

# Alaska House of Representatives



## House Finance Committee

Ketchikan ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Town Hall Form

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Ayie Goffredi

Address ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Ketchikan, AK 99901

Comments: Do you want comments submitted as public testimony on the Operating Budget ☒

Even though this budget is still in "proposal" mode, it is having real impacts on people's jobs already. Due to uncertainty about university funding, my job hours at the University of Alaska - SE Ketchikan were halved from ~~32~~ 40 to 20 hours with little notice and no certainty of reinstating me to 40 hours post-budget. This is hurting us already! Save our infrastructure and our education.

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Name

Marilyn Warren

Address

Ketchikan, AK 99901

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When trying to improve the economy, don't destroy education and infrastructure. Don't burn down the schools; don't tear up the highway -- including the Alaska Marine Highway. I object to the governor's proposed budget. Take my PFD; that is necessary. Don't cut these programs.

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Name

Rebekah Peterson

Address

[REDACTED]

Ketchikan, AK 99901

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When I returned to Alaska 3 years ago, I returned to pursue a teaching career. I want to contribute to the future of our community by supporting students. I chose to return to Alaska because I know how good the MAT program at UAS is. Without UAS, I wouldn't be teaching in Alaska today. Because of the proposed budget cuts, I feel forced to explore employment opportunities outside Alaska. Education is our state's future, underfunding is short sighted and foolish.

My second concern is the Alaska Marine Highway. The ferries are our highway in SE. Without the ferries running, our region falls apart.

After years of spending cuts, there are no more essential services that can be cut in good conscience. When spending can't be reduced any more, state income needs to increase in a sustainable way. We need an income tax.

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Name CHRIS ANGEL

Address 139 TONGASS AVE  
KTU AK 99901

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THESE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS AMOUNT TO A  
SYSTEMATIC DISMANTLING OF THE HIGHWAY THAT  
SERVES ALL OF ALASKA BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY  
S.E. ALASKA IF A PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE ANY  
OTHER HIGHWAY IN THE STATE WERE PUT FORWARD  
IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED LUDICROUS. THIS  
HIGHWAY (AMHS) IS VITAL INFRASTRUCTURE!

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Name

Kerr Trandt

Address

~~Redacted address~~

Wood Cove AK 99928

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I am in favor of reduced permanent fund and progressive income tax to fund state programs. I schedule the vessels for AMHS, and therefore fully realize the importance of ferries to coastal Alaska and the devastation that will occur if it ceases to exist. However, AMHS is not sustainable with the current compliment of OLD ships. It is time to invest in infrastructure (new mainline vessels) not dayboats. The highway is in total disrepair.

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Name Roger Stone

Address PO Box 5897  
Ketchikan, AK 99901

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I believe there is plenty of room for  
cuts in the state budget, but the  
governor's current proposal is not realistic.  
The Permanent Fund was created to fund  
the state when resource revenue declined  
not just to generate a dividend! Let's  
get realistic and put a good compromise  
together.

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Name

Bill Rieck

Address

359 BUNCHBERRY LN  
KTN

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- WE CANNOT CUT OURSELVES TO PROSPERITY
- IT DOESN'T WORK
- IT TAKES INFRASTRUCTURE TO CREATE BUSINESS AND THIS LEVEL OF CUTS WILL HARM OUR ECONOMY FAR MORE - THAN ANY BENEFIT OF A LARGER PFD
- I SUPPORT A 'NEEDS BASED' PERMA FUND
- I SUPPORT AN INCOME TAX
- I OPPOSE A STATE SALES TAX
- I SUPPORT MAKING PROP TAX ROBUST "NEEDS BASED"
- I DO NOT SUPPORT MORE GOOD DEALS FOR OIL COMPANIES

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Name Jason Logan

Address [REDACTED]

Kenai AK 99501

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I Believe We Need To Preserve The PFD And Cut  
Spending. Future Generations Will Need The PFD For  
More Than The Current Generations. As For Taxes,  
New Taxes Will Add Expense To The Already High  
Cost Of Living In Alaska

Thank You For Your Support !!!



