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Relating to the youth air fare from Anchorage, Alaska to Europe.

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

WHEREAS all student and youth fares for international air travel were cancelled on January 1, 1974 by the Civil Aeronautics Board as discriminatory and contrary to the public interest; and

WHEREAS youth fares for travel from the United States to Europe were reinstated by the board in 1975 due to their continued availability in Canada; and

WHEREAS the youth fare was reinstated to maintain the ability of air carriers operating from U.S. cities to compete with foreign carriers operating from Canada; and

WHEREAS the reinstated youth fare is structured to reflect the Canadian youth fare plus trans-border fares to a Canadian gateway city; and

WHEREAS the present youth fare works an injustice upon Alaskan students desiring to study abroad since students departing from Seattle, Washington currently pay \$208 less due to their proximity to Vancouver, B.C.; and

WHEREAS all other air fares for flights departing from Anchorage and Seattle for the same European destinations are equal; and

WHEREAS Alaskan students qualifying for the youth fare deserve to be treated equally with their Washington counterparts; and

WHEREAS discrimination on behalf of higher education

serves the national interest better than discrimination to protect the profitability of air carriers departing from U.S. cities;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Civil Aeronautics Board is respectfully requested to restructure youth air fares from Anchorage to Europe to equal similar fares from Seattle, Washington.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable John E. Robson, Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.