

Jake Almeida

From: Dave Nebert [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:51 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: The PFD

Senators,

While the PFD is appreciated by many Alaskans, some of us would **rather** have a high quality education system from kindergarten through our (once) top quality university system. The Governor's proposed budget, if accepted, would decimate our educational system causing many who can afford it, to leave the state. Those who will leave are the most educated and wealthiest, including our best teachers.

I would rather receive NO PFD than to ignore the education of our youth. I would also prefer to have my income taxed rather than to have our youth under served in terms of education. An educated population is what will move Alaska forward. Please support education above all else in the state budget.

Sincerely, David Nebert, Fairbanks

Jake Almeida

From: Kari Gardey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:00 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24 - no to oversized PFDs!

As someone who cares about Alaska's long-term prosperity and livability, I am writing to urge you not to cause further harm to this great state by giving out oversized PFDs. We all need to pull together and it's time we all gave to support the wonderful state resources we all benefit from. I for one am opposed to cutting the state budget, particularly education, health, and the ferries, at all. They've been cut enough. It doesn't make sense to me to then give out massive PFDs. How about we all pitch in where we can instead? If this keeps up, I'm getting ready to leave the state.

Thank you for your time and service,
Kari Gardey
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: brita speck [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:45 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 & 24

Dear Senator,

My name is Brita Speck. I have a degree in economics from Georgetown University and am a self employed business law & estate planning lawyer in Sitka. My husband works at the local hospital and has been a physical therapist in our community for over 20 years. We now have two young children in the local school district. I am writing because we are gravely concerned about the governors budget and the severe consequences it would have on us and our community.

My concern is that the budget cuts will cause brain drain and an Alaska recession.

The lack of an thriving and attractive economy will stifle small business startups and development. For established businesses, recruiting and retaining qualified employees will become even more challenging.

Like many other families, I can not imagine substandard education for my children. Unfortunately we, like many of my neighbors and community members, are faced with the question of moving from our 20+ year home.

We love Sitka and Alaska. It is an amazing place to live and raise children. An inflated PFD is not worth the cost. In fact, any PFD is not worth the cost.

Sincerely,
Brita Speck
Sitka

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:34 AM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD Testimony for today's hearing - 2/28/19

Dear Senators.

1. We have lived in Alaska 36 years and we have received a PFD every year.
2. I DO NOT SUPPORT PAYMENTS OF PAST PFDs TO ANY ALASKAN! This was only a campaign promise and not thoughtful thinking.
3. I can appreciate the difference between campaign rhetoric and the reality of Alaska's fiscal situation and outlook.
4. With a reduction of the State spending by 20-25%, our state will be going down the path of another recession. I understand cuts do need to be made but on top of the cuts, this bill SB 24, is just ridiculously naïve.
5. <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Journal/Pages/31?Chamber=S&Bill=SB%20%2024&Page=00036#0036>
6. I vote Republican.
7. Tax us then. If not now, when. We are heading into another recession.

Thank you,
Jan Hazen
Anchorage

Jake Almeida

From: EJ Treadway [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Senator Shower,

I would like to express my gratitude for your willingness to serve this great state of ours. The purpose of this email is to voice my concern with regard to Governor Dunleavy's proposed supplemental PFDs--the extra payments from previous years he wants to hand out on top of this year's PFD. As an individual citizen the money would look great in my bank account. However, as an educator I know that money could be better spent on funding education. Our students are our future leaders. If we short change them now by creating larger classroom sizes and few, if any elective courses, I fear our great state will suffer because we were not able to provide them with the experiences and education they deserve. Do we really want to deprive the students of Alaska high quality instruction? Please, I beg of you, do whatever you are able to do to stop the large PFD payout, and allow that money to go where it impacts our future... schools. Allow us educators to continue providing the high quality education our students need and deserve.

I will not be able to attend the public testimony this evening due to parent teacher conferences, so I chose to let my voice be heard through email. Again thank you for your time and your service.

Respectfully,

Mrs. EJ Treadway
Sitka High School
Special Education Teacher
[REDACTED]

Confidentiality: This email and its attachments are confidential. This communication is intended for the use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged or confidential. If you are not the intended recipient or the employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is specifically prohibited. If you believe that it has been sent to you in error, you may not read, disclose, print, copy, store, or disseminate the email or any attachments or the information in them. Please reply to the sender that you have received the message in error. Then delete it. Thank you.

Jake Almeida

From: Tad Fujioka [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:38 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Re: SB 23 & 24

Chairman Shower:

Additional Permanent Fund Dividend appropriations are simply an asset transfer that throws away the primary advantage of government-- that of allowing citizens to combine their assets for more efficient deployment while eliminating "free riders". If the Alaska Legislature truly believes that the best use of the state's funds is additional Permanent Fund Dividend appropriations, this is an acknowledgement that the legislature does not think that they can invest these funds in other programs to produce a positive return.

I have lived in Alaska for over 40 years and currently operate a small business. Just as a business manager must budget the company's resources for the benefit of the shareholders, so does the legislature have the responsibility to allocate resources for the benefit of Alaska's citizens. If I am unable to invest my company's assets in manner that produces a positive return, I would be better off ceding my management responsibilities to somebody who can. Similarly, elected Alaskan officials need to invest the state's resources to create more than \$1 of benefit to Alaskans for every dollar spent. K-12 education is a clear winner from this standpoint. A high school education boosts one's earning power by hundreds of thousands of dollars over one's career-- not to mention provides a necessary step towards further educational investment.

Furthermore, regardless of the views of individual members of your committee with regard to the relative merits of dividends versus other programs, requiring a PFD residency of greater than one year is legally precarious. Back when Governor Hammond originally proposed just such a PFD distribution plan, it was challenged by Mr. & Mrs. Zobel. Eventually the United States Supreme Court ruled against Hammond's multi-year plan in favor of the Zobels, thus setting the stage for the 1 year qualification requirement that is currently in place. Should the multi-year requirement currently under consideration by the Legislature be adopted, we can be assured of costly legal challenges and of likely defeat.

The Alaska Legislature can do better than this!

Tad Fujioka

Jake Almeida

From: Janet Keck Love [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:09 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Honorable Senator, I wish to submit my opposition to Senate Bills 23 and 24. It is my wish that PFD dividends will not be reappropriated to remediate past dividend decisions. In our current budgetary crisis this would not be a move forward. Also, it would seem advisable to consider reducing or capping the existing funds.

Thank you for your service, Janet Keck Love [REDACTED] Atka, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Lili Misel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:20 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: comments on past dividend payouts

Dear Senators,

The budget that has been proposed will significantly hurt Fairbanks and Alaska. The loss of teachers, loss of support for the vulnerable people in our society - the elderly, the sick, and the poor- and the loss of funding for roads, removing money from the borough will all be elements that will have a lasting and detrimental impact. What is the purpose of hurting Alaska in this way?

I encourage you to not pay out on past dividends and instead cap the dividend at \$500 each year and use the extra money to support the government. My family has been in Alaska since the gold rush and we have no intention of leaving. Our staying in Alaska has nothing to do with the dividend and although I appreciate it, I would appreciate plowed roads and support to uplift our society to a better of standing of living more.

Don't focus on the immediate greed of some people now and instead work toward the greater good of Alaska.

Sincerely,
Lili Misel
Fairbanks



Jake Almeida

From: Sará Beaber-Fujioka [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:34 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: testimony opposing SB 23 and 24

Dear Senator Shower,

My name is Sara Beaber-Fujioka. I have lived in Sitka for 17 years, raising my family, working in healthcare, and participating in our family's commercial fishing operation. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today about the proposed supplemental PFDs in SB 23 and SB 24. I am writing to oppose the proposed supplemental PFDs. I believe this money is needed for the ongoing critical needs and responsibilities of our state government.

The United States Constitution says the purpose of government is to "establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity." Paying the proposed supplemental PFDs without additional revenue sources will gut the Alaska budget (and in turn the Sitka municipal budget), leaving unacceptable losses in public services that are core to our civil society. Government is how we come together to meet public needs by providing public services we can not organize or pay for as individuals. We need to maintain funding for the public school system, the university, Medicaid, and the ferry system. Alaska's children are the foundation of our state's future; they need a solid public education now so they can grow to become Alaska's leaders, doctors, nurses, teachers, and engineers of the future. Similarly, the university system is a key investment in Alaska's future, providing the higher-level training to prepare students to contribute to Alaska's economy and support their families. Adequate funding for Medicaid is important because it is morally right to help people access needed medical care they could not otherwise afford. Medicaid is supported by Article VII of the Alaska Constitution, which says, "The legislature shall provide for the promotion and protection of public health" and "The legislature shall provide for public welfare." Without Medicaid, people wait to seek care until they they have emergencies and then hospitals are forced to provide expensive uncompensated emergency services. The ferry system is a vital transportation artery for coastal Alaska that needs continued subsidy so that rural communities can access medical care, groceries, and each other. For example, in Southeast Alaska, SEARHC sends a mobile mammography truck to travel on the ferries to multiple rural communities to provide mammograms, saving the much larger costs of flying all the patients to Sitka or Juneau for mammograms to screen for breast cancer. Most public transportation systems in the United States do not cover their costs in fares (and Alaska's highways on land do not generate any user fees), so this is not a reasonable goal for the Alaska Marine Highway System.

Alaska has faced a worsening budget challenge for years. Earlier generations wisely invested oil revenues to help pay for services when oil money was not as abundant. Now is the time to use the allowable portions of the Permanent Fund in a sustainable way to support needed public services. I urge you to not pay supplemental PFDs and instead use those funds for responsible provision of public services. We all benefit from an educated and healthy citizenry.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to our state.

Sincerely,

Sara Beaber-Fujioka

Jake Almeida

From: Andy Durny [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 9:09 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD supplemental payment proposals

As as long-time Alaska resident, voter, and now senior citizen, I am writing to express my opposition to SB 13, SB 23, and 24. Although I fully appreciate receiving my annual PFD check, I fully supported the previous administration's difficult but prudent decision to withhold a portion of the payments at a time when the state was dealing with huge budget deficits.

I appreciate the goal of paying out the previously withheld amounts, but those payments should not be made in lieu of programs and services that help make Alaska a community of diverse groups citizens joining together to build a strong future for ourselves and our descendants rather than merely a geographical location in which it's every man for himself and grab what you can. As a voting citizen, I cannot support any of the supplemental payment proposals if it means eliminating all funding for pre-school and early education programs, slashing funding for education, cutting Medicare benefits for tens of thousands of residents, abandoning municipal governments throughout the state while significantly increasing local tax burdens, and sending prisoners to out-of-state for-profit detention centers with questionable safety records.

I believe the supplemental payment proposals are short-sighted and irresponsible, especially when combined with the refusal to consider ANY reduction in the oil tax credits (giveaway) or ANY long-term broad-based sustainable revenue source.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Victoria OConnell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:46 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Oppose SB 23 and 24

Dear Senator Shower,

I oppose the Governor's budget and oppose SB 23 and SB 24. I do not support paying out PFD payments that require gutting of education, social services, and transportation for everyone in the state. This is so irresponsible as to border on criminal. I have lived here for nearly 40 years. My two grown daughters were born and raised in Sitka, and have recently returned to work and live here. My first grandchild was born in Sitka this winter. The Governor's budget would ruin any possibility they had to stay and raise families here and continue to contribute to our community and State. By paying out 3 years of "extra" dividends you will be hurting every single Alaskan with a disproportionate burden on young people and low income people. There will be no place for Alaskans to spend this \$3,000+/person because our economy will be driven to the ground. Please vote these bills down.

Sincerely,
Victoria OConnell Curran

[REDACTED]
Sitka, AK 99835

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 8:30 PM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB23 and SB24

Dear Senators:

I am opposed to SB23 & SB24 and can not believe that any of you would even consider it, while once again, the state is running a deficit. Governor Walker did the right thing when he reduced last year's P.F.D. In fact, I am sorry he is no longer our governor, instead we have this clown running the circus.

If I had my way, the P.F.D. would be eliminated altogether. All it's been doing for the last 20yrs. is attract parasitic losers to Alaska. And we have the crime rate to prove it. It's time to tell people the free ride is over and it should have been done a long time ago. It's turning us into California!!

Nancy Cuddeback
Anchorage

Jake Almeida

From: Michael Pederson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 7:41 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Bills

Dear Senators,

Like most Alaskans I am not thrilled with having the PFD garnished the past few years, but it is fiscally irresponsible to pay it back at this time without looking for any new revenues. The members of the Senate, in particular, have been a roadblock to new revenues. The massive 1.2 billion dollar oil tax payment should be revisited. A sales tax should be revisited. But clearly, if there is a refusal to do those responsible things, giving huge dividend checks would be perilous for the State.

I implore the members of the State Senate to do what is right for Alaskans. The proposed budget will be an economic disaster for the State. It promotes Kenai-Wasilla-Anchorage against the rest of the State. We can put this State back on solid financial footing, but not by following the "Sitting Small for Alaska" strategy.

Sincerely,
Michael Pederson
Fairbanks

Jake Almeida

From: Jimmy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 7:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 21, 23 and 13

I oppose allocating additional dividends from our permanent fund. The permanent fund is our savings account. It is a nest egg that we have almost broken. Protect our nest egg and oppose any legislation that diminishes the permanent fund.

Thank you,

Jimmy Fox
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks 99709

"When vital issues were treated with depth and insight, people began 'thinking for themselves, and a thinking people, if honest, will seldom go wrong in the end.'" Doris Kearns Goodwin in The Bully Pulpit

Jake Almeida

From: Luann McVey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 4:55 PM
To: Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Fwd: PFD Alert: Elected officials need to hear from you.

Dear Senators,

A friend forwarded the following message from the Office of the Governor, urging his followers to testify in front of the State Affairs Committee, in favor of two pieces of legislation regarding "paying back" the 2016, 2017, and 2018 Permanent Fund Dividends. I am very concerned about the ethics of the governor's office sending out this highly partisan message.

Just to clarify: I am one Alaskan who favors **STOPPING** oil tax credits right now. In addition, we need to institute a **personal income tax**, derived from a percentage of federal income tax. **AND** I favor a means-based distribution of the PFD. In other words, **give the PFD to those who need it, based on annual income - and CAP it.**

There is no need for our state to follow the austere path of Kansas, where legislators eventually had to grab the reins back from the tax-cutting Governor Brownback. We can learn from states like Kansas, rather than following their paths. Alaskans deserve better than Governor's devastating budget proposal. Please - you are our leaders. Do your job: institute new revenue streams to take care of our schools, universities, marine highways, health care, elders, and our environment.

Please investigate the attached message from the governor and include my message in the public record.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Luann McVey
Retired Alaskan Teacher
[REDACTED]
Douglas, Alaska 99824

From: Restore the PFD <governor@alaska.gov>

Subject: PFD Alert: Elected officials need to hear from you.

Date: February 27, 2019 at 12:40:02 PM AKST

Reply-To: Restore the PFD <governor@alaska.gov>

There is opposition.

Some politicians oppose Governor Dunleavy's plan:

"...leaders of the House of Representatives' new majority : they are unwilling to spend that money."

- *Anchorage Daily News*

[Continue Reading](#)

Send an email!

After giving public comment, follow up with a personal email.

Be polite, and include your name, address, and phone number at the bottom of the email.

Currently, [SB 23](#) and [SB 24](#) are in the Senate State Affairs Committee. Email each member clicking the buttons below:

Email Senator Mike Shower

Email Senator John Coghill



Courtesy of the Office of the Governor

Our mailing address is:

P.O. Box 110001

Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

Jake Almeida

From: DanDana Deedy [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 3:22 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Senator Shower,

I do not agree with the back payment of Permanent Fund Dividends.
I believe that what was done is done.

Future payments of the Permanent Fund Dividends should be paid in full and occur under the same formula that has been used.

Thank you,
Dana Deedy
Wasilla

Jake Almeida

From: Ronald Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 13, 23, 24

I'm totally against SBs 13,23,24 which will pay out the statutory dividends for the past two years.

I can't believe any of you can support paying out this year 3.8 B in PFDs or paying out extra the next two years. How can we possibly justify this when we are struggling to prepare a sustainable budget. Do you really think we should spend \$ 3.8 B on PFDs this year which is greater than the HESS, DEED, and UA general fund budgets combined.

Even paying out 1.9 B this year is equal to the salaries and benefits of all the state employees.

If you want to help the poor, then cut the PFD to ,say, \$ 800 and use part of the \$ 1.4 B saved to beef up the HESS budget to help the truly needy.

--

Ron Johnson
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Jake Almeida

From: Carl Pfisterer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:29 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

I am a lifelong Alaska currently residing near Fairbanks. The payments of past PFDs as proposed in SB 23 and 24 will be a huge mistake for this state. This money was used to fund budget shortfalls in previous fiscal years which was necessary at the time. I was born in Alaska and remember receiving the first PFD of \$1000. I have received a PFD every year since but at no time did I (or my family) feel giving everyone in the state free money superseded the necessity of funding state government and the services it provided, particularly with respect to education. The Governor's current plan to give everyone back payments and full PFDs while gutting education and the University will have long term ramifications that the administration is not considering - or maybe they just don't care about. The best and brightest educated people will leave the state for their future and for their family's future. The Governor talks about wanting Alaskan ingenuity to help Alaska prosper in the future, but his plan will do the opposite. At best, resource extraction will keep the state afloat at a reduced rate and then diminish until Alaska is a shell of it's former greatness. These are bad bills which are bad for the state.

