

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to the upgrading to state standards of the BIA's rural schools.

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

WHEREAS the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs currently owns many of the school facilities in rural Alaska; and

WHEREAS for so long as these schools are owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs they will enjoy an exemption from the state's fire and other applicable safety codes; and

WHEREAS the state fire marshal has inspected some of these schools and found recurring patterns of fire safety and other deficiencies which pose an extreme threat to the safety of the children who attend these schools; and

WHEREAS it is the belief of the legislature that the Bureau of Indian Affairs has the responsibility to upgrade these schools to meet applicable state fire and other safety codes, thereby assuring the safety of the children who attend them;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Alaska delegation in Congress is requested to intercede with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and request that it renovate all of its schools in Alaska so as to meet the state's fire and other safety codes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the state fire marshal's report for each of the schools serve as the guideline for needed renovation.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent 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.