

Daniel George

From: Meghan Nelson <timegnelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB114

Dear members of the Alaska state senate,

I am a lifelong Alaskan, born and raised in our capital city, I am writing in regards to SB114, which is currently under consideration today.

While I understand the budgetary shortfalls within the state, I do not believe that it is in the states interest to restructure the PFD and take it out of the hands of hardworking Alaskans who rely on it to make it through each year. Many of us do not make much throughout the year and use the PFD to purchase things (like heating fuel) that we otherwise cannot afford. Furthermore, the funds infuse our local economies with much needed income.

By even removing a portion of the yearly payout, you will be creating a ripple effect that will hurt our cities and small communities. You will also heavily penalize rural and remote communities/individuals who do not earn steady incomes and who seriously rely on the PFD to purchase supplies and fuel.

The government has never shown responsible stewardship of the money you already have available. Instead of further taxing average, hardworking Alaskans, start with cutting the innecessary fat from our budget - including the building you rent in Anchorage. Perhaps stop moving jobs out of Juneau (which does carry its own costs with it) and stop paying yourselves such high per dime rates. There are many ideas about how to balance the budget without making it more difficult for Alaskans to live in this already expensive state.

Both a PFD raid and a state income tax unfairly burden the working class and should not be considered. I am not alone in this opinion (in fact, most every Alaskan I have talked to about this agrees). Stop listening to the out of state, overpaid "advisers" and start listening to those of us who stand to be affected.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Meghan Nelson
Juneau Alaska

Daniel George

From: bart oconnor <oconnorbc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: NO on SB114

Absolutely NO on SB114 "An Act To Rip Off The Citizens Of Alaska"

Daniel George

From: Dale Lebahn <lebahn@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:00 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD

There is no way you need to take our PFD from us. It is not your money it is ours. There are allot of other ways you can get the budget under control then to take money that some of Alaskans need to make it through the year. Cut your wages first and see if that doesn't help but I am sure you won't even consider that? Stop paying people money to do a little job for you just because the gave you money to get elected. Come one get with he program and do things that are right for us the people that you work for.

Dale Lebahn

Daniel George

From: Erick Cordero Giorgana <erick.cordero@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 3:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB114

Members of Senate State Affairs Committee:

A lot of information, some correct and some not, has been floating around regarding SB114. As an Alaska resident, I would like to request the Legislature scrutinize all the grants that go out from State Departments. You might be surprised how much money you can cut for services that are being duplicated or hardly done by outside entities.

In addition, before looking at making changes to the PFD, please consider cutting the budget to pre Senate Coalition numbers. Spending increased drastically during that period. The problem with getting more revenue with the PFD, is not that you would get it, it's how it will be used. Too often Legislative budget priorities have been more wants than needs.

Thank you for your hard work. I do not envy your position in trying to work with limited resources and a demand for more services and grants.

Sincerely,

Erick Cordero Giorgana
Palmer, ALaska

Daniel George

From: frank kelty <fvkelty@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 2:48 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Lesil McGuire
Subject: Fwd: SB 128 and SB114

Chairman Stoltze, and Members of the State Affairs Committee,

I'm writing on behalf of myself, in support Senator McGuire Bill SB 114 I believe it is time to use a mineral lease rentals and royalty's and some of the PFD earnings to fund our government. This bill also supports at least a \$1,000 dividend to every qualified Alaska. Personally I would not even take a dividend if it would help fund Public Safety, Education, Health and Human Services and Fish and Game. I also support a state Income tax, I believe the oil tax credit program needs to be amended to reduce the amount of funding going to some of the worlds wealthiest corporations and if really needed a state sales tax in the 3 to 4% range. I believe all of the state mega projects should be mothballed at this time including road out of Juneau, Knik Bridge, Port of Anchorage bailout, and large hydro dam projects. I can't say strongly enough that we can't cut our way out of situation, in rural Alaskan communities we have already been cut to the bone.

In Unalaska we have seen reductions in Public Safety, PV Stimson was removed last year along with the majority of the troopers, the number #1 fishing port in the nation has only 1 Brown Shirt left, and one ADEC seafood inspector to cover the nations largest shoreside groundfish and crab processing plants, plus the offshore catcher processors fleets that do their offloads of finished products offloads in Unalaska. We have a school district that is facing a \$700,000 deficit and declining enrollment the city government already funds the school district at the the cap. WE DO NOT NEED FURTHER CUTS! WE NEED TO RAISE REVENUES NOW ! Once again we need to support SB 114 or similar bills and move forward with a state income tax, make changes to the oil tax credit program and a halt to all statewide mega projects.

**Thank You
Frank Kelty**

Daniel George

From: Joshua Stephenson <joshua.jstephenson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 12:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD usage

Dear sir or madam,

With the fact that our States savings will be depleted in approximately two years time, cutting vital programs such as education, transportation and services of veterans, is not a valid option. The common sense approach is to use the States Permanent Fund to address our financial situation. Thank you for your time

Daniel George

From: Marty Laudert <chmallk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 2:26 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB114 public testimony

If you would spend as much time trying to cut spending as you do trying to raid the PF, you would get more support from people like me. Cut the budget, No new taxes, especially a state income tax
Cut the spending, then we can look as increasing revenue, IF Needed, cut the spending, cut the budget, cut government. Cut education, start with the UA system, it's bloated and wasteful, cut medical benefits to state employees, PERS/TERS, it was way too big a promise to begin with and needs to be cut back.
What do you not understand about cutting?

Once all the cuts have been made, consider taking up to 50% of each and every PFD check. Other than that, leave things as they are. No income tax, no restructuring of the PF.

Marty Laudert
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Fairbanks AK 99709

Daniel George

From: melody DALBEC <meloin_2000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 12:57 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB114 Let's get Alaska's Budget right!

