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Directing the Legislative Council to conduct a feasibility study relating to educational television.

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

WHEREAS there is a need to provide direction to all educational institutions to assure that any continued state funding for educational television broadcasting is based on a feasible, integrated plan that assures effective management and utilization of services; and

WHEREAS efforts such as these are particularly appropriate now, since comprehensive educational television planning is not likely to develop independently within the different institutions that are interested in educational television potential; and

WHEREAS this planning and essential policy advice should prove valuable in any future legislative consideration of the question of satellite television and its public worth and future in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission has the statutory authority to provide educational broadcasting services to all public and private agencies in the state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that under the provisions of AS 24.20.090 and Uniform Rule 48(c) the Legislative Council, in consultation with the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission and the instructional television coordinator with the Department of Education, is directed to conduct a feasibility study of the degree to which Alaska's public education needs can effectively be met through improved use or availability of educational television, and, upon the completion of its feasibility study, to prepare a plan of service with recommendations that address (1) desired level of

service to identified educational audiences; (2) technical capabilities required to provide service; (3) estimated capital and annual costs of service; (4) interagency management, operations, and funding; (5) utilization support services to users; and (6) other related issues that the feasibility study may raise as appropriate considerations; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that for the purpose of this resolution "educational television" is defined to include public affairs and cultural programs of general public interest, as well as instructional programs for (1) preschool; (2) kindergarten through 12th grade; (3) adult basic education; (4) postsecondary education; (5) continuing and professional education; and (6) other specialized education; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Council shall report its recommendations to the Legislature no later than January 31, 1980.