

HJR39 -- Redline

HJR 39 to Enrolled -- WAIVE VISA FEES FOR TEACHERS

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~~34-LS1535\AS HOUSE\ JOINT\ RESOLUTION\ NO-~~ E O F A L A S K A THE LEGISLATURE Legislative Source Resolve No.

HJR 39 ~~IN~~ am ~~THE~~ 35 LEGISLATURE Urging OF the THE federal STATE government OF to ALASKA waive THIRTY-FOURTH the LEGISLATURE new -H-1B SECOND Visa SESSION fees BY for REPRESENTATIVE teachers GALVIN, in Hannan, the Edgmon, state. Hall, Frier, Mears, Eischeid, Story, Gray, Josephson, Fields, Saddler, Kopp, Foster, Bynum, Stutes, Schrage, Mina Introduced:

2/23/26 ~~Referred:~~ BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

Education WHEREAS A many RESOLUTION school Urging districts in the federal state, government particularly to those waive located the in new rural H-1B and Visa remote fees communities, for face teachers persistent shortages of qualified educators, especially in the critical state, subject areas, including math, science, and special education, which create significant challenges to maintaining consistent and high-quality instruction;

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

~~WHEREAS many school districts in the state, particularly those located in rural and remote communities, face persistent shortages of qualified educators, especially in critical subject areas, including math, science, and special education, which creates significant challenges to maintaining consistent and high-quality instruction;~~

and WHEREAS a 2025 executive order raised the cost of H-1B visas to \$100,000 a ~~person~~ person, ~~each year,~~ which threatens to impose significant financial hurdles for schools and employers in the state;

and WHEREAS implementation of the 2025 executive order could result in the state facing the difficult choice of paying millions of dollars for visa recipients or going without ~~HJR039a these~~ -1- Enrolled HJR 39 ~~New Text Underlined [DELETED TEXT BRACKETED]~~ 34-LS1535\A these needed teachers;

and ~~WHEREAS, WHEREAS~~ already, ongoing more teacher than vacancies 5,000 across the state students have ~~began affected this thousands school of year students, without particularly a in teacher, rural undermining and their remote right communities to where a staffing properly challenges maintained are education most system; severe;~~

and WHEREAS the state is committed to providing students with a high-quality education, ~~ensuring ensuring each each~~ student has ~~the the opportunity opportunity~~ to succeed academically and reach ~~their their full-full~~ potential;

Trump, President ~~of of the the~~ United States; United States;

the Honorable ~~JDJD Vance, Vance, Vice President Vice of the President of the~~ United States and President of the U.S.

the Honorable ~~Kristi Markwayne Noem, Mullin,~~ United States Secretary of Homeland Security;

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