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From: Arne Erickson <erickson.arne42@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2016 11:17 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee; Rep. David Guttenberg; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Dunleavy
Subject: Leave the PFD Alone Please

Dear Finance Committee,

I am a lifelong Alaskan, born in Glennallen in 1963 and currently residing in Fairbanks. I adamantly oppose any legislation to tinker further with the Permanent Fund. Alaska spends more money per capita on State Government than any other state. I firmly believe this extravagant spending is a direct result of 2 things 1) Alaska came into lots of money in oil revenue and 2) Alaska eliminated personal income tax.

The problem with eliminating the income tax and giving state government direct access to the oil revenues is that it eliminated a check against wasteful spending in that before oil to increase spending the legislature had to raise taxes, which was a dangerous move at the ballot box for winning reelection. Now that these political consequences have been removed we have seen an explosion in state spending. The solution to our present budget crisis is not to perpetuate the problem by giving the legislature more direct access to oil revenues... this is like trying to put out a fire by throwing gasoline on it.

I would urge the legislature to address the current budget situation by 1) cutting all mega projects like the Ambler Road, the Juneau Road, Knik Arm bridge, etc. 2) Take another look at school choice/voucher legislation to reform education in Alaska, put more money into the private sector, and lower the per pupil costs (my son got an excellent education for about \$8000 per year at a private school, I have heard state schools spend about 16K per pupil. 3) If more revenue is still needed re institute a personal income tax.

I believe the income tax is the best solution for more revenue because 1) it makes the legislature and governor accountable to the voters for their spending, and 2) income tax collects revenue from the many non-resident workers in the fishing, tourism, and oil industries that have not been contributing for decades costing millions in lost revenue.

thanks for putting Alaska first

respectfully,

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"a family can survive without a nation, but a nation cannot survive without the family"

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From: Thomas Hildreth <thardbal@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 5:04 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: NO on the PFD Raid

Please do not attempt to get any money from the Permanent Fund - it is not the fault of us Alaskans for the budget crisis created by low oil prices and the ridiculous spending habits of our elected officials in Juneau.

Governor Hammond when he created of fund also didn't feel this should be the rainy day fund, but that of the people's money.

If you are so deadset on using it, do a final payout - each eligible Alaskan get a minimum of \$50K then you can wipe clean any remaining in a couple of years.

Thank you

Tom Hildreth

Wasilla

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From: Mark Charlie <markdcharlie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 4:19 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Alaska Permanent Fund

Good afternoon Senators,

I do not support the use or the raiding of the Alaska PFD for state government. In rural Alaska where high unemployment and poverty rates are high and a daily fact of life the PFD is the only source of income for many rural Alaska residents used to support living. I agree with people can do less with PFD only in areas where jobs are available. Otherwise less PFD will hurt families and children. It will also hurt businesses in urban Alaska as much of the use of PFD's is done in Anchorage or Fairbanks.

Mark Charlie
Bethel, AK 99559

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From: Coleen Mielke <coleen_mielke@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2016 3:26 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: HB

Please, please, please..... as a life long Alaskan, I am asking you to NOT RAID THE ALASKA PFD. It was originally named the PERMANENT fund for a reason. You have NO BUSINESS touching the funds that have been legally designated to go to Alaska citizens.

You've wastefully spent YOUR part of the PFD.....hands off of mine!!

Coleen Mielke
Wasilla, Alaska

http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~coleen/south_central_alaska.html

Doniece Gott

From: Sen. Pete Kelly
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2016 2:22 PM
To: Doniece Gott
Subject: FW: I do not support SB 114 and SB 128

From: Delice Alexander [mailto:whaleislanddrumbeat@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 11:56 AM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Dunleavy <Sen.Mike.Dunleavy@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lesil McGuire <Sen.Lesil.McGuire@akleg.gov>; Sen. Pete Kelly <Sen.Pete.Kelly@akleg.gov>; Sen. Berta Gardner <Sen.Berta.Gardner@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Tuck <Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Representative.ivey sponholtz@akleg.gov
Subject: Re: I do not support SB 114 and SB 128

Please accept additional testimony comment/document...

I worked at Alaska Federation of Natives beginning on April 1, 1971 (before they incorporated without the members knowledge or consent... just saying)
then for Cook Inlet Native Association when Bob Rude was President.....

The revenue participation is part of the ANCSA negotiations... Leave the dividends alone!

Appendixes: History of Events Leading to the Passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

"1969: AFN represented by former Justice Arthur Goldberg & Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney General. AFN bill proposal: concept of unlimited revenue sharing; 40 mil. acres, \$500 million; Native corporations; 2% perpetual share of revenues produced from Native lands given up to state in the settlement."

Appendixes: History of Events Leading to the Passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

On Thursday, March 24, 2016 10:48 AM, Delice Alexander <whaleislanddrumbeat@yahoo.com> wrote:

I appreciate the comments of former Senator Rick Halford and incorporate them into my testimony.
Reduce the size of State personnel.
Don't hope for higher oil prices.
Reduce expenses, what is the real purpose of the INVESTMENTS of the Permanent Fund?
Is it to act as a major philanthropic foundation for the oil/mining and banking industry?
Why are our funds invested in the War Zones over the Planet?
Why are our funds invested in MONSANTO et al?

And why isn't the Dec. 31, 2015 INVESTMENT REPORT not available on the Permanent Fund website?
<http://www.apfc.org/home/Media/investments/stockholdings.pdf>

Why did the Corporation only invest in one real estate building in Alaska: Goldbelt Plaza
Texas is highly invested in for Real Estate holdings and the amount of oil and gas companies in Texas is
astounding. I object. What is the total % rate of the Investments for 2015? Was it 1% or 2% ... doesn't look
anything like a 14% investment attainment for 2015. Are the seat holders of the Corporation from Texas? Are
the seat holders allowed to own shares in any of the corporations that they invest in?

