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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 87-32

URGING THE JUDICIOUS ADMINISTRATION OF THE ALASKA STATE STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Student Loan Program is in danger of being cut due to lack of funds; and

WHEREAS, the legitimate student has been hurt in the past due to cuts in the amount of the loans and a raise in the interest rates; and

WHEREAS, a college student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average to obtain or keep their loan, but there is no such requirement for students at vocational schools; and

WHEREAS, there have been many abuses of the student loan program by some students using their loan for purposes other than their education; and

WHEREAS, there have also been many instances of abuses of the program by vocational schools and by people attending vocational schools; and

WHEREAS, there have also been abuses by people obtaining a loan and not paying it back; and

WHEREAS, all these abuses affect the funds available to the legitimate student striving to get an education; and

WHEREAS, the governor has recommended a student loan program based on need; and

WHEREAS, there are now in place many federal education loans and grants based on need; and

WHEREAS, these federal programs are not normally available to Alaskan students due to our average and even low incomes being above the national average; and

WHEREAS, cost of living is not factored in when need is determined for these federal programs;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly strongly urges the state legislature to take steps to curtail the abuses to the student loan program, so that the legitimate students will still be able to avail themselves of the full student loan at the present amount.

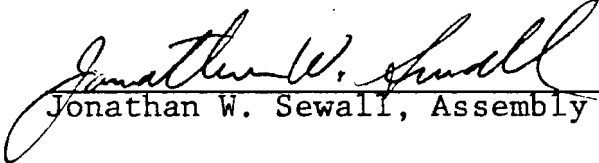
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Section 2. That the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly suggests the state legislature consider the following steps:

- A. Require vocational students to maintain a 2.0 average to obtain or retain a loan, as is now required of other college students.
- B. Require a performance audit as well as a financial audit for vocational schools.
- C. Require that the loan check be made out to the college for the legitimate costs at the college including tuition, room and board, books, and supplemental college fees only.

Section 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to Gov. Cowper, the Commissioner of Post Secondary Education, members of the Commission, members of the Health, Education and Social Services Committee, Senators Binkley, Fischer, Kerttula and Szymanski and to Representatives Cato, Navarre, Swackhammer, Wallis and Zawacki.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 7th DAY OF April, 1987.

  
Jonathan W. Sewall, Assembly President

ATTEST:

  
Borough Clerk