
From: parker
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 1:05 PM
To: Rep. Shelley Hughes
Subject: budget

Please make sure that the budget is cut and not full of all the spending that the governor (walker) wants to do. the state of alaska needs to cut the spending and stick to a budget that reflects reality. I do not think that using the pfd for any purpose except what it is set up for by governor hamond. I do think that all the spending for welfare is not what the state of alaska should be doing, especially when you consider that the governor wants to subject the people to income or other tax.

please try to stop all the spending on the head start and other programs like that that are a waste of public money.

From: Jon Christensen
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 11:37 AM
To: Rep. Shelley Hughes
Subject: Gas taxes and the like

Shelley,

I read in the Newsminer that the state was thinking of doubling our gas taxes. In the article there was mention that the legislature was trying to figure out the economic impact on Alaskans. I can say this, EVERY single tax there is makes a big difference to our family. We just don't have money to play with or even save for retirement or our children's college education etc. We don't go on vacations every year, we don't go out to eat at restaurants more than once a year if that. We are very frugal and yet we keep having to cut our expenses because the cost of living keeps going up. My income level has not changed in years, in fact it has gone down.

What I am saying is that there may be state sponsored programs and employees that might be hurt by cuts but there are many others that have those programs and costs as real burdens on our backs. I don't get a nice retirement like a state employee will. I don't get nice medical like a state employee does. I only have 10 days of vacation and 5-6 paid holidays compared to the plethora of state paid days off... I have a family budget that cuts expenses when things get tough, I don't go and steal things from my neighbors. Right now I feel like the state thinks it can just raise taxes and steal stuff from us instead of cutting.

Look how much Alaska has as a budget per capita compared to ANY other state of a similar population and we are more than double. The faster the state cuts its costs the better off we will be even if it hurts some who are on the receiving end of the money train. There is far too much largess and it needs to be cut or those of us who are normal hard working people will be ruined financially...we can't take much more.

It is not just gas taxes it is everything.

I hope this letter will give those on the finance committee pause to think that there are those out there that really don't know where else to turn soon with the heavy financial burdens that are piled on us by the state.

Regards.

From: Lois Conway
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2016 5:34 PM
To: Kimberly Swiantek
Subject: RE: HB 249 FW: State of the State

I recently learned the gas tax was proposed to be \$0.16/gallon an increase from \$0.08/per gallon. I'm totally against any money grubbing from us until the State budget has been significantly reduced, and I mean significantly. I truly hope there is enough resistance to all of Gov. Walkers taxing proposals that put a stop to his outrageous ideas. NO tax increases or new taxes without much greater reduction in force. Thank you.

Lois Conway

Palmer

From: George Sahlstrom
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 8:47 PM
To: Rep. Shelley Hughes
Subject: Re: News From Hughes, Start of Session Update

Hello Shelley,

My stand on the gas tax is that it be mandated (constitutionally, if necessary) for repair/construction of roads, and only that.

Blessings to you!

George

From: Penny Nixon
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 6:39 AM
To: Rep. Shelley Hughes
Subject: Re: Update: Feb 1

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Thank you Shelley.

I'd oppose the fuel tax increases, and any attempt to raid the Perm Fund until the budget has been reduced 10% (actual).

Cheers,
Penny

From:
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 8:46 AM
To: Rep. Shelley Hughes
Subject: Re: reply on your news letter

Ms. Hughes,

Motor fuel tax is a penalty on Alaskans. It's already expensive to fly in Alaska and we fly more than any other state. With all of the coming budget cuts, this is going to make it harder on the bush that will already see major budget cuts. Seasonal motor fuel tax on vehicles at tourism time is the only possible additional fuel tax I could support.

Use a sales tax so visiting tourists can help pay. Put higher fees on tourist related fees (hunting and fishing, cruise, hotel, rental cars, etc.)...

Cut The Bureaucracy Budget deep and first. Cut, Cut, Cut!

Commercial fisherman are not paying a tax on that state resource, it's time they start. It's no different than oil or timber, or any state owned resource.

Many social programs are going to have to go.

Create a tax free export zone at Point Mackenzie and let free enterprise work to help pay through the ripple effect of new jobs, construction, etc..

We can't tax our way out of this without killing the economy. Taxing and forcing oil companies to do even more when they are hurting is possibly creating a even lower activity scenario for them shortly, that will hurt our state even more. Cost to produce oil is way cheaper in many places. There better be a real buyer (presold) for the gas from a state sponsored gas line and it better pencil or what a folly this is going to be!

Lower oil prices most likely will be here for the foreseeable future. Best plan for reality.

Thanks for your hard work,
Guy Turner

From: Alex Mahoy
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 6:45 PM
To: Rep. Shelley Hughes
Subject: Taxes and PFD

Say NO to taxes and raiding the PFD. If we can't afford it then shut it down Sent from my iPhone