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### ~~State~~ Town Hall Form

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Name Bernice Metcalf

Address

~~REDACTED ADDRESS~~

Ketchikan, AK, 99901

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Our State needs to take Action NOW to  
find Revenue for Alaska's Future Budget.

I feel it is better to take my PFD & fund  
these vital services. We need our state services  
to remain a livable state.

If PFD funding is being used to balance the budget, please  
look into state heating assistance to expand again.  
and help people up to the 300% FPL to heat their  
homes during the winter.

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Name

Carlene Dixon

Address

[REDACTED]

Wetchikan AK 99901

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☐ Giving us a PFD + cutting all of our services  
is an uneven trade & gives AK citizens the  
short end of the stick. Tax the oil companies!

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Name Carolyn Dixon

Address [REDACTED]

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Alaskan oil belongs to Alaskans and should be  
profiting from it not oil corporations (We  
My understanding is that that the oil companies make  
way more profit from Alaska's oil than from oil anywhere  
else in the world. In addition Alaska has some of the  
best potential sources of energy available and  
exploiting these could provide many good jobs for  
Alaskans

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Name Lloyd Bickford

Address [REDACTED]

Ketchikan, AK 99901

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It's hard to believe that in this day and age that one would have to teach our politicians about theft and balancing a budget. I don't get meal stipends unless I set money aside for food. I don't get to have anything, in fact that I don't set money aside for it.

Will it hurt the state if we get what's owed to us? Maybe. But it will definitely hurt the people if we don't get it. What is a state without its people?

It is common knowledge that the dividend fluctuates, but a cap will hurt the people; especially one as steep as has been proposed.

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Name Angela Nickich

Address [REDACTED]

Ketchikan AK 99901

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I support Head Starts. ~~and early education~~ and early education. I would like to see funding continued. I think the best way to do this is to do away with the oil tax credit given to big oil or at least lower it. I'm in favor of toll roads. I am not in favor of a lower PFD. I don't depend on it but there are many low income families that benefit from it. But I think it could be invested in education. I've been working at Head Start for 17 years. I started as a parent, Head Starts do more for families than just teach kids. Head Start requires caregivers to do well child exams, dental exams, lead testing. I've seen a lot of kids in Ketchikan who have gone through our program that have high levels of lead in their blood that would not have been caught if not for that health requirement. I administer ~~over~~ over 60 hearing and vision tests on children ages 3-5 each year. Some of them it is their first experience and they are able to get glasses or hearing aids earlier in their life because of that. I've seen children who have nothing but brown and green mugs for teeth because they are so rotted away; we help those families get resources for insurance, find providers and even help immigrant families who don't qualify for Medicaid. Dental kids can get those dental cavities filled at discounted prices or find grants that help pay for it. We provide educational opportunities every month for families on a broad range of subjects. Head Start provides parenting classes. Head Start helped me be a better parent. Rural Cap, who operates many head starts across the state, assisted me in getting grants to relieve a degree in early education through UAF. I love my job. I love helping hold people in our community.



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Ruth Bullock

Program Supervisor: Donita O'Dell

March 23, 2019

House Budget Committee Members  
Alaska State Legislature

**RE: STATE BUDGET & COMMUNITY INITIATIVE MATCHING GRANTS**

Dear Legislators,

My name is Donita O'Dell and I represent First City Homeless Services, which operates a Day Shelter year-round and an Overnight Warming Center during the winter for Ketchikan residents experiencing homelessness. Our shelter is simply a warm, dry, safe place for people who have no other safe place to be where they can seek shelter, be treated with dignity, and hopefully get connected with resources that can help them. We are the last safety net for people who are frequently victims of crime and are at risk of injury, even death, from exposure. This is an absolutely essential community service – our shelter is where police officers and emergency services bring vulnerable individuals who haven't committed a crime and don't require medical care, but are not safe to be unattended. The only alternative is often the hospital emergency department at a steep cost to the community.

