SR 186-005 Opposing Alaska Senate Bill 208
Sponsor: Senator Murph
First considered 4/3/2016

Whereas, The student body of UAF strongly appreciates the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant, understanding that these awards are critical for providing education in Alaska, and;

Whereas, The compressed timeline of SB 208 has afforded students little opportunity to testify on the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant’s importance, raising significant concern, and;

Whereas, The Alaska Performance Scholarship provided assistance to over 3,000 students this year, and;

Whereas, The Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant provide critical incentives for students to pursue higher education in the state of Alaska, and;

Whereas, Students educated in Alaskan colleges are significantly more likely to stay in the state, strengthening the Alaskan economy and community, and;

Whereas, Ensuring that college graduates remain in Alaska is crucial to establishing the economic strength and diversity that will build Alaska's future, and;

Whereas, Many students would be unable to attend higher education institutions at all without the benefit of the Alaska Performance Scholarship or Alaska Education Grant, now therefore be it;

Resolved, That the student body of UAF strongly opposes Alaska Senate Bill 208, as students believe it will cause significant damage to the vitality of higher education in Alaska and consequently harm the state economy, and be it further;

Resolved, That the student body of UAF affirms the importance of the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant to higher education in Alaska.

Statement of Purpose: To oppose Alaska Senate Bill 208 and support the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grant.

Statement of Fiscal Impact: $0
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Officiated vote (yes, no, abstention)

Jonathan Schurz, ASUAF Senate Clerk

Allyssia Garcia, ASUAF Senate Chair

Mathew Carrick, ASUAF President

Date Passed

April 3, 2016

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April 6, 2016

Date

1/6/16