)(B) for that fis-  
15 cal year, shall be effective for each of fiscal  
16 years 2014 through 2017.”; and

17 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

18 (I) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by  
19 striking “purpose described in section  
20 202(b)” and inserting “purposes de-  
21 scribed in section 202(b), section  
22 203(c), or section 204(a)(5)”;

23 (II) by striking subparagraph (C)  
24 and inserting the following:

1           “(C) PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014  
2 THROUGH 2017.—This paragraph does not  
3 apply for each of fiscal years 2014 through  
4 2017.”.

5           (C) TREATMENT AS SUPPLEMENTAL  
6 FUNDING.—Section 102 of the Secure Rural  
7 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act  
8 of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112) is amended by add-  
9 ing at the end the following:

10          “(f) TREATMENT AS SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING.—  
11 None of the funds made available to an eligible county  
12 under this Act may be used in lieu of, or to otherwise off-  
13 set, a State funding source for a local school, facility, or  
14 educational purpose.”.

15           (D) DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS TO ELI-  
16 GIBLE COUNTIES.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Se-  
17 cure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-  
18 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is  
19 amended by striking “2015” and inserting  
20 “2017”.

21          (b) CONTINUATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT  
22 SPECIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—

23           (1) REPEAL OF CONTRACTING PILOT PRO-  
24 GRAM.—Section 204(e) of the Secure Rural Schools  
25 and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16

1 U.S.C. 7124(e)) is amended by striking paragraph  
2 (3).

3 (2) RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—Sec-  
4 tion 205(a)(4) of the Secure Rural Schools and  
5 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16  
6 U.S.C. 7125(a)(4)) is amended by striking “2012”  
7 each place it appears and inserting “2017”.

8 (3) AVAILABILITY OF PROJECT FUNDS.—Sec-  
9 tion 207(d)(2) of the Secure Rural Schools and  
10 Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16  
11 U.S.C. 7127(d)(2)) is amended by striking “sub-  
12 paragraph (B)” and inserting “subparagraph (B)(i),  
13 (B)(ii),”.

14 (4) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—Section  
15 208 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community  
16 Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7128) is  
17 amended—

18 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “2017”  
19 and inserting “2019”; and

20 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2018”  
21 and inserting “2020”.

22 (c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—Section 304 of  
23 the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determina-  
24 tion Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7144) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2017” and  
2           inserting “2019”; and

3           (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2018” and  
4           inserting “2020”.

5           (d) OFFSET.—It is the sense of the Senate that the  
6           costs of carrying out this section and the amendments  
7           made by this section will be offset.

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## Cosponsors: S. 1027 — 115th Congress (2017-2018)

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## HAINES BOROUGH SCHOOLS

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January 31, 2018

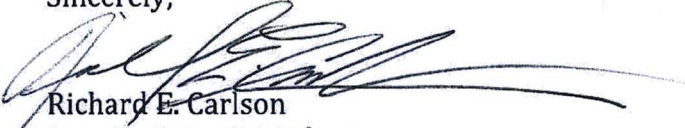
Representative George Rauscher  
State Capitol, Room 426  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Rauscher,

Thank you very much for sponsoring House Joint Resolution 29 supporting the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act of 2000. This Joint Resolution urging Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural School Act (SRS) comes at a critical time for many school districts and communities in Alaska and across the country. The SRS program provided over 720 countries and 4,000 school districts in 41 states the funding to make up for the shortfall resulting from declining timber sales off federal forestlands which began in the early 1990s. SRS was last reauthorized retroactively for FY2014 and FY 2016. The last payment received by counties and schools was in the spring of 2016. Without these funds school districts and local government have been forced to scale back school programs, reduce staff, and have been unable to adequately care for public infrastructure.

Your resolution reminds lawmakers in Washington, DC, of the commitment they made to assist local communities. The Haines Borough School District supports House Joint Resolution 29.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Carlson  
Interim Superintendent

Cc: Lisa Parady



February 1, 2018

Chair Kreiss-Tomkins, and Members of the House State Affairs Committee:

My name is Dr. Mary Wegner, and I am the superintendent of the Sitka School District. I am testifying today in support of HJR 29, Reauthorize Secure Rural Schools Act.

Thank you for your support in advocating for the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. As you know, Secure Rural Schools funding is critically important to the Sitka School District, as well as many other school districts around Alaska. The Sitka School District resides in the Sitka Borough of which 95% is comprised of Tongass National Forest. Around Alaska local municipalities have a limited ability to generate local tax revenue to support schools and roads due to the surrounding national forests, which is why it is so imperative that this act is immediately reauthorized and funded. The loss of Secure Rural Schools funding places an onerous burden upon our local citizenry that cannot be ameliorated without federal assistance.

In your advocacy on behalf of the reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools, please seek a long-term reauthorization of the legislation, as failure to do so has the potential to wreak long-term damage on public education in Sitka and in communities across the state and nation. The limits imposed by national forests are a reality every year, which is why authorization is critical every year.

Having Secure Rural Schools funding as a revenue source in the Sitka School District's FY19 budget would greatly help to save teacher jobs. Providing an excellent education to every student every day requires quality teachers combined with a culturally responsive learning environment with targeted instruction to meet a student's individual learning needs. All of which helps us to live the three commitments of Alaska's Education Challenge, which are increasing student success, cultivating safety and well-being, and supporting responsible and reflective learners. We are facing a budget deficit that is 12% of our total general fund budget, and we need this federal funding to keep our talented teachers.

Thank you for taking my testimony, and thank you for your commitment to public education in Alaska! I hope you will urge the U.S. Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools Act.

Sincerely,

Mary Wegner, Ed.D.



