

More Native Scholarships Asked of UA

State Representatives Willie Hensley, Mike Bradner, Gene Guess, George Hohman, John Sackett and Jules Wright introduced a bill, HB-392, last week asking that the University of Alaska offer not more than 35 new scholarships annually to rural students of Alaska.

At the present time, 15 rural scholarships are being allowed by the university but the lawmakers think this is not near enough.

"These scholarships may be made in varying amounts, but the number of scholarships has not kept pace with the tremendous increase of native students at the U of A," said Rep. Bradner.

The bill, addressed to the Board of Regents of the university, instructed that body to give preference to natives residing in the rural areas who desire to receive training in the field of education.

"If there are more than 50 applications," the bill said, "the board shall award 50 scholarships to those applicants who have the highest scholastic record or who the board determines are the most qualified among the applicants and who are financially unable to obtain a higher education without assistance."