-Carl

Jake Almeida

From: Kailee Cunningham [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:14 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24 Opposition

Hello Senator Mike Shower,

My name is Kailee Cunningham and I am a special education teacher in the Sitka School District. Before I begin, I would like to thank you for your time reading this email and for listening to the voices of my fellow Alaskans as we speak up during this Senate Finance Committee hearing against SB 23 and SB 24. While Governor Dunleavy states his reason for supplementing the PFD is that Alaska is in a recession and our unemployment rates are high, I do not believe that supplementing the PFD would fix this problem or be a good investment of the state's finances. As a state, we should always be looking at the best ways to invest our money and time to build a brighter future for all Alaskans. I believe that the best investments is in education. The children of Alaska deserve the best education we can offer and SB 23 and SB 24 would mean cuts to our education systems. These cuts would lead to larger class sizes, less teachers, school closures and less opportunities for our students to grow into successful, contributing citizens of our state. Research has shown that small class sizes and extra-curricular activities lead to higher student achievement and stronger social emotional development; the cuts due to the PFD supplement would negatively impact students by cutting funding to these key elements. I do not believe that the Governor thought about Alaska's children when he proposed these bills, and that does not sit right with me. While I am a teacher and would very likely lose my job due to these cuts, I do not write to you today with the intention of fighting for my personal career. I write to you to speak for the voices of our states children who cannot be here to speak for themselves. I write to you to speak for my students who would no longer have the access to an incredible education system, thus setting them up for greater struggle as adults. SB 23 and SB 24 may look tempting for one's bank account, but it leaves our educational systems empty.

I urge you to look for a solution that keeps the integrity of our education systems intact and looks towards our future rather than a short term financial boost.

I am not in favor of supplementing PFDs as proposed in SB 23 and SB 24.

Thank you again for your time, I hope you hear our voices and make the right decision for Alaska's children and future.

Thank you,

Kailee Cunningham

Jake Almeida

From: Linda Behnken [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:06 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD comment

Dear senators,

My spouse and I are appalled by the Governors plan to slash education, defund medicare, and bankrupt coastal communities while increasing PFDs. This is short-sighted at best. We have two teenage kids in the Sitka school district and believe excellent education is the best investment in Alaska. We are also well aware that Alaska's coastal communities depend on raw fish tax, access to good health care, and affordable transportation through the Alaska ferry system. We OPPOSE efforts to reimburse Alaskans for past PFD restraint. We support STRONG investment in education and the future of our coastal communities.

Best,
Linda Behnken
Kent Barkhau
Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: jule Peterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:04 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Dear Senator Shower,

I am Jule Peterson from Sitka. I work at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary as a 2nd grade teacher. I want to thank you for taking the time to read this email. As a born and raised Alaskan, I have been receiving the PFD for 25 years. I also received my k-12 education in Alaska. Based off of both these experiences, I can confidently say that I value a great education far more than the PFD. I feel grateful for the education I received, but was always far behind my peers in the country. Had I been raised in a state that fully funded and supported education I could have risen to great heights and learned in a better environment. Knowing that the future of Alaska could receive an even worse education because of the 25% cut is disheartening.

Education is the future of Alaska. If we want our roads, airports, oil companies, and infrastructure to improve alongside technology, then we must put all of our support into Alaska's education. We will not be able to rely on the workers of today to continue working in 50 years. We must prepare the youth of today to take on jobs and opportunities by providing them a wholesome, progressive, modernized education. This means keeping money in education, new teachers in our state, and families of all demographics living in Alaska.

As a born and raised Alaska who came back to work here as an educator, I wholeheartedly reject SB 23 and SB 24. Thank you for reading this,
Jule Peterson

Jake Almeida

From: jpconwell5764 [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:00 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 24 & SB 23

Dear Senator Shower,

I have been a resident of the Great State of Alaska since 1981 and have received a Permanent Fund Dividend check for all but three of the years I've live in Alaska. (I went overseas for 3 years in the mid-90s to teach English in Japan.) Since my children were born (1999 and 2002), my wife and I have invested at least half of our checks, and our children's checks, in a 529 College Savings Plan for our sons' college education.

This past Fall, our oldest son enrolled in Harvard College, and thanks to the investments we made with those PFD checks, we are able to help him pay his tuition. Our son's current goal is to finish college with a social studies degree and return to Alaska to give back to this state in some meaningful way. Our son would not have been accepted to his "dream" school had it not been for the exemplary education he received from the Unalaska City School District.

Our son attended Unalaska schools from the time he was 3 years old, thanks to a City-funded preschool. He received a great head start going into kindergarten by learning how to socialize with his peers and by learning the routines of school. He continued to flourish through elementary, middle, and high school, due largely to the efforts of talented teachers, reasonable classroom sizes, and opportunities for after school activities and sports. He also benefited from a State and local municipality that viewed adequate funding for public education as the most important investment a government can make to directly benefit its citizenry.

In the interest of full disclosure, I should point out that I have had the honor of serving as a principal and superintendent in Unalaska for the past 22 years. We have been a successful school district because we have found a way to strike a balance between the "needs" and "wants" that Governor Dunleavy refers to when talking about his recently released State budget. Finding this balance has never been an easy task; there are always great arguments for new programs and services, and it is never easy to say "no."

I am fearful that the governor's budget has greatly upset this balance and it ignores the concept that the State of Alaska's greatest resource is its children. As you can imagine, the prospect of a 25% cut to public education funding, along with a massive cut to the State's university system, puts the State of Alaska in jeopardy of losing decades of progress with regard to its educational institutions.

I am confident that you and your fellow legislators will find a reasonable balance between funding public education and payment of a reasonably sized PFD. I am not in favor of a PFD that "pays back" the reduced PFDs from the past 3 years, nor am I in favor of enshrining the PFD in the State's constitution by way of an amendment.

Thank you for your service to our country while serving in the USAF and thank you for serving the State of Alaska as an elected official.

Sincerely,

John Conwell

[REDACTED]
Unalaska, AK 99685
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Margo Waring [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:49 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Cc: Sen. Jesse Kiehl
Subject: SB 23/SB 24

Dear Senators,

Please tax me. Please take away part of my PFD. Yes, I can use the money, but I can use a functioning, supportive community in which children are educated and sick people get the care they need, where our precious environment and its resources are protected—and all that takes money. I am willing to do my share, even though I am on a fixed income.

Please look back to when the PFD was established. I was one of staff who worked on this. The PFD went hand in hand with an income tax. This meant those in need kept a greater share of the Dividend. That was by design. Also, the purpose of the PFD was not to enrich people who were doing well but was a device to protect the Permanent Fund itself. The thought was that if everyone got some small share, we would all protect the Fund from those who might want to raid it.

Nothing has changed. We still need to make sure the Permanent Fund is around for our great grandchildren. And the Permanent Fund Dividend is not meant to enrich some at the expense of the welfare of the whole state. If the idea was big payouts all the time, the Permanent Fund would be significantly smaller than it is now and your children would have even smaller Dividends.

Please do not support SB 23 and SB 24.

Sincerely,

Margo Waring

[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

Jake Almeida

From: Bill Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:44 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony on SB 24 & SB 23
Attachments: Testimony SB24 SB23.pdf

Honorable Mike Shower & Senate State Affairs Committee:

Please find attached my testimony on SB 24 & SB 23.

Thank you for your consideration,



Bill Hill, Superintendent
Bristol Bay Borough Schools

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(907) 246-4225
bhill@bbbsd.net

Jake Almeida

From: Kelly Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23/24

Dear Chair and Members of Senate State Affairs,

My name is Kelly Davis, i am from Petersburg and I represent myself and my family.

I am writing in opposition to SB 23 and SB 24.

I would much rather have no PFD at all than cut funding to education and the Ferry to our little community. The whole reason we moved to Petersburg was for the wonderful community and school district. Cutting our education system so drastically would be school district suicide for our programs. I think it would truly cause people to move out of Alaska and to places with better funding. I know it would make us definitely start looking closer at other places to have a quality education provided for our children.

Cutting the Ferry's would be horrific as well....our children travel via Ferry's to sporting events, clubs and activities. Families use the ferry for medical transportation as well as just "getting off the island" for the weekend. The Ferry's are the only way we have to get our vehicles to another island to be worked on. As well as traveling to Juneau for Costco.

I would much rather have the smaller PFD or NO PFD at all if it meant that we keep much needed funding to our kids and ferry system!!!!

Thank you,
Kelly Davis

Jake Almeida

From: M Litster [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 / SB 24 Testimony

Dear Senate Affairs Chair and Members,

My name is Megan Litster I am writing from Petersburg and I represent myself & my family of 6.

I am writing in opposition to SB 23 and SB 24. It's unnecessary to provide back payment of our PFD as well as unnecessary to increase the PFD. Our State's money is better spent supporting schools, healthcare, and ferry service.

It's time Alaskan's contribute to the welfare of our State. We began to do that under our previous administration and I believe our residents were unfortunately confused as to the reasons for its necessity. Alaskan's latched on the personal feelings that came from losing PFD income without really thinking about the full implications of "why". Now that Alaskan's are beginning to realize the severity of our budget crisis & the compromise required by our ferry & education system (to name a few), we must be ready to forfeit what's not really ours. The PFD.

Thank you for your time & attention in this matter.

Sincerely, Megan Litster

Jake Almeida

From: Katherine Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

Dear Senator Mike Shower,

My name is Katherine Jones and I am a K-2 music teacher in the Sitka School District. I would like to start by thanking you for your time reading this e-mail and for listening to all the testimonies that my friends and colleagues will give tonight (Thursday 2-28) during the Senate Finance Committee hearing.

I have been in Alaska for 7 years and I always look forward to the PFD. Although receiving a PFD feels like a fun bonus, the need to fund **essential services** far out ways the need for supplementing past and future PFD's as proposed in SB 23 and SB 24. I say "No Thank You" to an increased PFD.

In Governor Dunleavy's reasoning for supplementing PFD's (read under SB 24), he stated that Alaska is facing a recession and our unemployment rate is one of the highest in the nation. He further states that supplementing PFDs will boost our economy. I personally find this hard to follow. Receiving a large sum of money may feel good, but funding for essential services will be greatly affected and will hurt our economy almost immediately. Cuts in budgets create cuts in personnel which, in turn, creates a higher unemployment rate. A short term boost in the economy is **NOT** what we need as a state, we need a better solution. We need a solution that keeps and creates more jobs, not one that gives false hope with a short term financial gain. We need a solution that will not have severe, detrimental impact on our most precious commodity, our children.

I am not in favor of Supplementing PFDs proposed in SB 23 and SB 24.

I appreciate your time and energy in making the best decision for our beloved state and our valued citizens, young and old. My faith is in you Senator Shower. I am confident you will make a positive and wise decision during this process.

Sincerely,
Katherine F. Jones

Jake Almeida

From: Shelli Lincoln [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:24 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD vs Education

Senator Shower,

I am writing you to encourage you to help the future of our state, both young and old, and to avert a crisis looming with the proposed cuts to education. There is a lot of rhetoric and simply false information being spread loudly across the state. There are rumors that our state ranks lowest in the nation. Please reach out to Dr. Goyette and get some facts in regards to the Mat-su. I cannot speak for the entire state but I can inform you that our students score higher on the ACT than the state of Alaska and the National average in MSBSD. MSBSD also has the highest graduation rate of the big 3 districts in our state. The district level admin overhead of our working budget is 5.5%. The district operates at half the overhead of other like districts. For a district that already has shown financial responsibility and utilizing over 77% of its operating budget on instruction, all the while making gains in student academic achievement- how can we expect them to keep pace with the demands of the workplace and contribute to our communities if we give them such a blow? It should also be noted that there is a teacher shortage crisis in the nation that has now caught up to Alaska. The same trend we are seeing in public safety officers recruitment declines is happening in education. Citizens that offer all they have to the betterment of our communities and safety are constantly in flux, and criticized by the very public they serve. Add to that now with financial uncertainty. With this blow to education how in the world will we attract new teachers much less retain the one's we have?

Dunleavy's proposed budget cuts to education would cut nearly 40 million from MSBSD. That is simply not an amount that can be absorbed in a year. It equates to over 350 jobs in the district, over 200 of which are teachers. It would raise the student teacher ratio in kindergarten to 29:1 and in highschool 38:1 on average. We already have classes of over 40 in the high school, and most facilities cannot hold anymore adult size students in a classroom beyond that, however these cuts would push 50 students in some classes.

Alaska is the only state I know of that in one hand will vote conservative, and in the other hand reach for handouts. Alaska is the only state where we pay our citizens, who refuse to give back for the services the state provides.

Economists have been saying for years that Alaska's budget problems are not spending problems. It is an income problem. We have been saying since the 80s that Alaska needs to rely less on oil and federal funds. Yet here we are again, as always. I agree with a balanced budget. I do not agree with debilitating our future and our children by giving away money to the very same people that benefit from services by the state and do not want to pay for them through taxes. If we keep relying on oil revenues our state budget will continue to shrink, our population will continue to shrink, our unemployment rate will continue to rise and our education performance will decline due to the lack of qualified professionals, lack of funding supports to keep our students in the race, and a lack of services to keep up on roads, safety, support for our elders etc.

I appreciate your time, and I hope that you all reach out in an attempt to find the truth of how our districts are performing. We live in a scary time where the loudest voice is heard even if it is completely false. Doesn't it say something to what we have created if the loudest voices are coming from those so dependent on the PFD for livelihood? How is it that this handout should dictate a balanced budget over educating students, so that they can support themselves without the need for a PFD to survive, and also a willingness to give back to their communities? There is a loud voice for taking everything and contributing nothing. Our educators give their everything while taking very little.

Jake Almeida

From: Christopher Moulton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & 24

Hello-

Please do not vote for this bill while our State is in financial straits.

I would rather give up my PFD indefinitely or at a reduced rate if it means we can keep schools, hospitals, and pensions funded. We need to run a state, not a giveaway plan. This seems very short sighted and aimed at keeping certain officials in their offices.

Please look at the whole picture and be more forward thinking than the immediate payoff to constituents.

Cheers,

Chris Moulton

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Senator.Jessie.Kiehl@akleg.gov; Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Supplemental PFD - Senate Bill 23

Subject: Supplemental PFD – Senate Bill 23

Senator Mike Shower

My name is Jeff Fujioka, I am a third generation Alaskan with grandchildren also living in Alaska. The services you are considering cutting are important to me and my family. The ferry system has been around nearly all my adult life, well before North Slope oil came on line. My family and I have used it not only for recreation and holiday visits, within Alaska and to and from the lower 48, but also in our commercial endeavors and careers to transport equipment such as small boats and machinery. As far as education, my children attended and graduated from Alaska public schools which prepared them sufficiently for them to successfully obtain their college education and careers. I hope the Alaska school system will still be able to provide adequate education for my grandchildren as well.

While we were able to use the AK Permanent Fund Dividend to help us in funding our children's college education and now aid in our grandchildren's future education, I recognize the PFD may be even more valuable to low income families or those who live in subsistence communities where cash paying jobs are scarce. Rather than cut important State services to provide PFDs to Alaskans whom it will benefit the most, please consider a needs or income based PFD distribution to fulfill in spirit the Governor's promise to provide supplemental PFDs.

Needs could be based on individuals or on economic opportunities in their community, much as subsistence rights are determined.

There was an Alaska State personal income tax when I got my first paying job, I remember having to file State income tax forms. This continued while I worked my way through college. State income tax existed when I began my professional career in Alaska. If we still had a State income tax (like we had when we built schools and ferry system without oil money) it would be a means to determine and enable an income based PFD distribution and also obtain revenue to maintain important State services from those best able to afford it. Incidentally, for those who have been averse to a state income tax but may be concerned about income leaving the State, in Alaska's previous income tax system, non-residents were taxed at a higher rate on income earned in the state than state residents.

Thank you for your consideration. Please excuse shortcomings in spelling, grammar, and composition.

Jeff Fujioka

Juneau, AK email: [REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: LIO Homer
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 11:14 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Written Testimony for SSTA 6pm SB235/SB24
Attachments: DAderhold_SB23-24_testimony_28Feb19.pdf; WA-testimony-SB23&24_SenStAffairs_022819.pdf

Hello,

Please submit the attached testimony for Donna Aderhold and Wayne Aderhold of Homer.

Thank you!