SERRC Board of Directors Resolution No.: 2017-01  
Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRSCSDA)  
Reauthorization

WHEREAS, the 18 public school districts in Southeast Alaska reside in land comprised of 95% Tongass National Forest; and

WHEREAS, more than 100 years ago a partnership was created between the Federal Government and communities to compensate communities financially impacted by the placement of timber reserves into federal ownership; and

WHEREAS, SRSCSDA is critically important to 24 of Alaska's 54 school districts; and WHEREAS, many national forested counties and school districts have limited ability to generate local tax revenue to support schools and roads; and

WHEREAS, the impact of a National Forest that no longer provides adequate revenue to help support local schools and roads places an onerous burden upon local citizenry that cannot be ameliorated without federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, if not reauthorized Alaska will lose \$11.2 million dollars in revenues, mostly tied to education; and

WHEREAS, as there is a year lag time for most districts, a reduction in funding of this magnitude will have significant impacts on districts and create significant hardships;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SERRC Board of Directors, comprised of the 18 Southeast Alaska superintendents and 3 SERRC Advisory Board members, superintendents from other regions of the state, urges the Alaska congressional delegation (Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan and Representative Young) to do all in their power to effect the reauthorization and funding of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act retroactively and going forward, and to work towards multi-year reauthorization and mandatory funding.

Adopted February 3, 2017. This resolution is effective upon signing.

Robert Boyle  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
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## RESOLUTION OF THE SITKA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Resolution No. 2018-02

### Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization

The Sitka School Board supports Alaska House Joint Resolution 29 and urges immediate reauthorization and funding for fiscal year 2019 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000. Furthermore, the Sitka School Board urges multi-year reauthorization and mandatory funding of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRSCA) by the U.S. Congress as a key component of federal financial assistance to local governments and school districts across the country. This law recognizes the need for sustained funding to school districts that have non-taxable national forest lands within their boundaries.

The Secure Rural Schools Act is critically important to many rural school districts such as Sitka which have relied heavily on Secure Rural Schools funds to supplement local revenue for education. The Sitka School District resides in the Sitka Borough which is 95% comprised of the Tongass National Forest. The impact of a National Forest that no longer provides significant revenue to help support local schools and roads places an onerous burden upon our citizens that cannot be adequately addressed without Federal assistance.

Given the many national-forested municipalities and school districts that have no ability to generate local tax revenue to support schools and roads, it is imperative that this act is immediately reauthorized and funded.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the **Sitka School Board** urges the support of Alaska House Joint Resolution 29 as it will serve as a strong reminder to federal lawmakers of the critical importance of ongoing support to local communities.

Approved on February 6, 2018

Jennifer McNichol, President, Sitka School Board

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**From:** Ralph Crosslin <ralphc@yakutatschools.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 1:15 PM  
**To:** Rep. George Rauscher  
**Subject:** Secure Rural Schools

Dear Rep. Rauscher,

On behalf of the Yakutat School District Board of Education and the staff, students and parents of this community I wish to offer our strong support for a resolution requesting the authorization/continuation of the Secure Rural Schools funding. This funding is crucial to the success of our students. SRS is the primary funding source of the City and Borough of Yakutat contribution to our school programs. Without this revenue we will be forced to reduce our teaching staff at a time when an increase is imperative.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Ralph O. Crosslin, Superintendent  
Yakutat School District  
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Dear Representatives,

I am writing in support of the resolution urging Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools program. Our Petersburg schools rely heavily on these funds to meet the needs of our students. We offer a rich learning experience and are notoriously fiscally responsible. The funds we depend on from this resolution have a direct impact on every student. Thank you for your support in this vital piece of our funding.

Teri Toland

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**From:** Susan Sciabbarrasi  
**To:** [Rep. George Rauscher](#)  
**Subject:** Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 1:55:00 PM

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I am writing in support of reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program, ie., Timber Receipts. Chatham School District is made up of 4 communities in Rural Alaska. Each site has between 10-75 students per site and the sites are many miles apart, therefore, the only access is by seaplanes or the ferry system. The cost for travel as well as receipt of goods and services to these remote areas continues to rise. It is difficult for areas outside of the State of Alaska to understand the challenges when there are no roads in or out of the towns and a thousand miles from a major city.

Last year was the first year without those funds and this year we have had to reduce our certified teaching staff to offset that loss. Our students are among the most needy academically (approximately 30-35% proficient) and that loss will have an even greater impact on the education of our students. Those funds have been used to offset our Food Service programs in the two Native Communities. Without those funds, we may not be able to continue providing two solid meals per day for our students since the NSLP program does not fully fund our expenses due to the cost to ship food to the remote villages. Those two meals are staples for many of our students.

In addition, next year we will be required to continue to reduce our staff, services, materials and supplies. We will not be able to provide our teachers with staff development opportunities that aides in their effectiveness and student success. We will have to limit our extra-curricular and sports activities and travel. All of which, are detrimental to our students' current success as well as their post secondary endeavors.

When the Timber industry declined, the Timber Receipts were the saving factor for many of our communities and they have helped to sustain them over the past years. With no other viable industry is several villages and towns around the state, I feel the students will suffer tremendously if these funds are not reauthorized.

Therefore, it is my fervent hope that you will maintain your past commitment to these communities who rely on those funds to be able to provide for the bare necessities for many of our school children.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Susan**

Susan Sciabbarrasi  
Superintendent  
Chatham School District  
Angoon, Alaska

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2018 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSHJR 29(STA)
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	2/2/2018

Identifier: HJR29-LEG-SESS-01-26-18  
 Title: REAUTHORIZE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS ACT  
 Sponsor: RAUSCHER  
 Requester: HSTA

Department:  
 Appropriation:  
 Allocation:  
 OMB Component Number: 0

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2019 Request	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<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>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

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