I also incorporate the comments of Jim Sykes! All of his comments! This attack on the Permanent Fund is not
an honest (fully informed) or shared sacrifice.

I do not like the people that created a non-profit Click, Pick, Give. Where is their annual report that this entity
provides showing how much was received, HOW MUCH WAS KEPT/used FOR THEIR ADMINISTRATION
ETC ETC ETC and what was distributed to the non-profits that stand with the Rasmussens/Kaplans/Gottsteins
et al ...

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From: Tejas <tejas_dragon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2016 4:53 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 114/128

You are my elected officials. You had better represent me and other Alaskans and protect our PFD from the grasping hands of this Governor and his cabinet. If you do allow him and his any access to OUR fund, I will proudly assist other Alaskans with a recall vote for your job.

Protect our PFD or we will remove you from office.

We The People have spoken and will be heard.

Tejas Dragon

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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From: Marv Hanson <hansonanc@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2016 3:56 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Time for serious solutions

Dear Senators,

Alaska is in a serious financial crisis, now we have an additional \$300 million deficit to overcome. Bold moves must be taken now even if they are unpopular.

Yes, we need to cut expenditures to the bone, but we cannot cut our way to fiscal security, and with oil revenues declining we must have new sources of revenue. Raiding the Permanent Fund is not sustainable, even if it may be part of the present solution.

As much as I am against increased taxes, I see no alternative but to initiate a state income and/or sales tax, preferably with a sunset clause when times are better. We have enjoyed a free ride for a long time, but now it is time for all of us to share in the budget crisis solution.

I know this may be unpopular and you may suffer politically for it, but it is time to do the right thing and have the fortitude to do what is necessary to keep us solvent. Please have the courage to act now, next year will be too late.

Sincerely,

Marvin L. Hanson

Homer, Alaska

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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REPRESENTING:

Self

BILL # or SUBJECT:

Any & All Bills concerning P.F. Dividend Formula

COMMITTEE:

DATE: 3-24-16

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to strongly suggest that the P.F. Dividend program be left alone in its original form, purpose, and integrity.

Personally, the Dividend does not "make or break" me, but it does make me part of the involved citizenry and a good share of the dividend I return to the State's revenue thru the form of gasoline, alcohol, & tobacco taxes.

My concerns are really focused on the elderly (fixed income) and young families, multiple children low wage jobs trying to feed, cloth, & educate our future citizens. The Dividends are a huge boost to the overall state economy, avoiding major recession, but still being able to re-coop funds back to the state coffers thru a Income Tax that 45 other states have.

When the lawmakers gut, raid, cap, or

reformulate the dividend program. I see a total abuse of our younger generations, age 1yr. thru 17 yrs. that can not vote (Taxation without Representation) that are already being left holding the future bag P.E.R.S. and Ter.s., 660 million giveaway to Trans Canada, 40 million Anchorage L.I.O. to name a few examples of continuing drag on the future generations.

In closing, please, please, do not make the citizens of Alaska watch as more young people drop out of school to get their little low-wage jobs to help their families or hit the cardboard signs at the shopping centers for income supplementation while we can't bring forth a income tax for our out of state employees and residents that have funds but don't care to contribute back to the STATE from whence it came.

Thank You

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NAME: Brian Barta
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BILL # or SUBJECT: Permanent Fund Restructuring Bills
COMMITTEE: Senate Finance DATE: 3-24-16

THE PERMANENT FUND WAS QUITE RATIONALLY & REASONABLY INSTITUTED TO PAY TO QUALIFIED RESIDENTS A CHECK EVERY YEAR BASED ON THE FUND ITS PROFITS FROM INVESTMENTS WHICH IN FACT IS THE PEOPLES (QUALIFIED RESIDENTS) MONEY. FUNDS IN BOTH MAIN CATEGORY BELONG TO THESE RESIDENTS. THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN JUNEAU ARE THE MANAGERS (MUCH LIKE BANKS MANAGE CUSTOMERS DEPOSITS) WHO ARE NOT THE OWNERS OF THE FUNDS OR FUNDS INVESTMENT. I REPEAT THEY ARE VOTED IN BY THEIR EMPLOYERS (THE VOTERS/RESIDENTS) AS MANAGERS OF THE PERMANENT FUND (THROUGH THE PERMANENT FUND MANAGEMENT UNIT OR AGENCY).

HARD AS IT MAY BE WHEN THROUGH LOWER LIMITS ON STATE INCOME. IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE LEGISLATURES BOTH HOUSES TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY, TO USE THE INCOME THE STATE HAS (SEPARATE FROM PERMANENT FUND FUNDS) EXPEND AND AUTHORIZE PAYING FOR ~~STATE~~ NECESSARY EXPENSES. WHERE STATE INCOME IS LESS THEN NECESSARY EXPENSES, THEN CUTS IN THE EXPENSES MUST BE MADE. HARD AS IT MAY BE THE LEGISLATURE MUST BE REMINDED THAT WHAT TO PAY FOR AND OPERATE STATE NECESSARY NEEDS IS DETERMINED BY WHAT THE VOTERS IN THE MAIN WANT (EVEN IF ~~THE~~ THE VOTERS ARE WRONG EVEN THEN THE LEGISLATURE MUST THEREFOR ONLY CAN USE INCOME THE STATE TAKES IN)