

From: Andrea Minter
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
Subject: Support for HB 83
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:39:10 PM

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Please SUPPORT HB 83 and its many benefits for employers, employees and the public. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Andrea Minter
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From: Philip Templin
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
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From: Bruce, George I (DPS)
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
Subject: Support for HB 83
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018 7:06:01 PM

Hello Representative--I gather that you are on a committee concerning HB 83. Please support this one...Talking to the Old Guard state employees, virtually all of them remained with the state because of the benefits of Tier I. I realize cuts are still looming, but to maintain/retain the core employees of this state, this Bill is a necessity. Thanks for listening. Sincerely,

George Ian Bruce

From: Susan Maley
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
Subject: Please support Alaskan's-Support for HB 83
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018 8:40:34 PM

Hello Representative--Your work is important and that's why I'm contacting you about the House Labor and Commerce Committee's support for the public employee Defined Benefit retirement bill HB 83. We need your support.

Thank you,

Susan Maley

From: Stacey Johnson
Subject: Support HB 83
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018 10:27:53 PM

Dear Legislator,

As an individual who has been in Alaska public service as a former classroom teacher (5.5 years) and current forensic scientist (9 years) at the state crime lab, I urge you to support HB 83.

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From: Amber Schlesinger
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
Subject: Support for HB 83
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:08:39 PM

Hello Representative--

I am contacting you in support of HB 83. I began working for the State of Alaska in 2014, and am disappointed that my contributions to my retirement plan are not defined. Having a defined benefit plan will benefit the state of Alaska, as well as the valuable employees that serve citizens on a daily basis.

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Please vote yes.

Amber Schlesinger
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From: Home
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
Subject: Please Support HB 83
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:19:26 PM

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Sincerely,

Tracy Reno
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From: Sarah Wilber
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
Subject: Support for HB 83
Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 8:21:20 AM

Hello Representative--Your work is important and that's why I'm contacting you about the House Labor and Commerce Committee's support for the public employee Defined Benefit retirement bill HB 83.

Sincerely,

Sarah Wilber
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Sent from my iPhone

From: P V Brown-McMillan
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
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From: Philip and Bonnie Templin
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
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Hello Representative--Your work is important and that's why I'm contacting you about the House Labor and Commerce Committee's support for the public employee Defined Benefit retirement bill HB 83.

From: maryclaire bernstein
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#)
Subject: SUPPORT for HB 83
Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:11:45 PM

I am a resident of Juneau. I support retirement security and urge you to pass HB 83. We need to invest in the quality of life in Alaska, and we can't attract and keep good workers if we don't have a good retirement system. Although it isn't as apparent as garbage that isn't collected, or a lack of electricity, having the right people at the University, in the state office building, etc. makes a huge difference. If we don't invest in quality, Alaska will be a wasteland in the future.

Thank you for representing me.

Mary-Claire

Mary-Claire Bernstein
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Juneau, AK

From: Angela Hunt
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
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Thank you,
Angela Hunt

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Edric Carrillo](#)
To: [Caitlyn Ellis](#)
Subject: FW: ASEA HB 83 Pension Legislation:
Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 9:13:05 AM

From: pdkea@aim.com [mailto:pdkea@aim.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 5:21 PM

To: Rep. Sam Kito <Rep.Sam.Kito@akleg.gov>; Rep. Adam Wool <Rep.Adam.Wool@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Birch <Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gary Knopp <Rep.Gary.Knopp@akleg.gov>; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard <Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov>

Subject: ASEA HB 83 Pension Legislation:

February 15, 2018

Dear Legislator,

Ever since the meeting of financiers and Treasury representatives in November, 1910, on Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia, the United States has had over a century of economic development unknown to our history. With the creation of the Federal Reserve in 1913 under the administration of Woodrow Wilson, our fiscal operations and currency were centralized at the national level. During this last century of development, our economy has experienced great prosperity—but also great volatility. The very nature of our monetary policy under the fractional reserve system has given rise to periodic bubbles that routinely burst, causing devastating loss and hardship to citizens all across America. Our leaders periodically review the establishment of our currency and monetary policy to ensure proper oversight, such as with the Pujo Committee, the Pecora Commission, and *United States vs. Morgan (1953)*. Even so, the tiered structure of our finances and retirement systems has been predicated on the future value of our people. As inflation slowly depreciates our fiduciary configuration, our descendants will have to manage the fallout of our current economic decisions. By placing value back into our people instead of extracting it out for diverse purposes, we can ensure the future stability of our economy, our constituency, and our state.

The State of Alaska lacks a competitive and dignified retirement for public employees building a career around service to their fellow Alaskans. HB 83 offers a new defined benefit retirement option to new and existing employees, and an actuarial study of similar legislation showed it would save the state money. This defined benefit pension system will stabilize our workforce and aid in opening future investment in Alaska's industries.

