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From: Ray Cammisa <raybird68@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 8:34 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB114

I support all aspects of the Governors budget plan. Three up years ago your vote for SB21 has lead to the problem we have today. Your corruption and malfeasance are clearly evident in all you actions of governance. We the Alaskan voters will see that you will be removed from office.

Doniece Gott

From: Harmony Roll <taigatrekkers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 5:08 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: PFD Input

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

Please use the PFD to help mitigate the current deficit we face. At the very least please switch the funding so that the PFD individual checks are pulled from the more volatile/fluctuating fund and the state revenue is pulled from the more steady predictable fund. A state income tax should also be a strong consideration as a source of revenue. Please start seriously looking at other sources of revenue and stop counting on oil. Alaska could be on the forefront of sustainable resources and progressive investing.

Thank you for your time,
Harmony Lanen Roll M.Ed
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Doniece Gott

From: Sherry Eckrich <seckrich2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:31 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: PFD Restructure

As a long-time Alaska resident and a concerned senior, I believe we have become too dependent on our annual dividend check from the state. I know that some residents, particularly those from rural areas with few opportunities for employment, need that extra annual income to meet their expenses, so I wouldn't want to see it eliminated. I would like to see the dividend capped at \$800 to \$1000, with the remainder going to fund vital government functions.

We have seen enough (and in some cases, too many and too large) cuts to our budget. It is time to look at additional sources of revenue, including taxes. I favor reduction of the credits being paid to oil companies, taxes on resource extraction, a state income tax, and a state sales tax.

I hear too often that state residents do not want to consider additional sources of revenue until more cuts are made from the budget. Please tally my voice as one who is definitely in favor of looking at generating new sources of income. We need to have a reasonable and balanced approach to the budget crisis.

Thank you,
Sherry Eckrich
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Sent from my iPad

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From: Paul Winkel <pdwinkel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:32 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Sherry Eckrich
Subject: PFD Restructure

I read with dismay that the head of the Senate Finance Committee will refuse to consider additional revenue sources for the state of Alaska in dealing with the budget crisis. This in the face of every reputable economist in the state saying this the worst approach for the long term financial, educational and social health of everyone in Alaska.

Cuts were necessary, but the pendulum has swung too far to that side. It's time to pay the piper, for the years of no taxes and a PFD check every year. I want to be a responsible resident, do my part to pay for the services and benefits I get. I didn't move here in 1982 to be part of an entitlement generation. We're all in this together, and everyone should feel the pain and share the burden.

I hope for a balanced solution. In rough proportion, to help balance the budget, a third of additional revenues to be from the Permanent Fund, a third from income taxes, and a third from sales taxes. Repeal some of the more egregious cuts to the budget, like those in education, transportation and social services.

Make sure everyone contributes, including out of state workers, tourists, businesses that benefit from our resources. Businesses that profit from alcohol and tobacco should pay the cost of the programs that their products make necessary. Governor Walker's proposals are a good starting point.

I am hoping there are enough legislators in Juneau that will put the welfare of Alaskans first, overlook dead end political solutions, and shepherd us through this crisis. I wait with optimism.

Paul Winkel
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From: Sherry Eckrich <seckrich2@gmail.com>;
To: <finance.committee@akleg.gov>;
Subject: PFD Restructure
Sent: Tue, Mar 22, 2016 5:30:35 PM

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From: Jasonmnorris <jasonmnorris@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:53 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Permanent Fund Testimony

To Whom It May Concern,

I am in favor of utilizing earnings from an inflation-proofed Permanent Fund to pay for State Government. I am in favor of instituting a sales and/or personal income tax, if absolutely necessary. However, it makes no sense to institute any additional personal tax without first instituting this change to the Permanent Fund.

Thank you,
Jason Norris
Anchorage, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Mary Griswold <mgrt@xyz.net>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 2:44 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 128 and SB 114

It is time to direct state revenue to fund essential government services. It is time to cap Permanent Fund Dividends. I cannot parse the finer points of SB 128 and SB 114, but I support their goals. I support a \$1000 PFD for 2016 as proposed in SB 128 rather than the larger dividend allowed in SB 114. I also support a state income tax. Please let's get our finances in order now.

Mary Griswold
Homer

Doniece Gott

From: AMY LUJAN <alaso@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 2:17 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Testimony on Permanent Fund Restructure Bills

Senate Finance Committee Members,

On behalf of my association, I would like to weigh in once again in favor of a comprehensive solution to the state's fiscal crisis. This will inevitably involve restructuring of the use of the permanent fund; otherwise the numbers just don't add up. Both SB114 and SB128 have promise, and we realize that there are many factors to weigh into the balance, to determine the final approach.

Our association has consistently advocated for a comprehensive fiscal plan for the state, for at least the last 10 years. We urge you to take action this session on a comprehensive solution, involving the permanent fund, taxes and budget cuts.

Thank you,

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Doniece Gott

From: David Tallmon <dtallmon42@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 4:31 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: cap the permanent fund dividend

Dear Finance Committee Members-

I would urge you to consider all potential sources of income to deal with the Alaska budget deficit. This includes capping the annual payout of the Permanent Fund Dividend to \$1000/resident/year and using the leftover money to pay down our deficit and to fund education in Alaska. Simply continuing to cut our programs and services is a disservice to the people of Alaska.

Thank you,

David Tallmon

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Doniece Gott

From: Bill & Sharon Young <youngak@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 20, 2016 12:48 PM
To: Bill & Sharon Young
Subject: Support for Gov Walker's budget proposal

Alaska Legislators,

I support some version of Governor Walker's proposed spending cuts, taxes and some permanent Fund earnings. Please act now to develop a balanced, long-term solution to Alaska's budget problems. Spending cuts are essential, oil tax credits must be reduced and fair to Alaska, and you must find additional revenue to put us on a path of long term fiscal sustainability.

SB 128
need to
pass

I do not support you balancing the entire budget shortfall from the Constitutional Budget Reserve.

Sincerely,

William Young

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