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Legislators
State of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Re: Three, (3), Billion Plus dollar deficit, suggested fix:

Dear Lawmakers:

Greetings, and thank you for allowing everyday people to help you fix a problem long in the making. A little about what I do that might qualify my input and suggestions.

Back in 1984 I became "board-member," of an ANCSA corporation and have been that since. In 1991 I became "Tribal Administrator," for our village tribal government and have been in executive management of that entity since, in one form or another.

With that back-ground I listened to the presentation being shopped around by Mr. Gunther Knapp and using my "gifted ability," to see how things are and outline a way to improve them here is what came to mind:

First whomever the idiot is, who promoted and/or supported, got us in this fix, having "One major income stream," to rely on, Or put all our eggs in one basket sort-to-speak, you need to irrevocably get rid of him/her/them and as lawmakers create a policy, qualification, law which while lawmakers and/or governors are being interviewed for this job or jobs they must show proven experience of promoting "income diversification and fiscal restraint,"

Secondly another qualification, law and/or policy needed adopting before you are not looking at a 3 billion dollar deficit is at "NO Time," will the State of Alaska per-capita expenditure –per Alaskan exceed a equally weighted formula of State income verses State expense, (I pray I'm saying that right; According to Mr. Knapp's presentation, IF I remember right, each of us are a running a \$4,750.00 + more or less cost per person expense in the State operating budget, mostly funding the exurbanite education and health budgets, Un-sustainable and not with the norm of other states).

Thirdly; Create another law, policy and/or qualification requiring Alaskans adopt a State vision statement-Mission statement lawmakers/Governors are to follow; requiring diversification of income streams, not this 95% of our income is from oil sales and 5% is from all other resource sales; I reality it should look similar to this: 1/6th Oil, 1/6th Fisheries, 1/6th Minerals, 1/6th Land and 1/6th Water, 1/6th

other Sales equals total State budget, including capital expenditures. These resources named may not be the exact items but you get the concept I hope.

Forth; Immediately get your health and education expense back to within other State standards only an appropriate sum which can be sustained, so what if it hurts extremely bad immediately, it's like pulling a band aide, get it back to realistic per capita expenditure;

Finally; "IF" your chicken, for this immediate budget year then do a 1/3 based upon actual reoccurring income-1/3 withdrawal from State savings account and 1/3 cut total costs,(again mostly health and education, bring it back into sustainable realities); next budget period do it again till you're within income/expense budget guidelines, ending your use of State savings account. It sounded from Mr. Knapp other states per capita expense is around \$500.00 each total for all serves provided by State government and hey we got less people than many states.

By the way, we really don't need so many legislators, staff support, offices space costs, etc., for a state with the population we have, cut that cost in-half too.

Thank you for allowing ordinary Alaskans the opportunity to fix the problems you all created.

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