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Additional resources:

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Sincerely,

Paul Keller

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From: Todd Anderson
To: [House Labor and Commerce](#)
Subject: HB 83
Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 10:23:06 AM

Greetings,

My name is Todd Anderson and I have been a state employee for the past 10 years. I am in Tier IV retirement and am in full support of the adoption of HB 83 for several reasons that should matter to all Alaskan's within my community.

As a Tier IV member I have known from the very beginning of my service with the State that I was different than my colleagues that all of which have a secure future knowing that they will not run out of funds in retirement. I have continually had to make choices to save instead of spend a bit more freely within my local economy. If my future were secure, a larger home and solid roots would be planted within my community for the next 20 years and very likely afterward. As things stand now under the Defined Contribution plan I have already decided that I would likely be unable to afford a retirement in Alaska and it would be mandatory for me to relocated to a more affordable area of the country.

This bill directly impacts 5 people in my household that would be able to remain in my Alaska community and set solid roots here. As a person in Tier 4 my only incentive in remaining with the State is to cover an additional 10% of my health coverage from the age of 58 to 65 for each decade of service with the state. This incentive is not enough for me to remain with the State knowing we have been without the State offering a cost of living increase in about a decade, including current negotiations. Communities in Alaska suffer from the loss of quality state employees remaining and spending within their communities. Please consider this bill which would all employees the opportunity to make an informed decision and put state employees on an equal footing. Thank you for your consideration, Todd Anderson

From: Wendy Hansen
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
Subject: Support for HB 83
Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 12:47:52 PM

Hello Representatives,

My name is Wendy Hansen. I am writing in support of HB83. HB83 provides for cost savings to the state while offering a defined benefit and improved health benefits to current and prospective employees.

Thank you for the consideration.

Wendy Hansen
13711 Vern Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516

Sent from my iPhone

From: Andrea Mogil
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
Subject: Support for HB 83
Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 12:29:01 PM

Hello Representative--Your work is important and that's why I'm contacting you about the House Labor and Commerce Committee's support for the public employee Defined Benefit retirement bill HB 83.

The defined benefit plan option for Tier IV PERS and Tier III TRS employees offers pronounced advantages in that it offers greater certainty and security for retirees, and in some instances a financial advantage as well. These factors act as strong incentives to attract the highest caliber of employees to PERS and TRS positions, as well as to encourage longevity in experienced employees who can more easily develop and pass on institutional knowledge and provide a higher level of service to Alaskans. Lower turnover in turn results in lower personnel costs to PERS and TRS employers.

The defined benefit option looks like a win-win-win for Alaska residents, PERS and TRS retirement systems, and PERS and TRS employees. Please support this measure.

Thank you for your interest and hard work.
-Andrea Mogil, Juneau

Sent from my iPad

From: Jerry McBeath
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
Subject: HB 83
Date: Friday, February 16, 2018 2:12:41 PM

Dear Representatives Kito, Wool, Josephson, Stutes, Birch, Knopp, and Leonard:

I write in support of HB 83, which is under consideration in your committee. Permit me to illustrate why new employees of state agencies (and the University of Alaska) would gain from a retirement program offering them choice.

In 1976 I accepted a job offer from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks because the benefits program was superior to that offered by most other American universities (including the City University of New York where I was then employed). Those were tough years for the state, before completion of the pipeline in 1977 and the flow of oil began. The benefits program in effect then was designed to attract people with excellent credentials to Alaska and encourage them to remain throughout their careers. It certainly worked in my case (my degrees were from the University of Chicago and the University of California Berkeley) as I became a highly productive member of the UAF faculty and worked 38 years until my retirement in mid-2014.

During my employment I observed the effects of changes in the benefit program, particularly the pension system, on the morale and stability of the faculty. Especially damaging in my view was the development of an optional retirement program (ORP, a modified 401-k program) in the early 1990s. Colleagues complained about confusion concerning pension alternatives, and their lack of clear choice between ORP and any version of a defined benefits plan. All of the colleagues who entered the UA system at that time registered for ORP, and this became a negative factor in their morale. When they accepted job offers from other universities, the lack of a an option to have subscribed to a defined benefits pension system was a factor they mentioned to me as a reason to leave Alaska.

I hope you will give serious consideration to restoring to new employees a clear choice between a defined contribution plan and a defined benefit plan.

Best wishes to you in the important work of the Alaska Legislature this session; sincerely,
Jerry McBeath, Professor of Political Science Emeritus, U. of Alaska Fairbanks.

From: Tammy Smith
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
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Thank you,

Tammy Smith

From: Chandra McGee
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
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Hello Representative--

Please support HB 83. As a public employee, and lifelong Alaska, the movement of this bill would be very important to my family.

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Thank you for your support.

Chandra McGee

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From: J F
To: [Rep. Sam Kito](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Chris Birch](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#)
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This letter may look familiar because it is borrowed. While I do not have the time to draft an original for myself, this is a subject of great interest that concerns me and does require the attention I can give to it to respond.

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