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From: Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 1:38 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: SB114 and SB 128, Senate Finance Committee public comment

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Subject: SB114 and SB 128, Senate Finance Committee public comment

I am in opposition to SB114 and SB128.

I am against these 'raids' on the Permanent Fund for several reasons:

First of all, you are eyeing this 'raid' because it's a large, low hanging fruit. The problem is that you are addressing the symptoms, not the cause of the problem. You are looking at this because you think it's an easy way out, rather than making the hard decisions to really make the necessary cuts in spending to make the budget sustainable. We simply

cannot afford the size and scope of our current government. The cuts you have made so far are not nearly enough! Get to the \$4.5B UGF. Then and only then can we start to address new revenue sources.

Secondly, the Permanent Fund is not what's broken, so don't try to 'fix' it. The oil revenue is what's broken. We are paying out more in oil credits than we are taking in . in both oil taxes and royalties! While not the solution, we would be better off if we just shut down the pipeline altogether! So clearly, this latest oil tax/credit plan is not working and this is where you need to fix things.

I have heard some comments that the government should prime the pump in these tough economic times. I believe it's both wasteful and foolish to continue to prime the pump when the well is dry.

So once again, keep your hands off the Permanent Fund. You need to cut this bloated state government. I for one will vote and work to remove anyone from public office that tries to raid the PFD.

Bill Zorb
Fairbanks



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the ___ Senate Finance Committee
SB114, SB128 dated _____0302416_____.

Please accept the following as written testimony.

March 24, 2016

Legislators:

I oppose both of the referenced bills. The people of Alaska have spoken loudly about keeping the State's hands off the PFD. The Legislature has not done its job and cut the budget. Cut the budget to about \$3 billion. Repeal SB21 and all tax credits for oil companies.

Impose a production tax on each barrel of oil produced. You, our elected representatives are giving away our finite resource. What you are doing is not constitutional. Our resources are to be managed for the good of the people, not private corporations.

Most of the Senate is corrupted and paid for by the corporations. Those of you who are not need to take a stand for the people. Hands off the Permanent Fund, cut the budget, tax the oil.

Thank you,

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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 COMMITTEE: Senate Finance Committee DATE: 3-24-2016

I say NO To ^{Senate} ~~House~~ Bill 114 & SB 128
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S.B. # 114 & S.B. # 128

COMMITTEE:

Senate Finance Committee DATE: 3-24-2016

First visualize when oil revenues started.

Now look at the top pay scale for all of our "all" employees and aides - how many aides does one need and high salaries - cut them go down the line, where else can cuts be made.

After all that, the State of Alaska has the most senior citizens on a fixed income.

Also young families, we need them here a lot on low income budgets. I do believe if you have to go into the reserves, I'll agree to support it, if and when you go to the top first like we have been cut in Social Security, "with lots of monitoring"

Bless you all - will be praying for you all Thank you

Doniece Gott

From: Seese, Cheryl <cseese@kpb.us>
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Subject: Use of the Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve

Use of the Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve:

This is not just a “give me to” to Alaskans’. This is also an important influx of currency for our local and states’ economy. Please, please protect it from Governor Walker; once it is tapped it will never be free from governments’ hands again.

Rather, I suggest that we charge a 2% to 3% “sales” tax. This way everyone will contribute including tourists. Please do not place an income tax on our residents, but if we must, let’s only charge those who earn here but live “outside.” I believe we need a multi-faceted approach for gaining revenue for diminishing and finally deleting our defecates and debt.

Thank you for your hard work on this and the rest of our budget.

Respectfully,

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Subject: RE FEEDBACK ON PFD BILLS

HELLO, My name is Patience Campbell and I have been a resident of Alaska since 1965

I am opposed to any way of changing the Permanent Fund. It was created to be a permanent fund for the peoples of Alaska.

First, I suggest a reduction in spending.

Second, reducing the legislators and governor's salary, because they are the ones responsible for the debt now facing the State of Alaska.

Third, I believe a sales tax would be the best way to reduce that debt.

I have to live by the balance in my checkbook, the State should not overspend there balance.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my thoughts.

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Subject: Permanent Fund restructure testimony....

Dear Members of the Alaska Senate Finance Committee,

Please accept my testimony on the Governor's and McGuire's Plans to restructure the Permanent Fund.

I don't support either plan because the existing proposed cuts are insufficient and our deficit situation is getting worse by the day. We're not going to be able to tax and spend our way out of this mess.

With the governor's recent announcement, which everyone already knew anyway, that our deficit will grow by 300 million dollars due to overly optimistic oil pricing the need to cut government spending and the size of it's workforce is more urgent now than ever.

Cut enough already? Sen. Kelly is correct that the cuts thus far have raised nary a peep. Sure, Wohlforth comments on a 36 year old PhD, his wife and child having lived and worked in Alaska for nearly three years is somehow guaranteed a life time of wages, benefits and a pension? So the PhD is packing their bags and moving to Iowa for another heavily subsidized gig; no, not oil but agriculture subsidies will fund this one. The point is, the senator makes a good point in that 10" of snow fell yesterday and no one is complaining about the idle plows. We can cut more!

We can cut 150 million from the education budget and 150 million from DHSS to address the 300 million shortfall from oil price declines. I want to see our legislators return to the problem of government spending and the size of its workforce before considering revenue and considering the Governor's Plan or McGuire's Plan to restructure the Permanent Fund.

I do remain, however, committed to Clem Tillion's Plan which is to cut government spending to affordable levels and an income tax which captures some of the Dividend and is less harmful to the elderly, students and young Alaskans. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 24, 2016

To: Alaska Senate Finance Committee

Re: Senate Finance Testimony & Submission regarding SB114 & SB128

Thank You for taking the public's opinion on these two bills that will fundamentally change how the State of Alaska conducts its business and approached its fiduciary responsibility to Alaskans. Currently the State must make some changes to how it does things and must while doing look into the core issue that has gotten Us to this point. For the last decade or so, the operations of government have grown above inflation rates while services haven't increased to that amount. This must be fixed.

All across Alaska, people are wondering how they will make it through the coming fiscal fall that our once robust economy is facing. Households will have to tighten their belts and constrain their spending within their means. Extras and some perceived necessities are going to be cut from the budgets of Alaskans...that's just the way things work. This is also how Our government should function...living within Our means through concerted efforts to develop truly sustainable budgeting practices.

For the several years, I have involved myself heavily in the processes of participating in government through submitting comments and op-eds to various legislators and specific committees such as this one. I have also been involved in several public awareness campaigns from the Repeal SB21 Vote, to helping develop and promote the United For Liberty FY2017 Budget Proposals to the current #ProtectThePFD effort. The legislature asked Alaskans for their input and assistance in addressing the fiscal issues that We face together and We've stepped up. However, it's hard to feel as if the Legislature is doing the same.

Currently the polls We have been conducting show an overwhelming support for Protecting the current Permanent Fund structure and payout formulas. You can see the poll on Our website, ProtectThePFD.com. The current results are:

Do You want the government of Alaska to take part of Your PFD to pay for above inflation government sector growth?

No **88.92%** (345 votes)

Yes **9.54%** (37 votes)

Don't Know **1.54%** (6 votes)

Total Votes: **388**

Please accept the attached PDF as a part of my testimony submission for your committee's consideration:

Sincerely,

Jon Corbett

Dillingham, Alaska

Submission Via E-mail to Committee & Members

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Think Blue...Not Green. The more we can use natures energy, the less CO2 we expel.