~Amber

[Homer Legislative Information Office](#)

270 W. Pioneer Ave
Homer, AK 99603

PHONE: (907)-235-7878
FAX: (907) 235-4008
E-Mail: Homer.LIO@akleg.gov

Go to the AK State Legislature BASIS Website www.akleg.gov
To watch live streaming of the Alaska State Legislature go to www.akl.tv

Jake Almeida

From: Jennifer McNichol [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:38 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

Dear Senators Shower, Coghill, Reinbold, Micciche, and Kawasaki,

Greetings, and thank you for taking the time to review input from Alaskans.

I am writing specifically to document my opposition to Senate Bills 23 and 24 insofar as they create a mechanism by which PFD back-pay will be issued, at significant expense to our state. I am a 22 year Alaska resident, and I have received a PFD payment every year since I became eligible. While these payments have been useful, they absolutely do not constitute the reason that my family and I stay here. We choose to be Alaskans because we value the quality of our lives here, particularly the interconnected and interdependent nature of life here. Public education, ferry service, a strong public university system, and access to healthcare are vital threads in our lives here and reducing or eliminating public support for these entities weakens our state immeasurably. The Permanent Fund was established as an investment in Alaska's future, and that is the spirit in which it should be used.

In the Governor's transmittal letters for these bills he states that he aims to "restore the trust of Alaskans." What Alaskans trust in is having an intact education system, as well as college and vocational opportunities in-state. They also trust in having access to healthcare and social supports as they navigate the recession and high unemployment that the Governor himself acknowledges in those letters. There is no evidence that larger PFD payments will trigger any long-term improvement in the challenges that our state faces, but there is every reason to believe that this diversion of vital state funding will result in an economic death spiral as families leave Alaska or fall through the ever-widening cracks in our economy.

Please do not support these proposed larger PFD payments - it is the wrong strategy for addressing the challenges we face.

Thank you again for your time and service to our state.

Sincerely,
Jennifer McNichol, M.D.
Sitka, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Ryan Andrew [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

Dear Senate State Affairs Committee Members,

I'm writing to you to express my opposition to Senate Bills 23 and 24. I was born and raised here in Alaska and have never lived anywhere else. I care about Alaska's long-term economic stability. I believe that payment of a large dividend at the expense of that stability is a grave mistake. What our state needs most is not oversized dividends, but a sound, sustainable fiscal plan that includes new sources of revenue. Alaska is beginning to show signs of the end of one of our longest recessions. I believe these bills, if passed, would have the impact of sending our state deeper into that recession.

Sincerely,

Ryan Andrew

Jake Almeida

From: Rick and Jill Dormer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:38 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony for FEB 28th mtg

Good evening Senator Shower and the Senate State Affairs Committee,

My name is Rick Dormer and I live in Petersburg, down in Southeast Alaska. I serve as Principal of both Petersburg High School and Mitkof Middle School. I also proudly represent Region 5 on the NASSP board for Alaska.

As a citizen of our great state of Alaska, as a father of two school-age students, as a husband, a principal, educator and community member of Petersburg, I do not support a full 2019 PFD nor do I support back payments for the 2016-2018 PFD as proposed by Governor Dunleavy in SB 24 and SB 23. While I, like all people, would love to receive a large dividend, the cost of destroying our schools, cancelling the Marine Highway and other huge cuts to our state services is much too high a price. The decision to appropriate funds for full PFD's while dismantling many of the services that make our state a wonderful place to live through budget cuts to support those PFD's is not a wise one. These bills will result in many Alaskans leaving communities, such as Petersburg, when their police, medical benefits, Borough, ferry service, air service and schools are reduced to ineffective or absent levels due to massive cuts.

Thank you for your time, and your tireless service to our state.

Sincerely,
Rick Dormer

Jake Almeida

From: Robin Sherman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:28 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Opposition to SB 23 and 24

Dear Senator Shower,

I am a registered voter in Sitka writing to express my opposition to Senate Bills 23 and 24. Payment of retroactive permanent fund dividends would require cuts to state funding essential to my community and the state, including but not limited to public K-12 education, the University of Alaska, healthcare, public safety and the state ferry system. The loss of jobs as a result of these cuts would far outweigh economic activity as a result of consumer spending from the extra dividend payments. I am concerned that such a severe cut in state services would result in a large exodus of Alaskans to the Lower 48, especially of families that are dedicated to ensuring that their children receive high-quality education. In Southeast Alaska, loss of ferry service to Angoon and Kake would drive the cost of living in these communities beyond what residents could possibly afford.

I am married to an Alaska Native who is a lifelong Alaskan. We love this state and the high quality of life in Sitka. That quality of life depends on government services — good schools, a stable healthcare system, well-maintained roads, an airport and ferry service, libraries, clean air and water, healthy forests. These are the qualities that make Alaska a great place to live and visit. We're not interested in trading so much of what we love about this place for several thousand dollars of extra cash in our pockets.

The promise of retroactive payment of PFDs may have worked well on the campaign trail, but that's not a good reason to devastate Alaska's economy and its communities. I respectfully encourage you and your colleagues to reject these economically reckless bills.

Sincerely,

Robin Sherman
[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

Jake Almeida

From: andrew [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:24 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: supplemental PFD SB 23/24

Dear Senator Mike Shower:

I am writing from Sitka, Alaska about the supplemental PFD. Please share this note with your whole committee as you consider Senate Bills 23 and 24.

Much as I would like to have an extra \$3000 for myself, I believe that these funds can go much farther and more benefit me if they are used to support state government. We have needs for investments in education, fisheries management, resource protection, and public safety. I believe it is selfish of me to expect to get this money when we have so many needs across the whole state to fund state government. I benefit when I have a safe and healthy community and when our state is investing in the things that make our larger economy and in-state culture/society work. Sure I could buy a new ATV or a bunch of big-screen TVs or go on vacation to Hawaii, but pretty soon there wouldn't be much of a state left for me to come back to or to enjoy those toys in.

Thanks for your work,

Andrew Thoms

[REDACTED] Sitka Alaska



Virus-free. www.avast.com

Jake Almeida

From: Mary Corcoran [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony-Written SB23/24

Dear Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

Thank you for your work and accepting this public testimony. I am opposed to both SB23 and SB24 for the following reasons:

1. The formula is arbitrary in terms of who receives each of the supplemental payments which could result in costly court actions.
2. The amounts are also arbitrary as any ad hoc transfer alters funds available in the ERA 3. The State is facing a significant fiscal problem and removing more earnings from the APF seems to ignore wise budget control.
4. Has a calculation be made/estimated how much of these payments would go directly to the IRS, thereby NOT being a stimulus in the State.
5. Any in-State stimulus is NOT going to support the infrastructure, health care, education, transportation (ferry system), etc. that the residents are in need of everyday.

Sincerely,
Mary Corcoran

Jake Almeida

From: Amy Purevsuren [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:45 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony

Dear Senator Shower and Alaska State Legislature:

I am a life-long Alaskan, and the parent of three elementary aged children, as well as a step-daughter who attends UAA. I am also a teacher, and have taught for twelve years in Alaska public schools. My children have had high quality education in Unalaska because Unalaska has had the financial means to provide it. Governor Dunleavy's cuts would inflict irreparable damage on our school's programs, class sizes, educational support systems, and extracurricular offerings. They would also likely create an untenable situation for my daughter at UAA, who is already wondering if she should transfer out of state; but how would she afford it?

I have been receiving the PFD for many years now, and so have my children. It has been beneficial in many ways, including helping to pay for my own college, and now my daughter's college. We put all of our children's PFD's in a saving account for their future educations.

While it was visionary to create the PFD, I don't think the original intention of the fund was to establish an Alaska where residents consider themselves entitled to a hefty check every year, especially not at the expense of appropriately funding social programs which benefit our children, our communities, our economy, and the health and well-being of society. If we make the choice to cut education, medicine, and other essential components of a highly functioning society, partly to increase the PFD, this will have repercussions for years to come. No Alaskan is "due" a "payback" for "lost" dividends; those funds went towards running a state used to functioning on oil revenue, and unwilling to pay taxes or extract sufficient taxes from conglomerates.

I am not in favor of increasing the PFD nor of enshrining it in the Constitution. I am in favor of a reasonable, sustainable PFD because low income families rely on it; fully funding existing social programs, including education and Medicaid; levying a state tax; and taxing the oil companies fairly.

I hope you will know that many Alaskans value education above immediate personal gain, and I sincerely hope you will fight for the preservation of our programs.

Sincerely Yours,
Amy Purevsuren
[REDACTED]

Unalaska, AK 99685

Jake Almeida

From: Suzanne Rich Osborn [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 13, 23, 24

Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am totally against SB 13, SB 23, SB 24. Instead we need a state income tax. Alaska had this years ago and obviously need it again! Vote no on SB 13,23,24. YES for Alaska State income tax!!!

Thank you,

Martha Rich
[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, 99712
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Amelia B [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:36 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Senate State Affairs
Subject: LIO Testimony

Good Afternoon.

My name is Amelia Budd and I want to first thank you all for your time and your service to our state. I imagine you're being flooded with testimony and citizen involvement on a scale that's probably uncommon.

I live in Sitka and I'm writing to you on my own behalf and not in any official work-related capacity. That said, I am a concerned university employee and a University of Alaska graduate student. I'm also writing as the parent of a child about to enter our school system, as the child of a parent in the Sitka Pioneer Home, as a Mt. Edgecumbe High School graduate, and simply as a community member.

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject the supplemental Permanent Fund Dividend plan and instead put that funding toward pre-K, K-12 education, the university system, the Alaska Marine Highway system, the Pioneer Homes, public broadcasting, and the many other community services that have always been supported by the State of Alaska. Candidly speaking, it feels like a slap in the face to myself and to all Alaskans who in good faith, have built lives and invested in homes and businesses and careers here, put our children in Alaskan schools and our elders in Alaska's Pioneer Homes, and made Alaskan communities our homes.

As we now know, the governor's plan to disburse supplemental PFDs could clearly have fallout including devastating Alaska's economy and quality of life. From campus closures to reduced home values, a shuttered Alaska Marine Highway System to classrooms with 45 students, the potential impacts are far-reaching. Even as a single parent grappling with the high cost of living, I would strongly support a reduced or eliminated PFD and a broad-based tax over this devastating budget.

Thank you for your time and again sincere thanks for your service, especially in these difficult and uncertain times.

Amelia Budd
[REDACTED]
Sitka, AK 99835

Jake Almeida

From: Collauna Marley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:32 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Testimony SB 23 and 24

Hello,
I hope to read this testimony tonight at our local legislative office here in Sitka. Here is an email copy in case I don't get a chance to read my testimony. Thank you! Collauna Marley

Hello my name is Collauna Marley from Sitka. Listening and representing the very diverse people of Alaska is a tough job. Know that I appreciate you. I am here tonight to be heard. To tell you I am upset. The exceptional education of my two elementary school children is about to be replaced with a fat PFD check. Quality education in our family is not optional. It is a fundamental need. I do not support additional PFD payouts at the cost of crushing cuts to our schools and University system. Cuts to education are not new to us. We have already cut reading specialists, librarians, counselors, teachers, and programs to meet new budget demands. This budget is a devastating blow. We know how these astronomical cuts will cripple our small town's economy and the education of our children. This budget is already causing damage as people plan for their future before the next school year rolls around. Please don't be short sighted. Fight for our kid's education, not a hefty PFD check. Thank you for the time to speak.

Jake Almeida

From: Patrick Schlichting [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:22 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony-Written SB23/24

Thank you for letting me testify on SB 23 and 24.

Going back to the Walker administration and the acts of reducing past years' annual permanent fund dividends, I realized why the action was taken. It was to help close the fiscal gap brought on by a downturn of our State's main source of revenue among other reasons. Although the years of reduced dividends cut the amounts significantly, recipients still received a sizeable amount of money. I was thankful to receive amounts every year of over \$1,000.00 dollars. I considered the diminished amount my contribution towards deficit reduction. Reducing the dividend was not a popular move but it showed that Gov. Walker put the well being of the State above his political career.

The legislative majority at that time refused to work towards a sustainable budget. Ironically, the now current Governor who is a former member of that majority, is sponsoring these bills to fulfill a campaign pledge with money that is not his to give away.

As far as I'm concerned, that money is either spent or pledged for the operation of the state. The proposed SB. 24 is most likely to bring about costly law suits which the state can't afford. It's not rules based and is arbitrary. I'm against both SB 23 and 24.

Sincerely

Pat Schlichting Delta Junction

Jake Almeida

From: Clyde Boyer and Vivian Finlay [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:14 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and 24 comment

We do NOT want supplemental payments of prior years' PFDs. We want our government to take care of things that only government can do. Pay for education, infrastructure of our roads, bridges, ports, etc., fund health care for the poor and working poor, care for the elderly, support our Pioneer homes, fund our University, fund our Alaska marine highway system, and all the things that are proposed to be drastically cut. If we received \$3,000-5,000 of PFDs, what can we do with that money to help with the state expenses? - we can't pay for teachers or infrastructure, etc. If you want the recession in Alaska to deepen to be similar to what happened in the 80s, go ahead and cut all government services, pay the excessively ridiculous PFD's, and see the condition our state will be left in. People will spend PFDs, and typically those expenditures will not even be local - they will pay for expensive items that are usually from multi-national, or large national corporations.

Thank you.

Vivian Finlay and Clyde Boyer (husband and wife)

--

[REDACTED]
Homer, AK. 99603 USA
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Joyce Turner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: testimony for State of Affairs Committee

My name is Joyce Turner. I am a teacher living in McGrath.
All people of Alaska deserve more details for an adequate fiscal plan. Taking funds to pay back the past PFD makes no financial sense since the budget is being slashed with no input from the public.
Senate Bill 24 and Senate Bill 23 need to be rejected as you, the Legislature, need to bring these huge budget cuts to the people so a good fiscal plan can become a well-reasoned vote.

--
Joyce Turner
Iditarod Area School District
[REDACTED] McGrath, AK 99627
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Marcia Hirai [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Senator.Laura.Reinbold@akleg.gov; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: NO to the huge PFD payments

Dear Senators Mike Shower, John Coghill, Laura Reinbold, Peter Micciche, Scott Kawasaki,

As a resident of Alaska for 49 years we firmly believe that the Alaska PFD is for all Alaskans who are eligible. However, when the state is not able to meet the needs of Alaska's multitude of responsibilities then we feel the PFD amount that Governor Dunleavy is proposing needs to be STOPPED. The purpose of this PFD fund should be used to maintain, improve and help close the deficit gap so these major cuts don't happen. We believe that this fund should be used in a way so that it can benefit all Alaskans. WE definitely oppose giving additional PFD payments from previous years and support using that revenue for the ferry system, education, and other essential services. If we don't use some of the PFD money - and he gets his way with the budget cuts...our state will suffer and we will never recover. There will be many people who will be forced to leave for a variety of reasons, jobs will be cut, schools will be forced to make such major cuts that our educational system will be dramatically harmed, and cutting our marine highway system will devastate how we in southeast travel to get to the mainland, to other towns, get our food, get medical help, and those who need health and social services will drastically suffer.

Please reduce the PFD amount we are to receive and use the MONEY to help all Alaskans young and old wherever they are to feel assured that they can continue to live in Alaska.
SO WE SAY NO to the HUGE PFD PAYMENT GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY IS PROPOSING TO GIVE OUT THIS YEAR.

Thank you.
Michael and Marcia Hirai
Sitka

Jake Almeida

From: Ty Mase [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:56 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Written Testimony SB23
Attachments: Alaska State Legislature
.pdf

Please see attached - thanks!

--
Ty Mase
Superintendent
Lake and Peninsula School District

Jake Almeida

From: Susan Litman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:55 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and SB24

Dear Senator Shower and members of the Senate State Affairs committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify on SB 23 and SB 24. My name is Susan Litman and I have been a resident of the state of Alaska since 1976. I raised my family in Sitka and my son attended school in the Sitka School District.

I am vehemently opposed to SB 23 and SB24. It is sometimes nice to receive "free money." However, this is not one of those times. The money to fund these additional permanent fund dividends will come at great expense to all the public schools in the state of Alaska. At the same time that Governor Dunleavy wants to give Alaskans free money, he is proposing to take back money already allocated to School Districts for FY 2019.

In addition, his 2020 budget includes an approximate 25% cut to public education, a 41% cut to the University and a whopping 75% cut to the ferry system.

This thinking is short-sighted and will be an economic disaster for the State. The first thing an individual with school-age children looks at when considering a move to another state or community is the quality of the schools. No family with school-age children will consider moving to Alaska. In addition, families with children will flee the State. I have first-hand knowledge of the former. My nephew, who left the state to pursue further education and was planning on moving back when he completed his studies says the proposed 2020 budget has made him look elsewhere for employment.

In closing, I am asking you to reject both SB 23 and SB 24.

