

Bill Introduced to Construct \$4 Million Student Union Bldg.

Legislation to construct a \$4,000,000 student union building at the University of Alaska was introduced last week in the House of Representatives.

Representatives Mike Bradner, joined by Representatives Don Young and Tury Anderson, and Speaker Jalmar M. Kertulla, sponsored the bill to authorize a revenue bond issue to finance the project.

Senators Terry Miller and Ed Merdes had earlier introduced an identical bill in the Senate, which is now under consideration by the Senate Finance Committee.

In a joint statement, Bradner and Miller commented;

"The present student union building was built in 1954 for a much smaller enrollment. The building is now grossly inadequate for current student needs. The proposed new structure would provide enough space to meet the requirements of a rapidly expanding number of students."

"The revenue bond issue would require no tax monies. The facilities planned in the building, such as a cafeteria and bookstore would generate the

revenues necessary to retire the bonds."

"In addition, students have been paying a student fee for the past several years to assist in paying for the new center."

"Under the University's development plan, the existing student center would be converted to academic use and would aid in relieving the existing classroom shortage."