

WHEREAS, all but one (Delaware) of those 49 states that received federal land grants for their universities received more land than the University (noting that the University of Hawaii, while not receiving land, did receive \$6 million in 1960 in lieu of Morrill Act lands, an amount roughly equivalent to \$53,000,000 in current dollars); and

WHEREAS, an academically strong and financially secure state university system is a cornerstone to the long-term development of a stable population and to a healthy, diverse economy in the state; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the state and the University of Alaska that the university take ownership of a significant and substantial portfolio of income producing land in order to provide income for the support of public higher education in the state; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling the intent of these past Congresses and Alaska Legislatures to complete a permanent land endowment for the University of Alaska consistent with the Alaska Constitution will require a joint effort by the federal and state governments to establish a land grant that is "required by the federal government for state participation in federal programs," as specified under art. IX, sec. 7, Constitution of the State of Alaska; and

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Summary of Actions
Meeting of the Full Board
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