Thank you,

Susan Litman

Jake Almeida

From: Mike Vieira [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 4:41 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Supplemental PFD

Members of the State Affairs Committee,

My name is Mike Vieira, I am a resident of Sitka. I am a teacher at Sitka High School and a parent of a 5 year old and a 2 year old. I would like to express my dismay at the effects of a fully funded PFD on the quality of life for my family in Sitka. I made a choice to move back to Sitka to seek employment with my wife upon completing school. The reason for this is the quality of life available to families, the focus on kids, the quality schools. You can't put a price on this quality of life, you definitely can't price it at \$3000 or \$6000. I am extremely concerned at the possible results of a budget that includes such a large PFD at the expense of the amazing and diverse Alaskan quality of life we all enjoy. I'm happy to forgo all of my PFD to provide quality education K-12, have a functioning University system and to keep out coastal communities connected to one another via the Alaska Marine Highway.

Thank you for your time and service.

Mike Vieira
Career & Technical Education Instructor
Sitka High School
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Conrad Woodhead [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:01 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24

I strongly oppose SB23 and SB24, as they would compromise vital state services. I support taxing my PFD and an income tax if needed.

Conrad Woodhead
Anchor Point

Jake Almeida

From: Charlotte Kimber [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:56 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

Hello Senator Mike Shower,

My name is Charlotte Kimber and I am an occupational therapist in the Sitka School District. I would like to start by thanking you for your time reading this e-mail and for listening to all the testimonies that my friends and colleagues will give tonight (Thursday 2-28) during the Senate Finance Committee hearing. In Governor Dunleavy's reasoning for supplementing PFD's (read under SB 24), he stated that Alaska is facing a recession and our unemployment rate is one of the highest in the nation. He further states that supplementing PFDs will boost our economy. I personally find this hard to follow. Receiving a large sum of money may feel good, but funding for essential services will be greatly affected and will hurt our economy almost immediately. Cuts in budgets create cuts in personnel which, in turn, creates a higher unemployment rate. A short term boost in the economy is not what we need as a state, we need a better solution. We need a solution that keeps jobs and creates more jobs, not one that gives false hope with a short term financial gain.

I am not in favor of Supplementing PFDs proposed in SB 23 and SB 24

Thank you again for your time,

I hope you all come to the right decision.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Kimber, OTR/L

Charlotte Kimber, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist
Sitka School District
[REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This email message, including any attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipients(s) and may contain confidential, proprietary, and/or privileged information protected by law. If you are not the intended recipient, you may not use, copy, or distribute this email message or its attachments. If you believe you have received this email message in error, please contact the sender by reply email and destroy all copies of the original message.

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:50 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: do not support SB 23 & 24

I do not support SB 23 & 24. Back payments will drive the ERA even lower than the recommended safe draw 5% pomv - that money will be needed for necessary State services until there is a solution to the Revenue shortage because of lack of diverse sources.

I do not support full pfds at the expense of state services.

I am tired of hearing people quote Jay Hammond with one sided information. He supported a lot more than just a dividend going to the people - conveniently they leave out that he also supported an income tax in conjunction with the PFD pay out!

Do not pass these bills.

Mara Lutomski
Petersburg Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:41 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23, SB24

Senator Shower,
I would like to go on record in opposition to Senate Bills 23, 24.
Thank you for your time and service.
Kind regards,
Martin Spargo
Wasilla

Jake Almeida

From: Amy Sweeney [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony in opposition to Senate Bills 23 and 24

Dear Senator Shower and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

My name is Amy Sweeney, I live in Sitka, and I am representing myself.

I strongly oppose Senate Bills 23 and 24, concerning supplemental payments of prior year's PFDs.

There is not a broad-based mandate for the Governor's PFD plan: only about 50% of registered voters voted in the 2018 election, and only 50% of those voters voted for Governor Dunleavy and his platform of full PFD and PFD back payments at the expense of all else.

This PFD payment plan will take money that our state government needs to pay for essential services, such as schools and the state ferry.

I don't want Alaska to become like a third world country, without adequate schools, transportation, infrastructure, or medical care.

I am willing to give up my entire PFD as well as pay state income tax in order to make money available for essential government services we all need.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter

Sincerely,
Amy Sweeney
Sitka, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Sterling S. [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:37 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Input on senate bills 23 & 24

Hello, my name is Sterling Scott. I am a 27 year resident of Fairbanks, Alaska, and was born and raised here. I am also a member of Laborer's Local #942. I strongly believe both senate bill 23 & 24 will hurt our Alaskan way of life in almost every aspect possible. I cannot and do not support either of these bills, as they would hurt my family and my ability to support them.

Jake Almeida

From: Amy Spargo [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:36 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

Dear Senator Showers,
Thank you for being such a gracious host to all the callers tonight. Your demeanor demonstrates leadership and kindness.

I hope one day we all can get back to receiving full PFD's. I was born here and haven't missed a one. That being said, I support delayed gratification. I am confident you and Governor Dunleavy will make Alaska more economically profitable in a few years. That's when we will get our reward. We need a robust public education system from pre-K to university, including WWAMI. You never get first grade back, we can't risk it.

Thank you for listening to so many people tonight. I am emailing instead of calling so you can get home a couple minutes earlier. I am opposed to SB 23 and SB 24 until we can get more revenue flowing.

Respectfully yours,
Amy Spargo
Wasilla, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Michele Vasquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:31 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: re: Oppose SB 23 and SB 24

Chair Shower and Committee Members:

I vehemently oppose SB's 23 & 24 to payback the PFD dividend that was taken over the last several years to balance the budget. Most Alaskans care about each other, which means having money to educate our children, support a thriving university, provide healthcare for the least among us and a vibrant ferry system. My opposition to these bills is very simple: we need to re-work the tax regime to get more money for our oil so that the state coffers realize more income. It's pretty simple. No payback until/unless the oil tax regime is restructured and money is available FIRST for education, Medicaid, ferry system, etc.

Thanks,
Michele Vasquez
Soldotna, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Stan Barge [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:23 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Senator Mike Shower

I am totally against additional PFD payments from previous years. Let's concentrate on supporting education, the ferry system, healthcare for low income citizens and other essential services.

Stan Barge
[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK. 99835

Jake Almeida

From: 'Dan Kenney' [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:07 PM
Cc: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23

I am opposed to the administration proposal to distribute back PFDs. Do not pass out of committee.
Thank you
Dan Kenney
Sutton

Jake Almeida

From: Theresa Clark [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:01 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB24

I oppose the above proposed bills. These bill if passed will be detrimental to the state of Alaska. Please do not pass.

Theresa Clark
Lifelong resident
[REDACTED]
Anchorage An 99517

Jake Almeida

From: Deanna Claus [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:59 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

I am writing to this committee in the hopes that you will vote NO on these two pieces of legislation. The state of Alaska does not have the money to both meet their constitutional obligations and pay super-sized dividends. To do so would be grossly irresponsible.

Sincerely,

Deanna F. Claus
Teacher, Craig High School
Craig, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Cindy Gilder [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:53 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and 24

I am opposed to the administration proposal to pay back prior PFDs. The last legislative body and governor worked hard to develop a more balanced approach. They kept the apple cart upright. Why upset it.

Jake Almeida

From: Mike Mickelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:46 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Oppose sb23 and sb24

Chair Shower and members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I am completely opposed to SB 23 and SB 24. While I find the PFD financially helpful, it is not worth the cost of the services I will have to give up under the Dunleavy budget plan. I'm a lifelong resident of Cordova, AK, a teacher and a commercial fisherman. I oppose cuts to Education and Fish and Game. The Alaska Marine Highway is my road and to compare cost per mile is a regular highway is irresponsible and unrealistic. I agree that the state needs to make financial cuts but not so that we can have the PFD backpaid. Thanks for your time,

Mike Mickelson.

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Nissa Pilcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:40 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Against SB23 & SB24

My name is Nissa Pilcher. I am a lifelong resident and have recieved every PFD since its began, recieved my degree from UAF Fairbanks, work for the State of Alaska, and am currently raising two children in this state.

I am against SB 23 & SB 24. I would like to live in a state that values education and infrastructure and spends accordingly. I am against short term personal gain and value long term benifits for the state and its long term residents. I am for adults paying their way, which also includes instituting an income tax.

I want to raise my kids here. Have them go to the University that I am proud to have graduated from. Take a ferry! believe in passing of these SBs will start a trend that will make this very difficult. I won't have my children in huge classrooms. I will move for their sake.

Jake Almeida

From: Scott Pilcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:43 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Fwd: Working people

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Scott Pilcher <niklaspilcher@gmail.com>
Date: 2/28/19 6:02 PM (GMT-09:00)
To: senatestateaffairs@akleg.gov
Subject: Working people

My name is Scott Pilcher, I am a life long Alaskan and a proud member of Laborers Local 942. I strongly oppose sb 23 and sb 24, we don't need bigger profits what we need is better paying jobs, more jobs and a continued emphasis on stronger education

Thank you for your time

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Jake Almeida

From: Betsy Brennan and Mike Wade [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:29 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24 opposition

Feb 28, 2019

Dear members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

Thank you for allowing public testimony. I did call in, but there was a very long wait and the person answering the phone provided this email address.

The bills being considered as the "PFD payback" proposal are NOT good policy and threaten the State of Alaska I love. I **do not support** SB23 & SB24. It would endanger the financial sustainability of the Alaska Permanent Fund. Cutting the State Budget to pay higher PFD's now and in the future is wrong. I think the past few legislative sessions had it correct, using a portion of the PFD to fund government and paying a PFD to residents. The cuts to State services and government proposed by the Governor go too far, too fast.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Brennan

[REDACTED]
Nome, Ak 99762
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Linda McCool [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:23 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Senate State Affairs
Subject: No to SB 24 and SB23

Dear Senator Shower,

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB 24 and SB 23. Even though my family uses the PFD for necessities, not luxuries, I am willing to give up part of it to maintain the government services that make Alaska a place worth living. In the long run, a few thousand dollars in my PFD won't make up for the damage done to our Pre-K through 12 school system, the University of Alaska, the ferry system and all of the other agencies that protect the health and well-being of Alaskans. My grandchildren deserve a quality education in a strong community. The cost of giving a full PFD and reimbursing us for past PFDs is too great and it will put a crushing burden on our coastal community of Kodiak. I am not willing to sacrifice my grandchildren's future for a bigger PFD.

NO to both of these bills and NO to amending the constitution.

Sincerely,

Linda McCool

Kodiak, AK

Jake Almeida

From: kj mackey [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:21 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24.

Dear Mr. Shower,

I do NOT want an overlarge PFD. I would much rather that money go towards supporting k-12 education, the University of Alaska, and Health and Human Services.

Regards, Kim Mackey

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Jake Almeida

From: Tim Bauer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:20 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Opposition SB23 and SB24

Senator Shower,

I am writing to strongly oppose SB24 and SB23. As an educator, I view this as a choice between funding a PFD or devastating education in Alaska with a 25% cut and obviously cannot see justifying cutting education. Please consider the long-term disastrous effects for Alaska and oppose both Bills SB23 and SB24.

I appreciate the difficult position you hold and thank you for all your work for the State of Alaska,

--

Tim Bauer
Superintendent
Annette Island School District
[REDACTED]

This e-mail may contain information that is confidential or privileged. Do not forward this message to any third party. If you are not the intended recipient, please notify the sender and delete all copies of this e-mail.

Jake Almeida

From: Joni Scott [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23/24

To Whom This May Concern,

As a parent in Alaska, I am urging the government to full fund education regardless of the outcome to our PFD. While the PFD is important, educating our children is critical and takes precedence over receiving PFD. Cutting education 25% or more would be a huge injustice and hurt our children for many years to come. Cutting education will hurt every district in the state of Alaska and will impact our children for many years to come. I urge all government parties to work hard at finding a way to fully fund education in the state of Alaska.

Thank you for your time.
Joni Scott
Mother & Educator

Jake Almeida

From: Nancy Barge [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:18 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Senate Bills 23 and 24

Senator Shower,
I strongly oppose additional PFD payments from previous years and support using that revenue for education, the ferry system and other essential services.

Thank you,
Nancy Barge

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: colin osterhout [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Testimony concerning budget (Senate Committee of State Affairs)

Members of the Senate Committee on State Affairs,

I apologize for the group email, the aide who answered the phone when I called in concerning public testimony told me I could give testimony via email but I was unable to find it on the [AKLeg Senate website](#).

I'm writing this evening to express my complete dismay at Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget and ask that the members consider ways to increase revenue in this state to provide a more stable year-to-year budget environment for the state. I am personally in favor of a progressive income tax and would be willing to forego a full PFD in times of budget hardship such as we're in currently.

I work for the University of Alaska Southeast as a Website Coordinator and I'm proud of the work that we do serving the needs of students, most of whom are our Alaskan neighbors. In this correspondence I do not speak on behalf of the university.

The proposed cut of 41% of the general fund would be devastating to our university, our community, and to my family personally. I cannot imagine that our university could sustain such a cut and maintain anything resembling "business as usual".

How can we effectively market our university to students in the midst of all this uncertainty about our very existence? How can students feel secure in their education paths when programs, classes, and services will be cut while their tuition and fees will most likely increase?

My children are now 8 and 10. College is getting closer and closer for them. Should these cuts proceed through, will the UA system still be an attractive choice to send them? Several of my friends whose children are making those college decisions right now are wondering the same thing.

This would not appear to be a well thought out and researched plan in any event. Just the initial effect of shock and awe of the proposed budget's release has had immediate impacts both in my work and in my family's situation. An example of an impact in microcosm that I'm sure must be impacting communities around the state: the house renovation we've been planning to start this summer is now on hold. Plans for replacing our truck are now on hold. Anything that would involve taking on any additional debt is now deferred indefinitely. This is all money that would have gone into our communities: contractors, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc.

Please, reject this budget proposal as insufficiently researched, extremely short sighted, and not in Alaska's best interest. We need to educate ourselves out of our mono-culture economy into a new, more stable situation.

Colin Osterhout

Jake Almeida

From: Kathie Yoder [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:10 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD/ State Budget

I am a 42 year resident of Alaska. My husband and I have raised our 5 children here, and now we are watching the next generation of Alaskans grow up.

YES on reinstating a state income tax and/or sales tax. It's past time for Alaskans to start paying for the services we need - including education, health, and transportation.

I am tired of hearing people whine about their PFDs. Free money is nice, but it's not the priority when the State is about to go off a fiscal cliff. Time to grow up, Alaska!

Kathie Yoder
99516

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Richard Mylius [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Comments on SB 23 and SB 24

To the Senate State Affairs Committee:

The Governor's budget clearly demonstrates the state faces a challenging budget situation. The Governor's budget proposes cuts to public education, the University, and health care that will have significant negative costs and negative impacts to Alaska's future.

Part of the solution to the state's budget problem is to use some of the earnings from the Permanent Fund earnings reserve, as the legislature approved last year. This will not be possible if we spend much of the earnings reserve on dividends.

I support using some of the Permanent Fund earnings to help pay for necessary government services, including education and health care.

I do not support the Governor's proposal to pay supplemental payments for past dividends as proposed in SB 23 and 24.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Dick Mylius
[REDACTED]

Anchorage, AK 99508

Jake Almeida

From: Kirsa Hughes-Skandijs [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:05 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD "Pay back"

I am writing in to testify to the proposed pay back of the portions of the PFD that were reduced in previous years. As we all know, the people hit hardest by a diminished dividend are the lowest income members of our state, which makes it a shame that our former governor was forced to this measure by a Senate that refused to address our budget imbalances productively - the very Senate of which our current governor was a member. The idea that these previous actions can be remedied by slashing public services, our state university, and the ferry system that connects isolated communities in Southeast and the Aleutians to the rest of our state would be laughable if it weren't for the harm these proposed cuts would do. There will quite literally be Alaskan blood on the hands of anyone who oversees and approves these cuts - preventable deaths due to the reduction in state services. Better that we should lose our dividend entirely and retain the services that ensure that the most desperate members of our community have alternatives and resources. I am adamantly opposed to the idea of burning our state infrastructure to the ground in the name of paying back the dividends. Not in my name!

Kirsa Hughes-Skandijs
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Jake Almeida

From: Jolene Cox [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:04 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony

I support responsible management of the PFD and don't agree with the Governor's proposal to use dollars from the PFD's earnings reserve to pay back portions of dividends to Alaska residents.

Jolene Cox
Juneau

Jake Almeida

From: Amy Rowe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:02 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: (Senate Bills 23 and 24)

Dear Senator,

I am writing you as a concerned Alaskan of 30 years. Please do not support Senate Bill 23 and 24. We do not need the past PFD fund distribution. We do need fully funded schools, universities, ferry service, and many other essential services Alaskans rely on and what makes our state a great place to live.

Please reject the supplemental PFD.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Amy Rowe Danielson
Sitka, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Scott Pilcher [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 6:02 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Working people

My name is Scott Pilcher, I am life long Alaskan and a proud member of Laborers Local 942. I strongly oppose sb 23 and sb 24, we don't need bigger pdfs what we need is better paying jobs, more jobs and a continued emphasis on stronger education

Thank you for your time

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Jake Almeida

From: Amy Hankins [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:59 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 24 and SB 23

Dear Senator Shower,

My name is Amy Hankins and I live in Seward. I am a wife, mother, and commercial fishing boat owner.