In 2018, we served over 200 individuals over 13,000 times. Those individuals included men and women, elderly and families, individuals with severe mental illnesses, people with traumatic and acquired brain injuries, and people with chronic substance abuse disorders. Their ages ranged from 18 months to 80 years. They include the chronically homeless and the marginally housed. We shelter and feed individuals who have no other place to go, and we do it extremely cost-effectively with a combination of volunteers, paid staff, and incredible community support. Our program is dependent on grants from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, City of Ketchikan, Ketchikan Indian Community, PeaceHealth Foundation, and others – and for years now, we have relied on a Community Initiative Matching Grant. The elimination of the CIMG program is an enormous financial hardship and cuts to other services that are necessary for the very vulnerable population that we serve will put an even greater strain on our programs.

*Day Shelter Hours: Monday – Saturday, 8am – 4pm & Sunday 8am – 2pm*  
*Seasonal Overnight Warming Center Hours: 7 days a week, 8pm – 6am*  
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Ruth Bullock  
Program Supervisor: Donita O'Dell

I cannot stress enough the importance of the human impacts when you are considering budget cuts. The governor's proposed budget would cut over \$200,000 from programs that directly serve the homeless population in Ketchikan, and even more from programs that are keeping people from becoming homeless. If those cuts are made, the ultimate costs – financially, socially, and morally – will far exceed any "savings." I implore you to reinstate the CIMG program, specifically, and to carefully consider the impact to Alaska's most vulnerable residents as you consider cuts overall.

Sincerely,



Donita O'Dell

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I SAID IT WHEN MIKE DUNLAP WAS RUNNING FOR OFFICE  
THAT HE HAD NO PLAN ~~EXCEPT~~ OTHER THAN TO GIVE A PAY BACK AS FULL  
PFD THAT IS NO PLAN DO NOT PASS SP 23 OR 24 OR ANY OF THE  
FOUR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

MR CHAIR I HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE I DO NOT WANT A PFD IF  
IT MEANS CUTTING ESSENTIAL SERVICES, FARRIES, ED, HEALTH CARE  
PIONEER HOMES, ECT. PUBLIC RAILROAD TV

I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF AN INCOME TAX AND HEAR IS WHY. I  
WOULD HAVE TO PAY BACK <sup>TO THE STATE</sup> & PART TO THE FED GOV  
BY NOT GIVING ME A PFD THE STATE <sup>COULD</sup> USE IT ALL FOR <sup>62</sup> SERRA  
DO NOT GIVE ME A PFD IF YOU INSTITUTE A STATE INCOME TAX

NEW REVENUE SUE THE FED GOV. FOR IT BREACH OF THE  
STATEHOOD CONTRACT OF THE 90/10 SPLIT OF RESOURCE MONIES  
IN ALASKA TOLL ROADS STATE SALES TAXES SOUND GOOD

Serves  
35 Comm  
3500  
1116

TO ME.

IF YOU DO NOT FUND AMFS TO AT LEAST 2014 LEVELS OF 1116  
BUT CLOSE IT OUT, OR REDUCE OR STOP RUNS PR, K. S WAWWEE

108212-2  
CHALLENGE

THEN I MITE AS WELL SELL MY HOME AND MOVE OUT  
BEFORE I CAN NOT LEAVE EXP. FOR BY PLANE.

THIS  
LA. P. W. R. K.  
THERE WERE  
3 DEATH

ALL ROADS IN THE INTER. SHOULD BE CLOSED AND ONLY  
OPEN FOR 4 TO 6 HR A DAY A WEEK WITH TOLL TO USE THEM  
OR CLOSED PERMITLY AND ONLY USE PLANES FOR TRANSPORT

ON THE HIGHWAY  
IN THE INTER.