Hello, my name is Melody Dalbec and I live in the Fairbanks area. I'd like to thank you for providing us the opportunity to testify via email.

Our budget deficit is the most pressing issue the legislature will take up this year, because if we don't address this issue our savings will be gone in less than two years. And all public services will be affected.

It's clear we need to use a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to address our budget deficit. We all can agree there needs to be spending cuts and new sources of revenue, but these alone will not come close to filling our budget deficit. I'm sure the committee is working hard to gather as many income sources available to Alaska as possible, we need to act now. If we don't take this crucial step, we will be putting the Permanent Fund Dividend program itself in jeopardy.

Thank you for reading my email today, and I urge the legislature to act now, and use a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to address our budget deficit. Thank You.

Daniel George

From: Mike Houlihan <mhoulihan@gci.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 4:55 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 114 comment

Greetings,

I'm writing in regards to my support of Senate Bill 114. I strongly believe using a portion of the Permanent Fund to help our current budget deficit is necessary and needs to be ratified prior to the end of this session. US Navy Rear Admiral Grace Hopper was quoted as saying – “There are two costs – the cost of doing something and the cost of not doing something”. We cannot afford to wait and see what the cost of not enacting SB 114 will do to our State. Sacrifices will need to be made by all residents if we hope to see Alaska grow and prosper for generations to come.

Thank you,

Mike Houlihan

Wasilla

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From: Nancy Yow <sugarragstasha@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 6:58 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Ak. Debt

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The state needs to Stop over spending. Put a sales tax in Anchorage. And a state income tax.

Daniel George

From: tongassrain@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 2:02 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony Tonight.

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Hello, my name is Robert Varness and I live in the Juneau area. I'd like to thank you for providing us the opportunity to testify before you this evening.

Our budget deficit is without a doubt the most pressing issue the legislature will take up this year, because if we don't address this issue our savings will be gone in less than two years.

It's clear we need to use a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to address our budget deficit. We all can agree there need to be spending cuts and new sources of revenue, but these alone will not come close to filling our budget deficit. If we don't take this crucial step, we will be putting the Permanent Fund Dividend program itself in jeopardy.

I'm very concerned that without your swift actions this session, Alaska's business' will start reducing capital investment and start cutting overheads (Jobs) to brace for the upcoming impacts. We all need to be Alaskan citizens and do our fair share of what needs to happen now, to preserve our grand children's future.

Thank you for letting me bring testimony before you today, and I urge the legislature to act now, and use a portion of the Permanent Fund earnings to address our budget deficit. Thank you.

Sent from Surface Pro

Daniel George

From: Ron Holmstrom <holmstrom@alaskalife.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:16 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Permanent Fund/Economy

Dear Senators,

If our state is ever going to stop relying exclusively on the boom and bust unpredictability of the petroleum industry and begin to attract new industry, we must recognize that the 21st Century presents a very different challenge for Alaska. Without providing economic incentives to investors, Alaska is quite simply unable to compete with other states and countries.

We must find a way to remedy this detriment to our economic growth. Whether the solution is through an income or sales tax, the use of some of the Permanent Fund, both or other means, we can not continue to depend upon the largesse of one single industry for our fiscal well-being.

We must work to diversify our economy. Any other fixes are temporary.

Thank you,
Ron Holmstrom
Anchorage

Daniel George

From: Roy <mrroynathan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Fund

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To State Legislature and Govrnor Bill Walker

Alaska is in dire financial straights!

It makes no sense to gut the PFD fund.

Jay Hammond said correctly Greedy senate.state.affairs@akleg.gov want to spend! Spend!

I would rather see the state implement an income tax.

Perhaps a fee on all the out of state workers making money! Yup Alaska created jobs, for outsiders..this has to change; the kowtowing to oil companies and outsiders.

I am a lifetime Alaskan, how many of u leaders have any intention of staying for the long haul in Alaska?

Downsizing doesn't scare me, being a Alaskan many of us are left out of the "jobs."

Realistically panicking is not smart! Wait for a bit and quit fear mongering to get public support.

In all Sincerity

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Daniel George

From: Tamra Wear <tamra.wear@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: In Support of SB 114

Please consider the merits of SB 114. In this time of fiscal crisis the people of Alaska should be willing to sacrifice a portion of their yearly PFD to keep our public services sufficiently staffed and running smoothly. What's the use of a PFD check in the fall if our roads are unmaintained, the troopers are understaffed, and our schools can't meet the needs of our children?

SB 114 is a great way to move our wonderful state forward in a positive direction.

Thank you for your time,

Tamra Wear

Soldotna, Alaska

Daniel George

From: Travis Robotkay <aklynx99@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 7:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Budget

Alaska Senate,

Your hard work and willingness to listen to public testimony is appreciated. We are weathering through an unprecedented decline in oil prices, which doesn't give any signs of relief for the longer term. Unfortunately this may be a situation in which we are going to have to learn to cope with.

My suggestions for solving the crisis are threefold:

- 1) Eliminate production tax credits for oil companies. This would save in the neighborhood of \$700 million per year.
- 2) Institute a statewide sales tax; excluding food from grocery stores. This way all pay an equal amount according to their spending habits and the poor aren't unjustly taxed for feeding their families.
Sales tax would also allow us to tax the 2 million tourists we see each year. Income taxes would hit the working class people the hardest. These are the people who make the economy hum...we don't want to hit them especially in the face of a slowing economy.
- 3) Reduce state spending further by at least another \$500 million per year. Please don't tell us that this cannot be done, because it can. This is a crisis. All nonessential spending needs to be axed. Period.

Thank you for reviewing my proposal.

Sincerely,
Travis Robotkay

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