I want to express my feeling on SB 24 and SB 23.

Governor Dunleavy's letter to the State Affairs and Finance Committees speaks of recession and how paying back unpaid dividends can restore the economy. If unpaid dividends are paid on the backs of our children's education, families are going to use their dividend to relocate out of state because our education system will be so basic and unappealing - a failed system. There is no possible way for our state's economy to absorb the number of jobs that will be lost as a result of an education cut of such detrimental magnitude. There will be no hope for Alaska's future. As it is, my daughter's school cannot offer the AP or Honors classes she needs and we pay for her to attend an online out-of-state school part-time to make up the difference. The classes that will be stripped now, are the ones that keep kids in schools like arts and shop classes.

Fiscal responsibility is important and as Alaskans, we all need to pitch in when times are lean. Education is the foundation of our future, please invest in our state by putting children first. Do not pass SB 24 or SB 23.

Sincerely,

Amy Hankins
[REDACTED]

Seward, AK 99664
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: philip osborn [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:53 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD mistake

Hi, Phil Osborn here, 1451 Flat Mountain Rd. Fairbanks Ak. 99712

I got here in January 1968, and paid an income tax to Alaska for several years till the oil money started flowing. I recall it was not a hardship, and I was happy to pay my own way. I have enjoyed the PFD for lo these many years, and hope they can continue a while longer but I do not support large payouts that would bankrupt my home state. I think Alaska needs to demand more money from the oil companies - they can afford it, I have no doubts. Gutting important programs is a terrible idea that should not see the light of day! A responsible government would not consider what Gov. Dunleavy is suggesting.

Please record me as completely opposed to SB 13, 23 and 24.

Sincerely, Phil Osborn

Jake Almeida

From: Peg Tileston [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:53 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Re: SB 23 and SB 24.

Do no super size the dividend - follow the established formula. No supplemental PFD!
The budget has already been cut to the bone - do not slash it any further.
Fill the budget gap through increased revenues: income tax and increased taxes on the oil industry
We need fiscal stability and we need to assure Alaska is a state in which we want to stay.
Peg Tileston

[REDACTED]
Anchorage AK 99503
[REDACTED]

ANCHORAGE LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

Email: Anchorage.lio@akleg.gov 907-269-0111/ phone, 907-269-0229/fax

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:

M.A. Higgins

REPRESENTING:

self of my state

BILL# / SUBJECT:
COMMITTEE &

Payback of 3 years of PFD's

HEARING DATE:

2/28/19

Ladies & Gentlemen —

Please Do NOT waste

precious SOA \$'s on backpaying

3 years of PFD's.

This is unconscionable when the SOA

faces a budget gap and supposedly unable to pay
for vital SOA services.
No no + no to backpay of PFD's.

Jake Almeida

From: MaryBeth Printz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 6:52 AM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Budget/Permanent Dividend/Suggestions

Dear Senators:

I strongly believe that it is unwise to pay back past permanent dividends; those funds could better be used to rebuild our aging port of Anchorage, which is essential to maintaining our lives. If everyone were to receive those past dividends, and the port totally disintegrates, there won't be any food or supplies making it into the port anyway. It makes no difference to me about a campaign promise; they are broken all of the time. Please do what is best for all Alaskans.

Here is my suggestion for additional state income: The state could charge each tourist at least a \$100 head tax. Think about the estimated number of tourists who plan on visiting our state this year (more than there are residents). Other states and countries do this. Venice, Italy just began charging a tax of around \$112 per day per tourist because it is the most visited city in the world. Tourists will still come. That tax could be used to support education. If the tax was instituted, then it would totally support education, and the general fund would no longer have to pay for education, which would free a lot of money to be used in other ways.

There should be a state lottery where people could walk into a location and play. That way, tourists could also play. The online format does not reach that many individuals. In Washington, education is paid for by a state lottery and we could do the same thing here.

I am a newly retired teacher and want to ask you to please consider rejecting the budget that plans on cutting an obscene amount of money from education funding. If education is cut so radically, what will be the outcome? Larger class sizes, not meeting the educational and emotional needs of students, losing qualified teachers, removing Alaska as a consideration for new teachers, and the list continues. Additionally if the governor's proposal to cut education so radically is passed, this action will throw the burden of all past bonds directly onto tax payers with no matching funds. We must support our future, which is our children and their educational needs.

Who would want to attend college here if the costs become prohibitive? If it becomes more expensive, students will not be able to afford it. What if all of the good professors leave because they can make more money elsewhere? Currently I am taking an advanced painting class at UAA

Jake Almeida

From: Jeffbenowitz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 4:45 AM
To: Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: SB23 and SB24 testimony

Please do not distribute a super dividend or a payback.dividend or any dividend for that matter.

After 30 years of living in Alaska it is clear we need to stop sending 10-24% of every dividend check to DC in the form of federal income taxes and we need to keep Alaska's money here and spend it on needed government services like ferries, education, health, and rural energy.

best,

jeff b.
Fairbanks

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Ral West [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 3:49 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Supplemental PFD payments

Dear Senator Shower,

I am Ral West and I live in Sitka. I am writing in opposition to the proposal to issue supplemental PFD payments. Small communities in SE Alaska depend upon the ferry system to link our communities, and provide a means to transport cars and goods. These supplemental PFD payments will divert much-needed funds for services like this.

Our state must stop spending more than we earn. Giving money to its residents is not responsible fiscal policy.

Thank you,

Ms Ral West

Sent from Ral West's iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Kyler Wilcox [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:35 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: concerned citizen

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a 31 year old married father of two and live in anchor point Alaska. I am a very concerned citizen when it comes to Sb 23 and Sb 24, It's terrifying that this is even proposed. Governor Dunleavy's platform when he ran was to restore the PFD but what he didn't say was that he was going to cut the budget so bad that they are talking about closing Chapman Elementary School or eliminating over half the staff. My daughter might not be going to school in my own town that i pay taxes for. All this for a full PFD that only benefits the people that do not work or use the system already, but those people are going to have trouble when their kids who get state assistance have to drive their kids 30 minutes or more away putting more strain on state budget. I can personally say that from the many people i have talked to over this subject are fed up and if this continues and Sb 23 and Sb 24 passes they are ready to pack up and leave this state. I can personally say that i will leave as well if my daughters education is in jeopardy enough is enough. We are going the wrong way with the budget and need to come up with other solutions. Smaller dividends are vital to support the budget now to have time to come up with other options. But as a Alaskan resident that works full time i would support a income tax or sales tax before cutting education and other important services. We have so many outsiders that come to our beautiful state and make their wage and fly home putting \$0 to the Alaskan economy. I just want to say thank you for taking the time to read this but i am strongly against Sb 23 and Sb 24 This should be a vote for Alaskans. Do not cut our most important services, you need to make the right decision for Alaska my kids future depends on it.

Jake Almeida

From: kristen homer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:31 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: I oppose SB23 and SB24

Dear Senator Shower:

I am a citizen of Sitka, Alaska, where I have lived since 1995. I am writing to you this evening to express my opposition to SB23 and SB24. I believe these PFD back payments proposed by the governor will be harmful to our state. These moneys should be spent on education, the ferry system, Medicaid, and other essential services that the governor has proposed cutting in order to balance the budget. Gutting and/or eliminating essential services for the sake of providing each Alaskan with a few extra thousand dollars is short-sighted, destructive and will ultimately cripple communities around the state. Please vote no on SB23 and SB24. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Kristen Homer

Sent from my iPad

Jake Almeida

From: Emily Becker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:55 PM
To: Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof
Subject: SB 23 & SB 24

Greetings. I did not get to call in and give testimony on SB 23 and 24, so I am writing.

The governor's promise to pay \$6,700 in PFD payments was nothing more than a campaign bribe. It's spectacularly stupid public policy.

By the way, I am particularly peeved that the governor's office was one of the few areas of the budget that received a proposed increase--nearly 8%. He's also hired and paid top dollar for several new dubious government positions. I can smell the stink all the way from Anchorage.

Alaskans are trusting that our legislators have better sense. Sorry that you have to do the hard work and possibly shoulder the blame, but I trust you are ready.

Sincerely,

Emily Becker
Anchorage (Airport Heights)

Jake Almeida

From: Kate Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:43 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Public testimony for SB 23 and 24.

Senator Shower,

I testified tonight in Sitka concerning Senate Bills 23 and 24. I miraculously kept my testimony to exactly a minute, but here is the full version of what I intended to say.

First of all, I would like to thank you for taking the time to listen to the Alaskan people you serve. We appreciate the fact that our voices and our opinions are heard.

I spoke tonight against the payout of supplemental permanent fund dividends. I oppose Senate Bills 23 and 24.

I moved to Alaska in 1998 to attend UAA, where I completed my degree in early education. I now live in Sitka, where I am raising my family and teaching preschool. My children are benefiting greatly from an outstanding school district. They have had phenomenal teachers to support their academic learning, their music, and their art.

Some of these very same teachers are now putting their houses on the market and considering leaving our state. So are our health care providers, our fishermen, our elders, and others that are the backbone of our community.

Rural Alaskan towns will be hit the hardest under the proposed state budget. If funds are cut at a state level the cities will have to make up the financial difference. And if families are forced out of Alaska this will be nearly impossible.

I know it sounds like nothing but "gloom and doom" hyperbole; but if we can't invest in our communities and in our children they will have little incentive to stay in Alaska. The long term effects of these bills and the proposed budget will be extreme.

We all know how expensive it is to live in Alaska. And we know how beneficial it is to receive our yearly dividend checks. We can always use that money to make ends meet or to save for our children's college tuition.

But the retroactive PFD payments have the potential to harm our state. There might be short-term gains that will make things easier right now. But I'm worried that the longer-term consequence of cutting our state services will drive people out of our state.

If the budget needs to be balanced there are more reasonable ways of doing so: more reasonable than doing so at the expense of our children's education and the most vulnerable Alaskans.

We need to invest in education. Our Alaskan children are the future of this state and our future leaders. We need them to stay.

As an Alaskan, I support education, health care, social services, public radio, the Pioneer Home, the Alaskan State Highway, and other state services.

And this is where I want my money to go: to making Alaska a place we want to call home.

Thank you again,
Kate Johnson

Jake Almeida

From: Angela Chervenak [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:28 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Education and the Permanent Fund

Honorable Senator Mike Shower,

I am a 30 year Kodiak, Alaska resident, moving here in my early 20s from Washington state. I chose to remain in Kodiak for many reasons; Alaska offers beauty, clean air and opportunity and the PFD has never been a compelling reason for me to remain.

I believe in Alaska's unique, progressive education system; it is a system that must meet the cultural needs of myriad settings, urban and rural - coastal and interior a more diverse educational landscape I contend, than any other state in the United States. Kodiak has always prided itself in providing arts, sciences and cultural opportunities in addition to traditional reading, writing and mathematics. I have always been proud of the offerings to students in the Kodiak school system. My son is a product of the Kodiak Island Borough School District, successful in the corporate workforce and currently in his final year of a PHD program in pharmaceutical research. I hold two Masters degrees, and I believe strongly in the power of a good education.

I do not support cutting education to support a larger PFD. I believe a portion of the permanent should support our public education system with the hope that those who may be dependent on the money could find opportunity through education. (I understand that a permanent fund check may be a necessity to some and I could support a smaller dividend.) The homey proverb "give a man a fish or teach him to fish" speaks to a need for education; I contend that we must give our Alaskan children a strong, purposeful education and they will build Alaska's economy.

Please do not cut education funding in order to pay for the hefty PFD promises presented in SB24 and SB23. Please consider the a long term benefit for supporting a strong public education system in Alaska.

Thank you for listening and for your dedication work for the people of Alaska.

Respectfully,

Angela Chervenak
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Jake Almeida

From: Joyanne Bloom [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:24 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: No on SB 23/24

Dear Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

It shouldn't be a choice of cuts to services or pfund dividends. Where's the choice of taxing the oil companies, the mining companies and all their highly paid workers from outside of Alaska. Let's quit making the selection box so limited. Let's be given other boxes we can check to increase revenues without taking the money from those in need.

Thank you for considering my input. (I wanted to call in but the wait was too long so I took your recommendation of writing you.)

Joyanne Bloom

--

Joyanne Bloom

[REDACTED]
Juneau, Alaska 99801
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Carolyn Heuer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:19 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Hello my name is Carolyn MacIntyre and I live in Sitka, AK. I am writing this evening to give my opinion on SB 23 and 24.

I believe the oversized PFD payments the governor proposes will harm Alaska. These back payments from previous years will come at the expense of our schools, ferry system and other essential resources we can't do without.

Please vote to not make these payments.

Thank you,
Carolyn

Sent from myMail for iOS

Jake Almeida

From: Katie Botz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:13 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23/24

Thank you Senator Shower, and members of State Affairs Committee. Ive spent the past nearly 2 hours to delete and revise what I want to say. I'm deeply opposed for these two bills as well as the entire proposed budget!! Im terrified in what these two bills could do for our future of Alaska! These two bills are to drive our State into bankruptcy. I'm not certain if our Governor truly even cares for Alaska, because if he truly did care then he, as Governor, should give up his salary for the State revenue. PFD is nothing more than an entitlement for those who are used to getting paid by the State and Alaska is purely the only state which pays their residents in US. PFD is FOR State Government NOT the people!! It was my understanding that when PFD started, the oil revenues had much more money than what was needed at the time to financially distribute the wealth to the State. It was foretold, that there will be a time when PFD can't be paid out any further - we as a State has reached that time limit. It's time to teach everyone what's our Alaskan's core values, core ethics, and core principles! I would love to give up my PFD!!!

Thank You,
Katie Botz
Juneau
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Lesa Meath [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB 24

Hello,

I have been unable to call in my phone testimony this evening as the line has been continually busy. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

As an Alaska resident since 1970, my family and I are thoroughly invested in our wonderful state. My three children are 4th Generation Alaskans on my husband's side of the family. Although we appreciate our annual PFD, we feel strongly that it should not take priority over quality K-12 education, the University of Alaska system, transportation, Head Start, the Pioneer's Home and many other important supports for our residents.

Please register my opposition to SB 24. My family has no desire to put our own selfish interests in the manner delivered via retroactive PFD/full PFD payment ahead of the welfare of our Fairbanks community and rural Alaska neighbors.

Lesla Meath
[REDACTED]

Fairbanks, AK 99709

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:06 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Senate Public Affairs - Public Comment SB23 / SB24

Chairman Shower and members of the committee,

Please accept this as my public comment on SB23/24. I do not support this "plan" as being in the best interest of our state.

As a state, our goal should be to have the best infrastructure possible (education, transportation, healthcare, state services, etc). We need an economy that is "Predictable" and "Sustainable". This "plan" does not accomplish these goals nor even predict the effect this will have on the state if it were implemented. Basing an economy on a single volatile resource such as oil – is neither "predictable" nor "sustainable". The permanent fund was established to make the oil "boom" money to provide an investment account to do that.

Now, we can no longer rely on that investment account growing from new oil money. We should look at how state government and education in Alaska was funded before the oil boom... personal income tax & school tax -- see http://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp... ---- This "plan" was in place when the "framers" of the state constitution met and set their vision for our state.

For me, my first PFD made it possible to purchase the field gear necessary to work as an archeological field technician based from a remote camp in the Alaska Range through UAF (Susitna Hydroelectric Project). That education/work experience most influenced my decision to remain in Alaska (over 30 years now).

It should be considered that the "payout" of a PFD effects the people of our state differently – some rely on this for essentials, food, payment of utilities, property taxes or items necessary for a job), while for others it goes to airfare or luxury goods. – It is a dividend share earned from a commonly owned investment account.

While I support the PFD, the PFD does not represent an equitable system to fund government and public services – A progressive income tax does more equitably distribute the burden – even among annual non-residents who take the seasonal work available – use services and leave.

A tax would effect all people with income generated from Alaska, including non-residents, in a progressive manner.

However, a tax can be done at the same time as protecting the PFD "investment account" for each Alaskan as their equal share of the revenue from the commonly owned state resource(s) being sold.

If this "plan" would have been implemented 20 years ago the PFD amount (return on investment) would be more than most Alaskan's tax obligation (support for public infrastructure). Please, don't wait until it's too late....

Steve Winker, Juneau Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Marlin Keith Cox [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:03 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Management of the PFD

I am an educator, entrepreneur, business owner, past university professor and federal employee. The use of PFD funds in the capacity being proposed by our current governor is the most thoughtless plan I could ever have imagined.

I completely support responsible management of the PFD and the governors proposal is something I could not more strongly DISAGREE with.

M. Keith Cox, Ph.D.
Cofounder
Seafood Analytics
[REDACTED]

Juneau, AK 99801
[REDACTED]

Certifiedqualityseafood.com



CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE:

The contents of this email message and any attachments are intended solely for the addressee(s) and may contain confidential and/or privileged information and may be legally protected from disclosure. If you are not the intended recipient of this message or their agent, or if this message has been addressed to you in error, please immediately alert the sender by reply email and then delete this message and any attachments. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any use, dissemination, copying, or storage of this message or its attachments is strictly prohibited.

