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From: Martha Farris <mfarris@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 9:43 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Martha Farris
Subject: Feedback on Permanent Fund Bills

I am a retired woman who intends to stay in Alaska. I have lived in Alaska since I was 3 years old. My husband I are on a fixed income and we watch our money carefully, so this issue is very important to us. BEFORE anyone changes the Permanent Fund, please please institute an income tax. Please think about restructuring the current oil taxes. If we who are on a fixed income, are willing to pay taxes to get Alaska back to a firm financial state, then surely this suggestion has broad support among Alaskans. Other people have expressed this view in ADN and my support network (seniors and their children) all say the same thing. DO NOT mess with the Permanent Fund UNTIL an income tax is instituted. Once we are all paying taxes it will be time to change the PFD. This was an issue when Alaska was a territory and the solution was to raise taxes. We live in a wonderful state- we should be willing to pay for services. I am- even when it hurts!
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From: Liz Breuker <ebreuker@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:37 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 114 Public Testimony

Elizabeth Breuker, Deltana, AK, District 9

My testimony:

The Legislature should never have gone on a spending spree when oil prices were high. Senator McGuire should be commended for coming up with an idea and a plan to resolve the State budget crisis, but as a whole, the Alaskan Legislature has lived high on the hog for far too long. The Alaskan government needs to be shrunk, positions need to be eliminated, and the overspending must stop. The status quo is unhealthy and SB 114 is not the cure.

Off the top of my head, slash education funding. GET RID OF COMMON CORE AKA ALASKA STATE STANDARDS AND ITS EXPENSIVE TESTING. Get the Federal Dept. of Education out of Alaska; it is burdening us now. Let each School District determine what curriculum and testing to administer. Getting rid of this slashes pork in education funding, as well as opens up the conversation for educators in this great state to receive the pay raise that they truly deserve. Less government control = better salaries for educators.

Less government spending = fiscal stability and retention of all eligible Alaskans' PFD. There is no need to touch the PFD when the solution has been in front of us the entire time - live within our means, and don't overspend.

Also, please look at repealing the MAP Act. It's been a disaster and I believe that bringing ACES back would open opportunities, again, for drilling.

There are many things that can be done, but allowing the Legislature to live comfortably tucked away in Juneau, maintaining the status quo of overspending is something that cannot be done any longer.

It's time that the Legislature live like us regular folk.

Respectfully,
Elizabeth Breuker

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From: Dean Camery <dwcamery@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 2:45 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Restructure the Permanent Fund

It is time for me to put in my \$0.02 on this subject. The current budget for Alaska is \$5.4 BILLION with revenues of \$1.6 BILLION. The state will spend in excess of \$7,000 per capita this year alone. I do NOT see where I am receiving much of a benefit from that level of spending. I am a productive member of society and also pay in excess of \$4,000 per year in property taxes to keep Anchorage and the failing School system in business. I don't see much of a return on investment for those dollars either.

Now you are considering having access to the Permanent Fund. Your spending is totally out of control. You would figure out how to spend all the Permanent Fund in 10 years or less. It is my job as a common citizen of Alaska to keep your hands off as much money as I can. You need to learn how to spend less, not to finagle how to access more funds.

If you want to have the Permanent Fund, you should consider buying out all current dividend recipients of the fund. Let's start the discussion at \$50,000.00 per capita.

In the meantime, let's not raise taxes on Alaskans in any form or manner until you have made real cuts and reductions in the budget down to a spending level of \$4.00 BILLION or LESS. Then we can have a serious discussion of increasing revenues, but not until.

Thanks you for allowing me a couple minutes of Freedom.

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From: Lenny <lenny@aptalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 3:44 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: PFD

I,m a 69 yr old ak male born in alaska,,,you have been trying ever since the pfd was set up to get your paws on it,,,alaska has had a spending problem forever,,,what happened when wally hickel ran for governor promising to cut gov spending by 10%,,HA,,,,possibly the only way to get your hands on it was to do what mackie from POW suggested years ago,,,take one half of the PFD and give a onetime check to each citizen,,,then you can squander the rest,,,I know and you know that you will never be happy until you have blown every last dime,,,lenny peterson