

Operating  
Budget Public  
Testimony: #2  
General Budget  
Comments and  
Suggestions

## Doniece Gott

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**From:** Gregory Fries <kickbatkool@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 3:23 PM  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Seaton/coalition plan

I support Paul Seaton's and the bipartisan coalition's efforts to develop an equitable state budget plan. While people may well be averse to added taxes, it is worth noting that state and local taxes have targets we're more aware of and are deductible from federal taxes, of whose targets we are less aware. Also the bipartisan process is a welcome departure back to more collegial and less adversarial activity between parties in government.

G. Fries  
Homer

Sent from my iPhone

Request this testimony be placed on the documents for SB22.

Chairman Hoffman, Committee members, I am David Boyle, Executive Director of the Alaska Policy Forum, a nonprofit which takes no funding from federal, state or local governments. I am speaking for myself and those who are not aware of what is happening in this state. Many legislators have stated that it is just too hard to cut the Operating Budget. This is because of the many special interests who are feeding at the trough of state government. The trough has dried up and now these same special interests want Alaskans to fill that trough with their wealth. To make it easier for you, I have reviewed SB22 and have provided a listing of those areas/programs which are not core services of the state and not necessary to fund. I have listed these as SB22 page numbers, line item, amount and the number of PFDs for the program.

<u>Page</u>	<u>line</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>PFDs</u>
3	33	AK Land Mobile Radio	\$4.4M	4,400
6	16	AK Gasline Devlpt Corp	\$10.3M	10,300
10	19	Dept of Ed IT	\$1M	1,000
10	31	PreK	\$2M	2,000
10	30	Earl Learning Coord	\$8.6M	8,600
11	5	1% For Art Council	\$2.8M	2,800
13	13	State Libraries/Museums	\$10.1M	10,100
11	25	WWAMI	\$3M	3,000
11	27	AK Performance Schol	\$11.8M	11,800
19	19	Performance Bonus DHSS	\$6M	6,000
20	17	Adult prev dental DHSS	\$15.6M	15,600
21	26	AK Safety Advis Council	\$161K	161
22	19	AK VOTEC	\$15M	15,000
25	8	AK Aerospace Corp	\$11M	11,000
27	24	Troopers Special Projects	\$2.6M	2,600
29	29	Prisoner Transport Troopers	\$2.3M	2,300
36	13	UAF Org Research	\$55M	55,000
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>\$161,661M</u>	<u>161,661 PFDs</u>

All of the above are not core services required by the Alaska Constitution. There are many more suggested cuts, by Department, at [www.missioncriticalalaska.com](http://www.missioncriticalalaska.com). One very large source of funds that is not addressed above is the number of "funded, vacant" positions. As you know, it is very difficult to get any valid information from the Administration on these positions. I believe that there may be more than 2,500 funded, vacant positions. Valuing these positions at \$100,000 means that more than \$250,000,000. Recommend you subpoena the Administration to ascertain the real number of funded, vacant positions. We cannot afford not to.

It is time to make the "hard" decisions to save the private economy of Alaska. Otherwise, you may deepen the recession. You were elected to do the people's work, not the work of special interests and lobbyists. You hold the future of Alaska in your hands and you will be held accountable in the history books which way forward Alaska goes--bigger government or a prosperous Alaska. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my position.

**Doniece Gott**

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**From:** deltavet@pobox.wildak.net  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 9:12 AM  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Cc:** LIO Delta Junction  
**Subject:** Oppose SB45

**NO REGULATIONS!!!**

March 17, 2017

My name is Garvan Bucaria

How to Sustain Alaska's Economy testimony SB22

1. Protect the profitability of the current P.F.  
by incorporating P.F. CEO Rodell's recommendations,  
<sup>Senators</sup> You blew it by passing SB26, but there still is hope<sup>HB115</sup>
2. Incentivize the production of new oil fields  
on the North Slope. Accelerate <sup>Increase</sup> Trans Alaska Pipeline  
flow by paying off Petroleum Companies who  
have complied with state requirements.  
Thwart this dead beat Governor!!
3. Promote Alaskan economy by retaining the  
current projected high P.F. Dividend for full  
disbursement to Qualified Alaska residents.  
This action will <sup>measurably help</sup> assure a soft landing for small business  
and residents alike; as well as reducing crime.
4. Bring state spending under control by  
returning all unexpended funds to the general  
Fund.  
No Performance Awards / cut memberships,  
conferences / travel to the bore.
5. Identify redundant programs, consolidate &  
reduce to promote efficiencies.  
No drugs in the Prison system - Employ dogs;  
Especially for prison programs  
Exercise.  
Out of state incarceration programs.

Don't care when it comes to reconciliation with  
the other body. How many days without agreement  
will help us cut a bloated state budget?



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**From:** Janet Klein <janetklein12@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 17, 2017 3:13 PM  
**To:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Education funding

Dear Committee Members,

As a 45 year resident of Alaska, I have observed the financial changes and, particularly now, the challenges you face as you determine the fiscal atmosphere for the forthcoming year. I believe that all Alaskans should share the costs needed to maintain basic services such as education and medical programs and, if it requires a state income tax or sales tax to do so, I support implementing them. Also, capping our Permanent Fund annual allowance at \$1,000 a year for the next several years, is acceptable. As a former educator, I feel strongly that state and borough financing for education should not be cut and I encourage you to at least maintain the status quo for our basic services.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janet Klein  
Homer resident