Jake Almeida

From: Forrest Kuiper [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 8:02 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Opposition to SB 23 & 24

Senator Shower,

I called in but wanted to also provide my written testimony opposing these bills!

"I am representing myself and calling to strongly oppose SB23 & 24

I was born and raised in Alaska and have spent my entire 40 years here. I love this state and want to spend the rest of my life here, but these budget cuts are compromising that and forcing my wife and I to seriously consider our future. We have a 6 year old in kindergarten and Governor Dunleavy's cuts to education are unacceptable. Class sizes of 45-55 are not the sign of a strong future for this state.

Paying out the oversized PFD just to cut K-12 25%, UA 41%, marine highway 75%, to name a few is not the way for a viable and sustainable future. I would be happy to give up my PFD for essential state services. I urge you to make the right decision for the future of this great state and oppose these bills, as well as pushing back against the governor's budget"

Thanks,

Forrest Kuiper
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Steve Behnke [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 11:28 PM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: An old-timer who grew up in the Mat-Su Valley supports education, health care, and ferries over expanding the Permanent Fund dividend.

Dear Senate State Affairs Committee member,

I grew up on a homestead in the Mat-Su Valley, and have lived in Alaska for more than 6 decades. I attended UAF and earned a living working in private enterprise, state government, and non-profits. I plan to spend the rest of my life here.

Please reject the Governor's radical proposals to gut good government in Alaska.

I encourage you to support a common sense balance of state government funding that helps makes Alaska a good place to live. The foresighted creators of the Alaska Permanent Fund knew the oil would run out, and they created it to help fund state government and buffer it against swings in oil prices. The dividend is valuable, but it is only a piece of our financial puzzle. We need to increase our income through an income tax, and by stopping the giveaway of money to the oil companies. That balance will allow us to maintain a good education system, health care, environmental protection, the ferry system, and other governmental services we have developed to solve problems that we can't solve on our own as individuals.

Thank you.

Steve Behnke
[REDACTED]
Juneau, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: laura schmidt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 7:31 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD

Dear Senator Shower, I am writing to give my testimony in favor of reducing the PFD. Our state budget is in dire straits, it is unconscionable to take personal gain over the health of our state and our communities. Please fund our schools, AK marine highway, and the services that keep our state healthy, safe, desirable for residency and economically viable. Draconian cuts of our historic budget will profoundly impact our economy for years to come. Thank you for your service to our state.

Thanks much,
Laura Schmidt,
a lifelong Ak resident,
Sitka, AK

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: joanna perensovich [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 6:58 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; matthew.moser@neaalaska.org
Subject: SB 23 and 24

To whom it may concern--

I am writing today, to voice my complete displeasure with Gov. Dunleavy's proposed budget.

I can not support his ideas of gutting local municipal revenue sources. I do not want to see education, Medicare services, the marine highway system, harbor projects and so many more essential resources sacrificed on a local level so the state can take credit for 'cutting taxes' and 'repaying the PFD'. I PREFER to give up my back payments of the PFD in order to maintain consistent funding of crucial local services. I PREFER that the State raise more revenue, especially in the form of income tax. It is embarrassing how much money is 'earned' in this state (usually from resource extraction in one or another form) and then gets taken outside without any income tax levied, and thus with NO benefit to the residents of Alaska in the form of a deserved income tax on resources supplied by our state.

There is no such thing as a free lunch. This promise of back payments of the PFD was obviously a popular campaign idea, however it is a \$3,600 sweetheart deal, that will cost us at least \$1.95 billion, in addition to the immediate ruination of most municipalities as we know and love them.

I can not support this proposed budget. Please do whatever you can to return the State to a rational and caring plan for revenue sharing with local governments and support of fundamental state programs for our residents.

Most sincerely,
Joanna Perensovich
Sitka Alaska
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Lori Landstrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 5:35 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & SB24

I am not in favor of paying our extra PFD money.

The current cap is just fine for me. The budget cuts proposed will do far more damage, for much longer, than people not getting the "extra dividend money".

I do Not support SB 23 & SB 24. I urge you to not pass them out of your committee. Let them die.

You heard 2 to 1 in testimony last night. People want to be heard, put the money back in the state budget.

NO BIG PAY OUTS.

Thank you.

[Lori Landstrom, Seward](#)

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better,"

-Mya Angelou

Jake Almeida

From: Katie Botz [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD layout testimony

Thank you Senator Shower, and members of State Affairs Committee. Ive spent the past nearly 2 hours to delete and revise what I want to say. I'm deeply opposed for these two bills as well as the entire proposed budget!! Im terrified in what these two bills could do for our future of Alaska! These two bills are to drive our State into bankruptcy. I'm not certain if our Governor truly even cares for Alaska, because if he truly did care then he, as Governor, should give up his salary for the State revenue. PFD is nothing more than an entitlement for those who are used to getting paid by the State and Alaska is purely the only state which pays their residents in US. PFD is FOR State Government NOT the people!! It was my understanding that when PFD started, the oil revenues had much more money than what was needed at the time to financially distribute the wealth to the State. It was foretold, that there will be a time when PFD can't be paid out any further - we as a State has reached that time limit. It's time to teach everyone what's our Alaskan's core values, core ethics, and core principles! I would love to give up my PFD!!!

Thank You,
Katie Botz
Juneau
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Patricia Dick [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 2:10 PM
To: House.Community.And.Regional.Affairs@alleg.gov; House Education; House.Finance@aleg.gov; House Health and Social Services; House Judiciary; House Labor and Commerce; House Resources; House Rules; House State Affairs; House Transportation; Senate Community and Regional Affairs; Senate Education; Senate Finance Committee; Senate Health and Social Services; Senate Judiciary; Senate.Labor.And.Commerce@akleg.gov; Senate Resources; Senate Rules; Senate State Affairs; Senate Transportation Committee; Ethics Committee
Subject: NO on SB 23 & 24 Help!

Dear Legislature Members,

Thank you for reading this. I am a retired teacher who is still active in my grand children's education and the welfare of the people in the community of Sitka and all of SE Alaska. I hope to share an Alaskan's citizens perspective of the proposed Dunleavy budget. It has put our community in a state of chaos. We cannot wrap our minds around whatever motivated Dunleavy to cut 40 teachers in our public school, cancel our ferries, wreck our Pioneer's Home, close our university doors and put our community in a state of economic peril. We are trying to find a logical reasoning behind this and it is just, beyond us. We thought our elected officials were all about enabling our communities to safely succeed and grow economically. What kind of men would set out to run our citizens out of the state, cripple our ability to educate our children, and have successful businesses? What kind of men do not know that our cities depend upon ferries for our economical survival? Something does not smell right. I believe that when this illegal budget comes to a vote, that every man that votes for it needs to be investigated. No man in his right mind would seek to destroy the Alaska economy, run off it citizens, drop constitutionally mandated educational responsibilities unless they were benefiting in some illegal way.

My only hope is the good among you will stand up and vote **NO** and show Dunleavy how a budget is made to benefit all Alaskan citizens. And, when his line item veto cuts into our life blood, stand up, stand up to protect us! By the way, the highly elevated power of the governor's line item veto in this state needs to be reworked in the future due to situations like this. Thank you for being strong in this "self inflicted" storm!

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Dick

Sitka, Alaska
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Maricruz Vega [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Fwd: Opposition of SB 23 & 24

Hello.

I am a Sitka resident and I am writing because I oppose additional PFD payments from previous years and support using that revenue for education, the ferry system and other essential services.

Please do not support these bills. They will be detrimental to our community.

Concerned Citizen,
Maricruz Vega
Sitka, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Tanya Curtis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 12:52 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. John Coghill;
Senator.scott.kawaski@akleg.com
Subject: Sb23 & Sb24

I Approve of Sb23 & Sb24

Thank you

Tanya Curtis

Jake Almeida

From: Kari Anderson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 12:28 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Testimony regarding Senate Bill 23

Good Afternoon-

My name is Kari Anderson and I'm a resident of Seward, Alaska. I wish to testify (or at least communicate) regarding Senate Bill 23.

I do not want drastic cuts made to the education systems in the state, or to the Alaska Marine Highway. I am not in favor of removing the raw fish tax from communities.

I would support a smaller or zero PFD check for residents, and I would also support an income tax or state sales tax. Please do not make drastic cuts to the capital budget.

Thank you for all of your hard work on behalf of Alaska.

Jake Almeida

From: Roslyn Dailey [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: State of Alaska budget

Senate State Affairs committee members,

I believe that Alaska's most important resource is well educated, well rounded young people. They will grow up to be the future of the state. With that said I think it is incredibly important to voice my opinion on the current proposed budget for the State of Alaska.

It is a terrible idea in times of deficit budgets to give away large amounts of money through the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend. When this distribution of large dividends goes so far as to devastate school budgets, it is unconscionable. The dividends must be capped even in good years and curtailed when there is insufficient money to support basic programs.

If there is so little money in the transportation budget that funds for the Alaska Marine Highway must be cut by close to 75% it seems that all state highway funding should be cut in a similar percentage.

Thank you for your service,

Roslyn MacKinnon

Sitka , Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Patti MacPike [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: SB24-

Dear Senator Shower,

In regards to "paying back" PFD funds to Alaskans. I feel very few folks remember the consequences of Governor Palin's extra funds given to us 2008 of \$3269. That year many Alaskans had to pay much more tax to the Federal Government. Some large families had to pay almost a whole dividend to the IRS for that "gift". They were caught very unawares as the implication this windfall would play in their tax brackets and taxable income. Paying large sums back to Alaskan's will have the same effect again, though I fear it will be even worse now that the kids are subject to the new Kidde Tax rules and limits that came with President Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Kids alone will have to pay tax as high as 39.6% and their dividend income.

It makes no reasonable sense to me to look backwards and hand the money over to the Federal Government, when we would be better served by keeping the money in Alaska and using it for its citizens.

I would like to see our elected officials be forward thinking. I would like to see the money kept in Alaska where it can create and/or maintain jobs and funding for education, Alaska Marine Highway, public safety, and health care as well as other necessary services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patti MacPike, EA

Shaffer & CO. CPAS, LLC

[REDACTED]
Sitka, AK 99835
[REDACTED]

The information contained in this e-mail message may be privileged, confidential and protected from disclosure. If you are not the intended recipient, any dissemination, distribution or copying is strictly prohibited. If you believe you have received this e-mail message in error, please e-mail the sender at sitkacpa@gmail.com.

IRS Circular 230 Disclosure: To ensure compliance with requirements imposed by the Internal Revenue Service, we inform you that any tax advice contained in this communication (including attachments) is neither written nor intended to be used, and cannot be used, for the purpose of (1) avoiding penalties under the Internal Revenue Code, or (2) promoting, marketing or recommending to another party any transaction or matter addressed herein.

Jake Almeida

From: Christina Vandenhoogen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 9:48 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Senate Bills 23/24

Hello Senator,

I am Christina Van Den Hoogen, originally from Girdwood, AK and now a resident of Sitka. I thank you for taking the time to read this email.

I've lived in Alaska for most of my life, and have benefitted from the PFD for many years. However, I do not agree with Gov. Dunleavy's plan for Senate Bills 23 and 24 to pay back the Alaskan people. I believe in schools that are well funded, cities that have the money to support their people, and people who have the healthcare that they need. I do not think that ruthless cuts to necessary items is the way to solve our problems. I deeply care about the schools in Sitka, and I want to see them thrive before I get a check in my account. I do not want to put my own financial needs before a child's proper education. In short, I would sincerely ask you, Senator, to use this money to further education, health care, and other necessities.

I thank you again, and I hope you do the right thing for all of us.

Christina

--

Christina Van Den Hoogen
Administrative Assistant
Sitka Fine Arts Camp

[REDACTED]
www.fineartscamp.com

www.facebook.com/fineartscamp



Jake Almeida

From: Kimberley Hunter [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2019 9:26 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD payback

Dear Senator Shower,

I am a resident of Sitka, Alaska and have been for the the past 38 years. We raised our 3 children here and 2 have returned to live and work in Sitka. One is a teacher at Mt. Edgecumbe High School and the former mayor of Sitka, and one works in I.T. at Stika Community Hospital. I am writing in regards to SB23 and 24. Please veto the proposed supplemental PFD payback! The money should go to maintain and improve the public education of our children and also to help keep Sitka the wonderful community that it is. All of the residents of Alaska need to have quality schools, ferry systems and community services.

My whole family is willing to even give up the PFDs in favor of keeping Alaska the very best place that there is to live!

Thank-you for your time and for all of your work for our state.

Most Sincerely, Kimberley B. Hunter

Jake Almeida

From: Lem Wheelles [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:57 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Mia Costello; Rep. Matt Claman
Subject: Written Testimony on SB23 and SB24

Dear Senator Shower and the rest of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I'm writing concerning SB 23 and SB 24, two bills which give me great concern. As a lifelong Alaskan born in 1981, I have been blessed to have received every Permanent Fund Dividend check issued in the history of the program. I am thankful that early Alaska statesmen saw fit to bequeath the amazing endowment of the Permanent Fund to our state. I am further appreciative for the continuing efforts of the Permanent Fund Corporation and its managers who have built the body of the fund into its current impressive value. All that being said, I strongly oppose the Governor's proposals embodied in SB 23 and SB 24.

Last year, the Legislature took the first step towards stabilizing state finances by developing a POMV limit on draws from the Earnings Reserve Account. The next step in ending the wild swings of our economy and diminishing our dependence on oil revenues is a broad based revenue measure like a statewide sales tax or income tax (I prefer the former but would be content with the later as it would help with fiscal certainty). To make the draconian cuts to education, infrastructure, and health care proposed by the Governor while paying billions of dollars in "missed" dividends is ludicrous.

Next year my older daughter will attend Dimond High School, the same school that my parents, my wife, and I all graduated from. If the Governor's proposed budget is adopted, the Anchorage School District will need to raise class sizes by at least 23 students. That means my daughter will see average class sizes of 53, which is nothing like the Dimond High any of her parents or grandparents attended. My younger daughter will be a 6th grader next year, meaning her class size would be 50. Both of these class sizes give me great concern. First, no meaningful learning can happen in such a setting. Second, it is unsafe. I cannot imagine the Fire Marshall would consider this number of students (plus desks and chairs to squeeze them all in) as safe to fit in our current classrooms. In the event of a school shooter, imagine trying to keep 50 kids in a standard classroom safe in a lockdown, or to be able to safely evacuate them to safety. It's next to impossible.

All of this leads me to the conclusion that the Legislature must reverse the Governor's ridiculous cuts to public education, say no to repaying "lost" dividends, and utilize a combination of new revenue measures and funds from the Earnings Reserve to balance the state budget. If there was a ever a time that Alaskans wanted a tax, this is the time. True Alaskans will have part or all of their taxes offset by dividends, while we also capture revenue from outside workers or visitors (depending on if an income tax or sales tax is chosen). Please be the leaders Alaska needs and reject SB 23 and SB 24 on the way to keeping Alaska as the great state I've loved my entire life.

Sincerely,
Lem Wheelles
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99502
District 21-K

Jake Almeida

From: Julia Wigren [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:19 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony

My name is Julia Wigren, I was born in Alaska and raised here. I earned my MAT from UAA and have been working for the ASD for 11 years. I've been teaching at Dimond High School for all of those years. My husband, who was also born and raised in Alaska, earned a degree in wildlife biology from UAF and has worked in the state his entire career. We own a home in Anchorage and have a three and a half year old who we would like to attend public school. I give my family's background because we are real Alaskans who are committed to our state and community. We have never wanted to live anywhere else and are actively involved in and care about what happens in our community.

I have seen first hand over the last eleven years how not having a consisted and well funded budget for education has affected the quality of our public schools. You cannot have a healthy economy or expect our city to be safe if you do not invest in and properly manage our public schools. Teachers in my building are starting to feel unsafe for the first time in decades of teaching. We have less staff and more students assigned to each teacher. Students do not feel connected because it is impossible for one adult to connect with 30 plus students no matter how much we want to or the community expects us to. If you don't connect with students they are not engaged. This unfortunately leads to students finding engagement elsewhere outside of school and typically not in positive ways. Students can see the lack of support our state and community give to our schools and unfortunately with the way funds have been managed I am not surprised why the community feels that way. It is our community's responsibility to hold the district in check for who is managing these funds and how money is being spent. However, that does not give our community and state the right to completely strip funds and make it impossible to run our schools so that we can have enough teachers and staff to fully educate the children who are showing up and want to learn.

Give me an income tax! Take my PFD! I don't have the answers but I do expect our elected officials to know that education should be a top priority. I want our public school system to be strong and attract the best teachers so that my daughter and other children can be inspired to do great things with their lives and within our communities.

Thank you

Julia Wigren

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Justin & Kime [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 6:17 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Budget

Good Evening,

We write to you as two concerned citizens with three children who attend public school in Sitka. We are gainfully employed tax payers and law-abiding citizens who plan to retire in Sitka when my husband retires in 12 months from the US Coast Guard.