SO HERE I AM, AGINE GIVE YOU MY 7 BITS WORTH I UP TO  
ABOUT \$3.75 OR MORE. I WOULD THINK THAT YOU HAVE HEAR  
FROM ENOUGH ALASKAN THAT WE DO NOT WANT OR LIKE THIS  
BUDGET THAT CUT ESSENTIAL SERVICE THAT WE ALASKAN HAVE  
BUILT AND WANT TO PERSUADE

Don Westlund



Susan Walsh [REDACTED], Ketchikan. Current vice-president of Alaska Nurses Association local bargaining unit .I am extremely concerned as all of us are, over the proposed budget cuts which will devastate our healthcare system in this state.

I have had the privilege of working as a nurse in our community for over 40 years, serving multiple generations in all walks of life whether in the ER, medical/surgical floor, family practice clinic or as I currently work in the obstetrical department. I've seen every day how essential healthcare programs and services – like Medicaid, public health nursing, and substance abuse treatment – help my patients-your neighbors, our community.

- 714 million dollar cut to Medicaid. This will have astronomical impacts on patients and hospitals and healthcare jobs across the state with an estimated job loss of 3700. We've all heard of trickledown economics this kind of job loss will also domino effect on real estate, local tax contributions, EMS services etc.
- 2.5 million dollar cut from Public Health which is responsible for a myriad of services including education, immunizations and infectious diseases. As many of you know the state of Alaska has recently been recognized by CDC as having the highest rate (per capital) of STD's. This

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includes gonorrhea, chlamydia and syphilis. Just imagine life without these services and the devastating impact it will have on our state. We've heard of the measles epidemic in the lower 48, we had an outbreak here locally in 1990 and worked tirelessly with public health to mitigate that outbreak. When we experienced an outbreak of pertussis which impacted a large number of households on Prince of Wales, Ketchikan and as far away as Sitka, it was the nurses in public health in concert with private physicians who identified the first host alerting those families who had been exposed.

- Having served on our local school board I am shocked and saddened that Governor Dunleavy would propose a 325 million dollar cut from our K-12 program. I trust that others will speak to this issue alone *Mr. Hewitt spoke eloquently to this*
- As I near retirement, I am heartened to see that we in the state had been proactive in addressing the projected nursing shortage with the "grow your own" program. I have had the pleasure of now working alongside some of same individuals I helped to usher into a new life and I can tell you they are some amazing nurses. The projected slashing of 134 million dollars to the University of Alaska is short-sighted and draconian in nature. Another projected loss of 1300 jobs and closing of campuses in Anchorage and Juneau.

I have confidence that our legislature will take our concerns seriously and reject the proposed cuts. I also hope that they will work cooperatively to formulate a responsible budget that is sound and fair to all. "Our greatest challenge with the permanent fund and a fiscal plan is assuring each provides the maximum benefit for all Alaskans not simply a favored few at a cost to the many." This is as true today as when Jay Hammond said it many years ago.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

March 18, 2019

**Alaska District 36 Democrats support a state income tax to encourage a stable economy.**

A state income tax of 10% of the federal tax will be easy to calculate and administer. It will be progressive. And it will allow for a full Permanent Fund dividend.

An income tax will allow us to balance the budget without sacrificing programs necessary to sustain our widespread and diverse population.

An income tax will support the following expenditures:

#### **Ferries**

State ferries give a return of 133%.

- MacDowell Group: "In 2014 the state subsidized ferries to the tune of \$117-million. The net economic benefit to the state was \$273-million."

[http://www.amhsreform.com/sites/amhsreform.com/files/House%20Informational SEC McDowell%20Group%20AMHS%20Impacts%202.5.19.pdf](http://www.amhsreform.com/sites/amhsreform.com/files/House%20Informational%20SEC%20McDowell%20Group%20AMHS%20Impacts%202.5.19.pdf)

#### **Education**

Education loans and scholarships give a return of 325%.

- Every dollar awarded in a Student Loan Corporation loan, grant, or scholarship to a student at the University of Alaska "generates an economic benefit of \$3.25."

<https://acpsecure.alaska.gov/>

#### **Fishing**

Fishing gives a return of from 10,000% to 600,000%.

