

Not only NO, but NO! NO! NO! to a lottery for education! Education is our responsibility, not a "wish list" item. I don't want a state of under-education!

And NO! to any legislator who supports this.

Don't cut education! Use the PF and create an endowment, fix the oil taxes ( an educated 3rd grader can tell you that giving out more in "incentives" than you get back is stupid! Then consider an income tax that can be collected WITHOUT creating another state agency that would just wipe out the tax!

Genevieve V Holubik

We receive donations through Pick Click Give, and while not a lot, they donations continue to grow each year; the donations are important for our program. Concerned that SB 78 would decrease the level of donations through Pick Click Give.

Jill Lush, Homer

Thank you for your leadership on the State budget, I think your vision and willingness to make unpopular suggestions are what is needed to tackle this difficult situation. I would like to ask you to consider how the plan to create a PFD Lottery as set out in SB78 may negatively impact the vital Alaskan non-profit safety network:

- As a charitable nonprofit in Homer, we rely on unrestricted funds collected through the Pick Click Give program to deliver essential services in our community. The amount we receive may be modest, but the connections we make with new donors can be the beginning of a lifetime of critically important support.

- Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic is a member supported organization that provides broad access to reproductive health care services and education in a supportive and empowering environment.

The R.E.C. Room mission is to facilitate healthy relationships, health education and healthy choices for youth in Homer.

This bill may jeopardize our ability to further these missions and specifically to provide such things as peer-led health education, essential reproductive health services and youth resources & support to our community. As you know we provide these programs and services regardless of the participants ability to pay.

- There has been no study of the impact of a PFD Lottery on our ability to remain connected to donors through Pick.Click.Give. We urge you to collect data on the impact on the state's charitable sector if residents are given an option to allocate their dividend towards a lottery. Perhaps a study or a task force.

- Please demand data before advancing SB78!

Please let me know if you would like to discuss this further, or would like further supporting information.

Best wishes,

Catriona

Catriona Reynolds

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

My name is Ruth Quinlan and I work for and volunteer for nonprofit organizations. I have seen the benefit PickClickGive has on the bottom line of a 501(c)3. I also choose to participate personally in PickClickGive to support the charities I'm involved with and other charities that I value.

The funds received from PickClickGive program are a vital stream for many nonprofit organizations in the nonprofit sector. As SB78 draws its funding from the Permanent Fund Dividend I am concerned there may be an unintended consequence impacting the bottom line of many nonprofits that count on PickClickGive money annually.

I encourage this committee to research the economic effects this bill could have on local organizations. Please do comprehensive research before taking further action on this bill. I strongly support education and the effort to fund it at an adequate level. I encourage this body to continue to search for ways to fully fund education.

I applaud the creativity that went in to creating this bill, but encourage a full assessment of the economic impact before action is taken to move this bill forward.

Thank you for your efforts and your service.

Sincerely,

Ruth Quinlan