We are very concerned with Gov. Dunleavy's proposed budget. The cuts to education would cripple the learning and advancement of children in Sitka and the economy of Sitka would collapse resulting in families like ours leaving Alaska.

I implore you to consider alternatives including elimination of the PFD and/or creating an income tax. Alaskans need to be willing to put their money where their mouth is and these two Alaskan residents are willing to do what's necessary to preserve the quality education our children are entitled to.

We are willing to further discuss if necessary.

Kimberly & John Palmer
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Deborah Spencer [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 4:29 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: DO NOT restore the PFD

Thank you Governor Dunleavy and OMB team for putting together a budget where revenue and expenditures are aligned.

Please do not restore the PFD. I am willing to pay more for services. I will pay an income tax, sales tax, and increased fees for licences and permits so I can live in the State I love. Restoring the PFD while making deep cuts to education, public safety and DOT is irresponsible.

Please look at revenue along with cuts and don't restore the PFD.

Voter
Debbie Speakman

Jake Almeida

From: Lori Landstrom [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 24 & 23

I am not in favor of paying our extra PFD money.

The current cap is just fine for me. The budget cuts proposed will do far more damage, for much longer, than people not getting the "extra dividend money".

I do Not support SB 23 & SB 24. I urge you to not pass them out of your committee. Let them die.

You heard 2 to 1 in testimony last week. People want to be heard, put the money back in the state budget.

PFDs and public Education are two separate issues. They should be dealt with separately. The budget for Education should be determined by Need.

How revenue is acquired for public Education is its own topic.

NO BIG PAY OUTS.

I support a state income tax. And an education tax (\$30-50 taken out of your paycheck on July 1st every year).
Thank you.

Lori Landstrom, Seward

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better,"

-Mya Angelou

Jake Almeida

From: Melissa Fish [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 1:27 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Peter Micciche; Rep. Ben Carpenter
Subject: Save our Schools!

To Whom it May Concern, and you should ALL be concerned,

I am writing on behalf of my family, my child's school, and my community in Cooper Landing, to beseech you to reject the proposed cuts to our public education system.

While the PFD is important to Alaskans, public education is crucial. Many non-Native Alaskans chose our great state for the freedom to live far away from the big cities, and it is small communities like Cooper Landing that will suffer the most by lack of a public school. The governor claims to support small, local businesses, but for lack of proper funding in education, it will be the small, local businesses that are hurt by these proposed cuts. The young families in our community (who, by the way, also do double and triple duty as volunteer firefighters and emergency services staff) will be forced to perhaps take their families and small businesses elsewhere, likely to a state where their needs are met. When you lose the young families and small businesses in a community, it withers on the vine and dies.

The budget for Public Educations should be determined by *need*, and how that revenue is acquired should be its OWN topic, not lumped in with a general budget discussion. There are untapped resources that we need to consider, NEW revenue, like revised oil tax credits, sales tax. I don't believe that our government is asking the correct people for resources. You can't tell me we can't wring out more money from the oil fields, I don't believe it.

Public Education is absolutely crucial, taking more money from our schools is basically stealing from our own future.

Sincerely,
Melissa Fish

Jake Almeida

From: Elisabeth Nadin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: please help AK choose education and health services over the PFD!

Dear Senator Shower,

I don't live in your district, but like many from Fairbanks I am trying to do what I can to reach out to our state's representatives to work for a brighter future for Alaskans.

I saw that you're taking public testimony on Tuesday. I won't be able to attend or call in, but I wanted to add a voice to oppose the governor's bill to pay out PFDs at the expense of public education in Alaska.

My kids go to public school in Fairbanks and their classrooms are already overcrowded at 28 kids per 1 teacher. It just means the teacher turns to computers and devices more frequently.

I also teach at UAF, which has already experienced 4 years for cuts. Student enrollment is down, the general mood is somber. Universities should be thriving halls of learning. If we increase tuition then we will continue to see enrollment drop and UA will have to cut programs. My students graduate and serve the state's economy. UA is a vital component of Alaska.

I would happily give up my PFD in order that Alaska continue to support education at all levels, as well as health and public services. I'd like to see Alaska continue to grow and thrive, and not be stifled by lack of support from its own government.

thank you,

Elisabeth Nadin

(I live off of Farmer's Loop in Fairbanks)

Jake Almeida

From: Norman & Toby Campbell [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 11:35 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Permanent fund and Dunleavy's budget

Dear Chair Shower and Senate State Affairs Committee:

My name is Toby Campbell and I live in Sitka. I've lived in Alaska for 37 years and have appreciated all of my time in this beautiful and unique state.

I am VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED to both Senate bills 23 and 24 and increasing the permanent fund dividend amount. That is a very TEMPORARY incentive/bribe, which may appeal to folks, BUT it will in no way make up for the enormously devastating and long-lasting effect that all of the cuts will have on many of those same people who want the bigger dividend check.

The loss of jobs across Alaska will impact our economics statewide and devastate our educational system (and to quote the 7th grader who testified last Thursday, "Children are 20% of our population, but are 100% of our/your future!"), as well as our healthcare and transportation systems.

Please, please listen to the huge outpouring of very well thought-out feedback in response to these frightening senate bills and budget proposal. Those of us who love Alaska and love living in Alaska wish to continue to do so.

Thank you for all of your hard work for our state and for Alaskans. It is greatly and endlessly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Toby Campbell

[REDACTED]
Sitka, Alaska
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:51 AM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Rep. Matt Claman; Sen. Mia Costello
Subject: Vote NO on SB23 and SB24

To Whom It May Concern,

The budget currently proposed by Governor Dunleavy is clearly unsustainable. The proposed cuts, particularly to education (both Pre-K to 12, and to the University of Alaska) do not benefit anyone and would probably do lasting harm to a system already woefully under budgeted. The proposed budget cuts show an astonishing lack of understanding (or caring) of their ramifications to the system, and to the people of Alaska. The education budget should be determined based on need and not based on how much money is left after giving away oversized PFDs. You owe it to the people of Alaska to come up with a State budget that makes sense and works for everyone. If that means reducing the size of the PFD, or instituting a sales or even income tax (or even giving away less money to the oil companies), I believe those are burdens most true Alaskans would be willing to bear. All options should be considered.

Please do what's right for Alaska, and start by voting NO on SB23 and SB24.

Thank you,
Bob Hazlett

Jake Almeida

From: Libby Stortz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 10:12 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24

I'm writing to comment on SB23 and SB 24. I am strongly opposed to these bills which would pay back funds taken from our PFDs over the past 3 years and authorize full statutory PFDs.

The funds that would be reimbursed from the past 3 years are much more important and necessary for essential services in Alaska, including education, keeping fish tax in their communities to maintain community services, public safety, climate action plan, etc.

Sincerely,
Libby Stortz,
Sitka, Alaska

Jake Almeida

From: Larri Spengler [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 3, 2019 11:04 AM
To: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: against permanent fund dividend raise

Greetings:

I urge you to forget about raising the amount of the permanent fund dividends and instead figure out a way — including imposing taxes on Alaskans — to protect funding for things like education at all levels, the ferry system, and the Medicaid expansion.

Thank you.

Larri Spengler

Larri Irene Spengler
[REDACTED]
Juneau, Alaska 99801
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Katie Botz [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2019 7:49 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD payout Testimony

Thank you Senator Shower, and members of State Affairs Committee. I'm deeply opposed for these two bills as well as the entire proposed budget!! I'm terrified in what these two bills could do for our future of Alaska! These two bills are to drive our State into bankruptcy. I'm not certain if our Governor truly even cares for Alaska, because if he truly did care then he, as Governor, should give up his salary for the State revenue. PFD is nothing more than an entitlement for those who are used to getting paid by the State and Alaska is purely the only state which pays their residents in US. PFD is FOR State Government NOT the people!! It was my understanding that when PFD started, the oil revenues had much more money than what was needed at the time to financially distribute the wealth to the State. It was foretold, that there will be a time when PFD can't be paid out any further - we as a State has reached that time limit. If I am not mistaken, there was a payout of \$800.00 for Alaskan citizens in the last 31 years. Please, our beautiful State cannot go into bankruptcy just because of one person's sense of pride. It's time to teach everyone what's our Alaskan's core values, core ethics, and core principles! I would rather to give up my PFD if I can't get another \$800 entitled check from my beautiful State.

Thank You,
Katie Botz
Juneau

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 5:00 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Testimony against SB 23/ SB 24

Dear Senator Mike Shower,

Good Morning. My name is Amy Jordan and I am a resident of Anchorage, a nurse and a state employee. I am writing to you today to vote against SB 23 and SB 24.

I do not want nor need the back pay of the three previous PFDs. This is a campaign promise that has been taken too far. I want essential services and funding for schools, ferries and public health services. If we are looking for revenue, here it is. Also, if we want to be fiscally responsible it's time to move away from being a tax free state and have its residents pay for the services that the state provides. I won't move away from the state because I pay taxes, I will move because I feel like this states priorities are shifting to a dark place of greediness.

I've made my life here in Alaska and I want to continue to be of public service, however I am reconsidering buying a house and raising a family here if this unstable political climate continues.

Sincerely,

Amy Jordan, RN

Jake Almeida

From: Mark Guillory <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 9:53 PM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: My PFD

Dear Senator,

It's great to be a citizen of Alaska. Unfortunately, it has come to pass that our revenues no longer match our expenditures. I understand and appreciate the governors efforts to balance our state budget. We must make hard choices to preserve funding for the basic services that support our way of life and our children's future. I most strongly support giving up all or part of my dividend to fund our schools and the Alaska Marine Highway system.

Thank you,

Mark Guillory

[REDACTED]
Sitka, AK 99835

Jake Almeida

From: michal <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 8:44 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Budget

I have small children, and I am opposed to any cuts in the budget to education. Alaska children perform poorly on standardized tests, and this is unacceptable. According to some tests, they are last in the nation. Children are our future. To reduce crime in the future, educate our kids now. I oppose large PFDs. I support eliminating the PFD so that our state government has money to pay for services. I support taxes on us to pay for services. Alaska is unique in that it has no state personal taxes and it pays people for living here. This is not a viable plan currently. That is why I support taxes. Please oppose any cuts to the education budget.

Thank you,
Michal Stryszak
Anchorage, AK

Jake Almeida

From: Daniel Tate [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 8:11 PM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Sen. Bert Stedman; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: Testimony SB24

Your Honors,

I would like to provide testimony on SB 24. My name is Daniel Tate, and I am from Petersburg.

I am whole heartedly opposed to the back payment of PFDs. Governor Dunleavy has created an imminent fiscal crisis in order to keep his foolish campaign promise. His need for this appropriation will devastate our local economies here in southeast and across the state. By eliminating the ferry system to fund this, he proposes to cut off an essential service to those with lowest and middle incomes. It will kill tourism in our small towns in a time when we need revenue sources the most. People, like myself will ultimately leave our communities (ironically, we will pay a premium to leave town) and not many will come to take our places. Our public schools, under their own fiscal threat by the Governor to fund his appropriation, have already endured a decade or so of flat funding by our own short-sightedness. These districts have already come to the table year after year and made many sacrifices at the expense of our children's education. The cuts required of this body and that of our already meager social services to fund this misguided appropriation is morally wrong, illogical and irresponsible of a supposedly enlightened people. Education must be funded by need. I urge you to oppose this bill, and put your effort into finding a solution that saves our essential and social services and ultimately our livelihood and prosperity as a whole. Thank you for this opportunity to testify. Daniel Tate

Jake Almeida

From: Cindy Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 8:08 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Budget/SB 23/sb24

My name is Steve Hill, ill keep it real simple. I am not in favor of SB 23 and SB 24 especially when you consider the effects of what a 1.7B dollar cut to the budget would have on our great State not only in lost services, effect to our educations system, health Services and infrastructure projects, but more importantly the huge loss of valued JOBS!!!!!! I would rather have a steady job and means to provide for my family then a fully funded PFD and a pay back from the previous years. I vote for reasonable budgets cuts, but this is proposal is OVER THE TOP!!!!!!

Regards,

Steven Hill
Proud Alaskan Resident of 48 years!!!!

Jake Almeida

From: Patricia Holloway [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2019 7:28 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Supplement

I fully supported Gov Walker's actions to cap the PFD when budgets were tight, and we needed the dollars to fund a reasonable state government. I am completely opposed to the plan for supplemental PFD. The cuts outlined by Gov Dunleavy are nothing short of chaotic and will be truly devastating to all corners of our State. We need to find ways to increase income, not reduce it further. Capping existing PFD payments is one way for every one of us to maintain services we want and need.

Interesting how many legislators hate, hate, hate government entitlement programs such as food, medical and housing assistance programs and are always eager to cut them. But at the same time, many legislators eagerly support the biggest entitlement program of them all-- PFD.

Please do not support the supplemental PFD bills.

Patricia S. Holloway

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99708
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Cedar Stark [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 12:26 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Please save our state from an irresponsible budget!

Hello,

I am a lifelong Alaskan, born and raised here, and I strongly support using our pfd fund sustainably in order to fund education and the ferry system instead of paying us dividends. Please don't destroy the opportunities and services for our current and future fellow alaskans! I even support an income tax if that is what it takes to increase funding for our education system.

Best regards from a Concerened Alaskan,

Cedar Stark
[REDACTED]

Juneau, AK 99801
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Amanda Welsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:26 AM
To: Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower
Cc: Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Sen. Bert Stedman
Subject: Written Testimony for SB 24 and SB 23

Honorable Senators:

Please consider this email as written testimony for today's hearing on SB 24 and Thursday's hearing on SB 23. I oppose the drastic budget cuts proposed by Governor Dunleavy. Please do not approve SB 24 and SB 23, to restore full and past permanent fund dividends. Education and the university system, social services, medical care, public safety, and our state ferries are core government functions. They should not be privatized, and are extremely important investments in the future of our state. A permanent fund dividend check, or even a big payback of past dividends, is not worth the long-term, extreme damage that Governor Dunleavy's cuts will do to Alaska.

As a small business owner and a member of a vibrant community that I love, it is the long term impact of the cuts that I fear the most. After the direct loss of people who move because their State jobs are eliminated, the proposed budget cuts will continue to be magnified many times over as other qualified workers and members of our community leave the state, to find places where their children can get a better education, or their more vulnerable relatives have the support they need. People who leave the state take with them the sales tax they pay in their local communities, and the dollars they spend supporting local businesses. Older Alaskans take the retirement income they might otherwise spend here. Past employees of State and local government take their benefits with them, which Alaska will still be paying. It's not just a person here or there; their families, and sometimes even extended families, go too. They will leave holes in our communities that will be impossible to fill. Who will want to move to, and invest in, a state that does not value and invest in its own future, and does not care for its most vulnerable?

After years of paring down, there isn't much of anything left to cut. I urge you to look at the income side of the budget. Put permanent fund earnings towards the State budget. Consider an income tax, so we can share the burden with all the people that benefit from seasonal work in Alaska and take their money south. Consider whether oil company incentives should be reduced. Please do not let Governor Dunleavy's budget destroy our communities.

Thank you for your service to Alaska and for considering my view.

Amanda Welsh
[REDACTED]
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: David Popiel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:21 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Public Testimony on PFD Payback Proposal

Good morning,

I will not be able to call in to the public testimony this evening but would like my opinion to be known regarding the Governor's proposed PFD payback proposal.

I want to be very clear from the outset, I do not agree with Gov. Dunleavy's reasoning or what little he and his budget team have offered behind his budget and the PFD payback proposal. I did not vote for him, and I do not agree with the majority of policy positions that he has staked out so far. That said, the specifics of this budget are very troubling on a level that exceeds political preferences.

I am a 38 year old registered architect working in Anchorage. My wife is a lawyer. We have 2 kids. We love living in Alaska but we are seriously considering leaving. The reason we are considering this is the Governor's insistence on paying a full PFD at the expense of funding State government. I say that so you can have a window into how my family and I make decisions and why.

There are a wide range of options that are available to the Governor and the legislature for how to address the State's fiscal situation. Taxes; income, payroll, sales, etc. should be on the table. We are all residents of this State and we should pay for the services of the State. I am willing to be taxed so that the State can be fully funded. I personally would like more money to go into education, to pay teacher's more, to provide more resources for students, and to ensure that quality education is provided to all residents of this State. I believe that education is a core service of the government.

I do not agree with the concept that the PFD should be 'paid back' from the last 3 years specially if it results in cuts to State services. I think that any reductions to the PDF should be reviewed closely for it's impact on lower income residents. There are those in the State, myself included, who do not need the PFD to pay for basic needs but there are many who depend on it. As such, reducing the PFD is a complicated issue and one that should be considered from the perspective of those who benefit from it most. All the more reason to talk about taxes, something that can be applied more evenly across the income spectrum.

I have many other concerns with the current administration; outside budget directors who seem to be motivated by 'The Fountainhead' and a cursory understanding of Microsoft Excel, an inadequate vetting system for political nominees, but for now, I will limit it to the budget and the PFD.

