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**Bill Version: SCR 1**

**Sponsor: Senator Gary Wilken**

**Short Title: STATE OF OUR UNIVERSITY ADDRESS**

### **Summary:**

- Invites the president of the University of Alaska to give a biennial address to a joint session of the Legislature regarding the "State of the University."
- Calls for the first address to occur during the First Regular Session of the 25th Alaska Legislature.

### **Benefits:**

- Provides the University of Alaska an opportunity to showcase its accomplishments to the Legislature and general public.
- Enhances on-going communications between university personnel and the Legislature.
- Provides an opportunity for the public and the Legislature to hold the president of the University of Alaska accountable for the state funding the university receives.

### **Background:**

- The University of Alaska is established under the Alaska State Constitution as the state university with an identity distinct from the rest of the executive branch of state government. A biennial address would help address what many legislators and residents perceive as a communications gap regarding the operations of the university.

The President of the university system is in the best position to explain the accomplishments, goals, and special needs of our university.