



Coalition of Student Leaders

Resolution 2017-04

In Support of the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund, Alaska Performance Scholarship, and Alaska Education Grant

Whereas: The Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund provides financial awards for high-performing Alaskan students who attend postsecondary education in the state through the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant; and

Whereas: The Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund is a critical investment in building Alaska's future and growing the Alaskan economy through employing Alaskan graduates at a time when the Alaska Department of Labor projects 65% of high-wage emerging jobs will require some postsecondary education by 2025; and

Whereas: The Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant enhance Alaska's high-school graduation and college attendance rates through incentivizing and rewarding Alaskan students who perform well; and

Whereas: portions of Senate Bill 103 propose to further reallocate the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund from the purpose of providing funds towards the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant programs; and

Now therefore be it resolved that: The Coalition of Student Leaders supports the perpetuation of the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund for the purpose of funding the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant; and

Be it further resolved that: The Coalition of Student Leaders opposes the reallocation of the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund and elimination of the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant programs as proposed under Senate Bill 103 of the 30th Legislature; and

Be it further resolved that: This resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, and Co-Chairs of the House and Senate Finance Committees.

Adopted unanimously by the Coalition of Student Leaders the 20th day of April 2017.

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Corby Freel, Chair