

Introduced by: Cooper, Smalley
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Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2018-008**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 287 PROVIDING EARLY APPROVAL
OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, public school districts in Alaska rely on the state to fund education each year; and

WHEREAS, the school district needs to finalize its budget by April 30th to provide time for taking appropriate personnel actions and other measures to prepare for the next school year; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the legislature approved the state budget July 1st; and

WHEREAS, this delay resulted in a great deal of uncertainty and difficulty for school district personnel retention and hiring processes and budgetary planning; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 287 would appropriate funds for public education and transportation of students but passed the House Finance Committee without a funding source; and

WHEREAS, according to one of the sponsors, Representative Paul Seaton, the intent of House Bill 287 is to make early funding available for school districts and regional education attendance areas; and

WHEREAS, if the legislature approves funding for education in March or April, this would better enable the school district to retain quality staff and provide time for the district to recruit more quality staff during the spring when the most candidates are available;

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

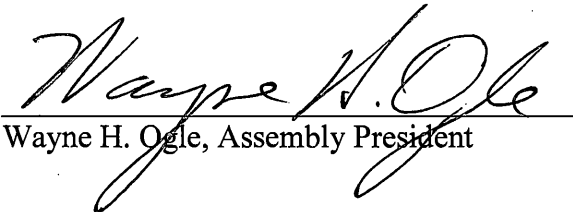
SECTION 1. The borough assembly strongly supports the early approval of House Bill 287 which appropriates funds for public education and transportation of students.

SECTION 2. The borough assembly urges the Senate to identify a funding source and pass HB 287.

SECTION 3. That copies of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Bill Walker, Senator Peter Micciche, Senator Gary Stevens, Representative Mike Chenault, Representative Gary Knopp, Representative Paul Seaton and Representative Louise Stutes:

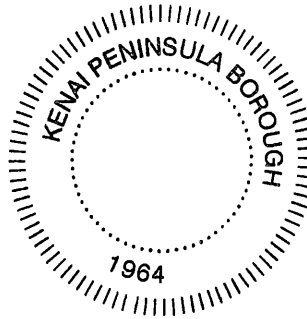
SECTION 4. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018.


Wayne H. Ogle, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Jonni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Vote on motion to postpone to 02/20/18:

Yes: Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle

No: None

Absent: Dunne

Vote on motion to adopt as amended:

Yes: Bagley, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cooper, Dunne, Fischer, Hibbert, Smalley, Ogle

No: None

Absent: None