I am urging you to work with everyone regardless of party affiliation to maintain funding for our State. Please get to a 3/4 majority so you can override Dunleavy's line item veto and pass a budget that remains at current funding or grows with added revenue; taxes with full funding for Alaska's education system.

Please work together, please fund our government, please ignore ideology driven by people who have never worked outside of government (Tuckerman Babcock) and those who do not know our State (Donna Arduin). Please make this State a place that people want to live in.

Sincerely,

David Popiel

Registered Architect, Resident since 2009, Unaffiliated Voter
6836 Crawford Street
Anchorage, AK, 99502

Jake Almeida

From: Patricia Baum [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 1:13 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 and SB24 testimony

Alaska Senate State Affairs Committee

I have lived in Alaska since 2002 and am currently employed at the University Alaska since 2005. I love this state.

As a UAA Project Manager, I have witnessed firsthand the need for important programs that assist the State of Alaska in growth and diversification.

The PFD fund was created when Alaska was a very different place. The price of oil has since gone down and we have many programs that serve a larger population. "Free" money is non-sustainable in an economy and state that is transitioning from being dependent on oil to growing within other industries.

As an Alaskan, I would gladly give up my PFD to help this state I so love. I am willing to do that for the sake of jobs, programs, growth and diversification. We have gone so far. The PFD does not have to be forfeited entirely. It can be a temporary measure or it can be a reduced check. Perhaps a "future" PFD can include revenues/royalties from other industries that we have grown –not just oil. There are other possibilities.

Patricia Baum
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507

Jake Almeida

From: Help Helpdesk [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Pfd belongs to the people

Hello,
The PFD isn't up for debate. In exchange for mineral rights (and you should know this) we have been appropriated a percentage of this fund.
It isn't up for debate nor up to being reallocated to education or wherever.
Those people that don't want it are free to give it away anytime (but they won't).

Please do your job and defend the fund from special Interests trying to get their paws into it.

Roman Shevchuk
Wasilla, AK
Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Shirley Dean [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 12:52 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 & SB24

I urge you to vote NO on these bills. I would much rather have to pay income taxes or receive no PFD than to have the ferry shut down, the schools lose half their budgets, the cities to have to find a way to provide services. Please do not let these bills put our state in a worse fiscal crisis. Please VOTE NO.

Thank you.
Shirley Dean
Douglas, Alaska

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Jake Almeida

From: Cathy Botelho [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 12:47 PM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD Payouts

Honorable Senate State Affairs Committee:

When Governor Dunleavy was elected, I don't believe that the general Alaskan population had any idea of the consequences of his limited platform: full PFD's and some reductions in state government. There was a push for reduction of state workers that was highlighted by a non-existent savings in the elimination of 2,000 vacant state positions and making the ferry system more efficient.

The supersized retroactive PFD is attractive to everyone, but it is irresponsible to implement a "chicken in every pot" PFD payout *at the expense of every program that contributes to Alaska's current social fabric.*

Our budget deficit is the result of greater expenditures than revenues but the cure does not rest solely with cutting expenditures to match current revenues and scapegoating "out of control" spending on early childhood, public and higher education and health care. These programs are essential to the well-being of any society and deserve support.

Cap the dividend; implement a statewide income or sales tax; revise oil tax credits or taxation, but do not destroy the building blocks of Alaska society.

My bottom line is that I do not support fully funded PFD's nor a retroactive reimbursement.

Jake Almeida

From: Marian Allen [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:50 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and 24

Chair Shower:

Thank you for an opportunity to contribute my thoughts on these important bills, SB 23 and 24.

Although as a Senior living on a very small income I use the PFD to help keep my budget from going into the red, I do not support these bills. Paying the full amount plus back payments only drives the state into a more severe financial crisis. Many state employees are already working the equivalent of two jobs and unable to ever catch up with their work load. A state without basic services hurts me and would drive up the cost of living so that I would not be able to make it financially. I already restrict my spending a great deal. The additional income from a higher PFD will not compensate for the lack of infrastructure and public services available, to say nothing of the higher cost of everything, and would hit us poorer older people more than those with higher incomes.

What I suggest is that we enshrine in the constitution a percentage of the interest on the Fund as a PFD each year and at the same time we enshrine a percentage to go toward the budget of the state. What we need is a state income tax. This is a way to approach a more equitable contribution to the infrastructure and services we all rely upon. All the transient and seasonal workers will contribute their fair share and the permanent residents of Alaska will contribute according to their ability to do so. I know this does not provide the amount needed to keep the government running, but it is a good start. There are other ideas for generating more revenue that go beyond the scope of testimony on these bills.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Marian Allen
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Anne Lucas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

While the PFD has become an entitlement for many, it should not be a choice between cutting the heart out of government services in order to pay for a PFD.

We elected you to make these tough decisions for us.

Anne Lucas

--

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

Anne Lucas
[REDACTED]

Ketchikan, AK [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: James Baum [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:27 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: PFD payback testimony

Alaska Senate State Affairs Committee.

Subject: PFD payback testimony

I am nearly 77 years old now and I have had the privilege and enjoyment of living in Alaska for 53 years.

With the current economy here I don't think the State of Alaska should pay the PFD amounts for the back years that are proposed.

With the budget deficit the State has, I don't feel anyone should get a PFD check, or at least be capped at \$1,000 so there won't be so many complaints about not getting something.

I have talked to Contractors and Engineers I know and we all feel that instead of a PFD check the money should be used to help balance the budget and create jobs that Alaska needs.

James L Baum

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska [REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Kathy Kyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Bert Stedman; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: SB 23/24

Please do not pass the bills for supplemental funding of PFD payments. The governor's budget is disastrous for Alaskans in many areas, including education, health care, the ferry system, and fish and game. Cash in Alaskans' pockets cannot substitute for the core governmental services that we rely on. Indeed, huge PFD checks will encourage spending much of this money out of state on trips to Hawaii, car and snowmobile purchases, and spending on Amazon. The impacts on the state's economy from loss of government spending on vital services cannot be mitigated by spending of PFD checks.

Refusal to pass these bills is one of the only weapons the Legislature has to oppose the Governor's budget. If the Governor cannot make good on these PFD payments, perhaps he is less likely to veto vital services.

Thank you.

Kathryn Kyle
[REDACTED]

Sitka, Alaska [REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Fred Torrisi [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 & 24, extra dividends

Members of the State Affairs Committee:

I lived in Bristol Bay for 35 years and so have seen the importance of the annual pfd distribution in both rural and urban areas of the State. But most rural residents plan to stay in Alaska, making sustainability of the program more important than the exact amount. And while there was a legitimate question about whether the dividend was an appropriation, that question has now been resolved, and there is nothing sacred about the old formula.

The last legislature took a different approach to funding government, taking a percentage from the Permanent Fund which the experts believed to be sustainable. We should treat the pfd the same way. While I believe in an income tax, we should start with a modest rate structure, and even with funds from a tax, there would not be enough money to pay dividends at the level the Governor has proposed without the drastic cuts to State services which Alaskans are telling you they don't want.

These cuts, and the confiscation of local sources of revenue, will hurt our economy and change our collective idea of what Alaska is and can be. Let's pay a reasonable dividend, fund education and critical services, and work to nourish and preserve the Alaska we all know and love.

Fred Torrisi
Anchorage

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB23 SB24

The PFD is important to many Alaskans but it should not be a choice between funding public education or cutting education by 25% in order to pay for the PFD.

Respectfully,
Mike

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Donald Simmons [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: Written Testimony on SB 23 and 24

I would like to testify against SB 23 and 24.

I have lived in Alaska for 44 years and have never been as concerned about the future of our State. This greedy, self centered preoccupation with mega PFD's is destructive and a distraction from the important business facing us.

I have long been and continue to be an advocate of capping the PFD. This would allow the PFD to serve the intended purpose of preserving the corpus of the fund while at the same time shifting our focus to more important Government issues.

Donald W. Simmons

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99517
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Gayle Erickson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:27 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23/24

Good Morning~

I would like the Senate to hear my voice concerning SB 23/24-I am strongly opposed to this bill and receiving a supplemental dividend check. I instead would like this money to go back into our ferry system and education.

In order to keep Alaskan cities growing and thriving we must offer our current citizens and entice potential Alaskans with a strong educational system.

Thank you
Diana Erickson
Sitka AK resident since 1982

VERB

educates (third person present) **educated** (past tense) **educated** (past participle) **educating** (present participle)

1. give intellectual, moral, and social instruction to (someone, especially a child), typically at a school or university.

Jake Almeida

From: Megan & Walter C. Pasternak [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 9:32 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24

We would like to state that we are against passage of SB 23 and SB 24.

Robbing Peter to pay Paul rarely works and, in this case, the citizens of Alaska are both Peter and Paul.

In order to pay Alaskans large Permanent Fund dividends and back dividends, Gov. Dunleavy plans to severely slash vital and basic services to Alaskans, among them education, public media and the Marine Highway system. Cutting those already bare-bones budgets will leave them ineffective.

Uneducated people with a little money in their pockets can be a dangerous situation.

The more Alaska is unable to take care of its citizens with just the basic and necessary amenities, the more people will move out of state or suffer devastating physical and mental health issues.

Again, we are against passage of SB 23 and SB 24. Thank you for taking our comments.

Megan and Walter Pasternak

[REDACTED]

Sitka, AK 99835

[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Terry Snyder [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:08 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Senate Finance
Subject: NO on SB23 and SB 24

I am not personally in support of either of these bills. Until the legislature agrees on prioritizing funding for essential services including FULL funding of public education, UAA, the ferry system, public radio, medicaid expansion, the pioneer homes, programs vital to our seniors, rural Alaskans and other vulnerable people of the state there should be no movement of these bills. The lack of analysis and ramifications of the proposed cuts in the governor's budget are stunning and many Alaskans are just learning about what these cuts mean as they were never talked about on the campaign trail in specifics. Few really knew what the magnitude of exchange of services would mean for a larger PFD. In addition Governor Dunleavy's budget holds the oil companies harmless and shift costs from the state to our local government which are struggling from the recession. I don't know anyone that isn't in support of efficiencies but finding them takes time and the supplementary budget will surely eliminate many of the savings of the cuts proposed at this time.

I am in support of the reinstatement of an income tax, a road tax as long as it funds not only roads but other types of public mobility that supports walkability in our communities and Senator Bishop's proposed school tax. We have been saying for years that we must untie Alaska's future to the one nonrenewable resource oil. It is time to change course to a more dependable revenue stream by requiring Alaskan's and those working in the state and living elsewhere to pay their fair share again. We all need to invest in healthy livable communities that business wants to invest in for future generations and allow our seniors to age in dignity.

I am encouraged to hear from Senator Von Imhof that Senate President Cathy Giessel and House Speaker Bryce Edgmon are working together. These bills should not be considered as part of the solution in any committee.

Respectfully,

Terry Snyder
Palmer

Jake Almeida

From: Joan Pardes <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:06 AM
To: Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Sara Hannan; Senate State Affairs; Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: Proposed budget and PFD Pay - Constituent Input

Thank for all for your service to Alaska. I appreciate your hard work and dedication to our state.

I love Alaska and *I more than willing to pay a state income tax and forfeit my PFD to pay for its infrastructure.*

Alaska is almost dead last (nationally) when it comes to education. We come in first with sexual assault and we have a serious mental health problem and an opioids crisis. I do NOT want to cut essential services (education, hospitals, social services and ferries in Southeast are essential services). I do NOT want the people with means (\$\$) to leave the state. I do NOT want our state's most vulnerable population to fend for themselves both on a humanitarian level and because it will increase our crime rates.

I am a realist. Currently, our national debt is growing at an alarming rate. Fiscal conservatives are no longer concerned about spending money we don't have and, worse yet, growing an impossible-to-pay debt. I do not want the same for Alaska. Here in The Last Frontier, we've had a free ride for too long. It is time to change the way we operate to navigate our ongoing fiscal crisis in the state.

Let's create a fair income tax, let's give up our PFDs or cap them at a reasonable rate. Let's roll up our sleeves and tackle the many problems that face our state - slash and burn is not the Alaskan way. Turning people out in the cold without resources is not the Alaskan way.

Thank you for your time.

Joan Pardes

[REDACTED]
Juneau, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jake Almeida

From: Kathryn Kelly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:02 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB24 & 23

My comments:

- 1). I do NOT believe there should be back payment of the PFD 2016-2018.
- 2). I DO believe that it is acceptable to moderate PFD payouts, when necessary to fund government, as was done last year.
- 3). I DO believe that we should work toward a responsible budget, not one that guts the state, with the objective of large PFD payouts.
- 4). I DO believe we need to generate new revenues through any of the following: income tax, sales tax, using part of the PFD earnings, revised oil tax credits.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

Jake Almeida

From: Beth J. Roth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 7:40 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower
Subject: PFD vs. educating our kids....

I firmly believe upping the PFD at the expense of public education is very unfair to our children. As a teacher in the elementary level, larger class sizes would be a very likely result of changes in funding for education. The issues that we deal with in the classroom have become exponentially more difficult over the years....so what I used to have 20 years ago in a typical student is not what I see now....more issues with drugs and alcohol have made severe impacts on children physically and psychologically - home life has changed so much that we as educators do much more than teach - we counsel. Our success is drastically reduced when our numbers get larger...which is what we are looking at. Please reconsider the trade-off between PFD and students. Thank you.

Beth J Roth
FNSBSD, and educator in Alaska for 33 years....

Jake Almeida

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:43 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Subject: SB 23 and SB 24, referred to jointly as the PFD Payback bills

Good morning. I am writing to express my opposition to the PFD payback proposals. Governments exist to provide services that the private sector does not. Alaska has already cut essential public services to a bare bones level. We need to be spending more money on education, road maintenance, public safety, and so on, not less. Cutting state spending even more to "pay back" the reduced PDFs is fiscally irresponsible and not in the best interest of Alaskans or the future of this state.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Barbara Cellarius
Copper Center, Alaska

Barbara Cellarius
[REDACTED]



Virus-free. www.avast.com

Jake Almeida

From: Patricia white <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 8:55 AM
To: Senate State Affairs
Cc: Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Rep. Sara Hannan
Subject: PFD payback plan

Dear Senators, Shower and Kiehl, Representative Hannan;

I am very concerned about the fiscal plan put forth by Governor Dunleavy and his budget director. All of his proposed cuts will devastate our economy, and it also, opens up an opportunity for intense and nuanced discussion. My concern today is as, it is scheduled to be heard, is my view on the PFD payout plan.

First I am for increasing revenues, from income taxes on all who work in our state. Much is lost when seasonal and out of stage workers take their paychecks with them. Income tax seems the most fair, given a fair rate of tax.

As Larry Persily started in his opinion piece '.....we undertake a year long process to look at...existing and potential taxes, including taxes on individuals and all industries...' .

Second is my opposition to the PFD pay back plan. I would be willing to have reduced PFD amounts if the monies saved would be used to fund the governmental services. Those services, like the Alaska Marine Highway System, the University of Alaska system, public schools systems, care for our elders and children.

Count my opinion, against adopting the payback plan from the Governor's office.
My hope is that the legislative body will discuss at length, how to proceed to increase revenues and not payouts.

Thank you,
Patricia White

[REDACTED]
Juneau

Jake Almeida

From: MaryBeth Printz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 6:20 AM
To: Sen. Mike Shower; Senate State Affairs
Subject: Permanent Dividend Fund

Dear Senator Shower and Senate State Affairs:

I am writing to comment upon the Permanent Dividend Fund. For thirty-four years I have lived in Anchorage and have received a dividend check for thirty-three years.

I strongly believe that it is unwise to pay back past permanent dividends; those funds could better be used to rebuild our aging port of Anchorage, which is essential to maintaining our lives. If everyone were to receive those past dividends, and the port totally disintegrates, there won't be any food or supplies making it into the port anyway. It makes no difference to me about a campaign promise; they are broken all of the time. Please do what is best for all Alaskans.

Here is my suggestion for additional state income: The state could charge each tourist at least a \$100 head tax. Think about the estimated number of tourists who plan on visiting our state this year (more than there are residents). Other states and countries do this. Venice, Italy just began charging a tax of around \$112 per day per tourist because it is the most visited city in the world. That tax could be used to support education. If the tax was instituted, then it would totally support education, and the general fund would no longer have to pay for education, which would free a lot of money to be used in other ways.

There should be a state lottery where people could walk into a location and play. That way, tourists could also play. In Washington, education is paid for by a state lottery and we could do the same thing here.

Another suggestion is to use the Fund to pay down all of the debt, fix the port, and end the Fund. Institute either a sales tax or an income tax. All of the Slope workers who live outside contribute nothing to the state's economy. A tax would insure that those workers give something back to the state. There could be a seasonal sales tax from which residents are exempt. It is time that residents and all of the tourists and slope workers who visit here support the state.

Please use objectivity to make decisions that are best for every Alaskan in our state. Thank you for your consideration of my suggestions.

Sincerely,