

## Alaska Association of Student Government Resolution #2 HB 202 Support Submitted by: Lathrop High School Student Council April 16, 2024

Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Government is in support of HB 202.

- 1. Whereas, Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. It is an opioid antagonist. This means that it attaches to opioid receptors and reverses and blocks the effects of other opioids;<sup>2</sup>
- 2. Whereas, HB 202 amends AS 14.30 to add a new section to article 3 to read as follows;<sup>1</sup>
  - 2.1. A person trained to administer naloxone nasal spray is on-site.
    - 2.1.1. When the main school building in the school district is open to students, staff, or the public, including periods when the school building is open before and after school and during weekend activities; and
    - 2.1.2. During each school-sponsored event, whether the event is conducted on or off school grounds.
  - 2.2. Each school bus driver for the school district is trained to administer naloxone nasal spray.
  - 2.3. The main school building of each school in the school district has at least two doses of naloxone nasal spray available on site; and
  - 2.4. At least one dose of naloxone nasal spray is available during a school-sponsored event
  - 2.5. The commissioner of health shall develop and provide each school district with a short training video about how and when to administer nasal spray.

- **3. Whereas**, Just in 2019 Narcan, a name brand naloxone, saved 50,000 people's lives from opioid-related overdoses;<sup>3</sup>
- **4. Whereas**, 151 people die from opioid-related overdoses per year in Alaska;<sup>4</sup>
- 5. Whereas, 2,231 adolescents 10-19 died of overdoses from 2019 to 2021;<sup>5</sup>
- **6.** Whereas, Common places for overdoses to occur are public places;<sup>6</sup>

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports the House bill 202.

**Action Statement:** if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, the resolution will be sent to the house to take into consideration when voting for the bill.

## Sources:

- 1. https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Text/33?Hsid=HB0202A
- 2. https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/naloxone
- 3. https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/naloxone/index.html
- 4. <a href="https://health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Documents/PDFs/DrugOverdoseMortalityUpdate\_2022.pdf">https://health.alaska.gov/dph/VitalStats/Documents/PDFs/DrugOverdoseMortalityUpdate\_2022.pdf</a>
- 5. <a href="https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/how-dozens-of-u-s-adolescents-are-dying-of-drug-overdoses-each-month-shown-in-3-charts#:~:text=Opioids%20are%20behind%20the%20vast,19%20died%20of%20an%20overdose.">https://www.pbs.org/newshour/health/how-dozens-of-u-s-adolescents-are-dying-of-drug-overdoses-each-month-shown-in-3-charts#:~:text=Opioids%20are%20behind%20the%20vast,19%20died%20of%20an%20overdose.</a>

The resolution passes with unanimous consent

Passed by the Spring 2024 General Assembly of AASG hosted by Barrow High School

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