

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR SHOWER

Introduced: 2/21/20

Referred: Education

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to governance of the University of Alaska.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in January 2019, the University of Alaska Anchorage School of
4 Education lost accreditation; and

5 **WHEREAS** the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, in a letter to
6 the University of Alaska Board of Regents, chancellors, and president, dated September 26,
7 2019, expressed concern that University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska
8 Anchorage, and University of Alaska Southeast had failed to meet accreditation standard
9 2.A.1, requiring a system of governance with clearly defined authority, roles, and
10 responsibilities; and

11 **WHEREAS** the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities requested that
12 the University of Alaska take action to address accreditation concerns regarding the
13 University's structure of governance; and

14 **WHEREAS** the University of Alaska Anchorage Faculty Senate adopted a resolution
15 recommending that the University of Alaska Board of Regents revise university policy,
16 making the chancellors of University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Anchorage,

1 and University of Alaska Southeast co-equal with the University of Alaska President and
2 answerable solely to the Board of Regents;

3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recommends that the
4 chancellors of University of Alaska Fairbanks, University of Alaska Anchorage, and
5 University of Alaska Southeast report directly to the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Board of Regents of the University of
7 Alaska; Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Cathy Sandeen,
8 Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage; Rick Caulfield, Chancellor, University of
9 Alaska Southeast; and Jim Johnsen, President, University of Alaska.