- \$1-million was budgeted for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.
- \$10,000 in promotions for online sales in China sold over \$1 million in product.
- A one-week, \$35,000 promotion in Japan produced over \$223 million in seafood sales.

[http://www.akleg.gov/basis/get\\_documents.asp?session=31&docid=11147](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?session=31&docid=11147)

#### **Tourism**

The 2018 budget for tourism marketing was \$3-million.

- Visitor spending is more than \$2.42 billion, generating \$1.3 billion in labor income.
- Each visitor spends about \$1,000 during their visit, on top of the cost of getting here.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/alaska/articles/2018-04-06/alaska-tourism-leaders-look-to-fund-marketing-amid-cuts>

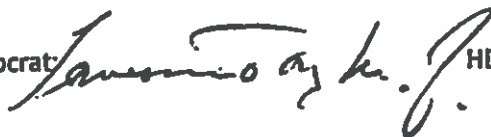
#### **Healthcare**

WWAMI budget, 3.1-million. The program trains physicians in Alaska with four other states.

- Alaska had the fourth highest return rate of doctors in the country. Benefit, incalculable.

<https://www.dermotcole.com/reportingfromalaska/2019/2/25/alaskadoctorstraining>

HD 36 Democrat:



HD 36 Democrat Chair:



**Rendezvous Senior Day Services, Inc.**

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[rendezvous@kpnet.net](mailto:rendezvous@kpnet.net)

Regarding HB39 --

Rendezvous Senior Day Service has been committed to the Seniors and persons with disabilities in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough since May of 1982. The mission is and always has been to provide a safe haven for Seniors and persons with disabilities to spend their days in a warm, caring atmosphere, have nutritious food and engage in meaningful activities and relationships. Rendezvous has provided respite care for families to have a break from caregiving and to allow them to continue to work without concern for their loved one's wellbeing. Rendezvous has supported area therapists and medical services to aide in physical rehabilitation of seniors and persons with disabilities so that they may remain independent, living in their own homes and out of institutional care.

Financing social services has been an ongoing discussion and debate. As budgets tighten and revenues are stretched, it is difficult to understand why a government would finance social service entities. Social responsibility is an ethical framework and suggests that an entity, be it an organization or individual has an obligation to act for the benefit of society at large. Social responsibility is a duty every individual has to perform so as to maintain a balance between the economy and the ecosystems. A trade-off may exist between economic development, in the material sense, and the welfare of the society or community. Social responsibility means sustaining the equilibrium between the two.

Finding the balance between government interference and government social responsibility is difficult, to say the least. This State as a community is unique in the financial support given to the various social services and arts program for so many years. That commitment to the quality of life in Alaska is what makes our "community" such a wonderful place to live, to work, to raise our children and to retire. It is my hope that the State of Alaska will continue to support the mission of services to Seniors and persons with different abilities and to many of the other nonprofit entities coming to the table requesting financial support.



Licha Kelley-King  
Executive Director

To the State of Alaska House and Senate finance Committees,

Dear Committee Members,

March 23, 2019

I am so sorry you have been placed in the untenable position of having to craft a state budget from scratch. I sincerely hope you are starting from scratch as I pray you received Gov. Dunleavy's budget as Dead on Arrival.

The Governor's proposed budget will have devastating effects on the whole State and crippling consequences for Ketchikan and Southern Southeast Alaska.

\*Our Alaska Marine Highway would cease to exist. The Highway so very many of us depend on to move around our state and area.

\*The shipyard that the State and community have supported for decades would also face closure.

\*Our Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District faces draconian cuts to the flesh and bone of its funding. The local community will NOT be able to fill this wound.

\*Our campus of the University of Alaska might be eliminated, ending opportunities for Area citizens to improve their education and prepare for gainful employment in the economy.

\*Our local governments face financial cuts that our local taxes cannot fill.

\*Our most vulnerable citizens will be unable to access State services and assistance, which makes their lives tolerable. NOT easy or comfortable, but tolerable.

**NO PERMANENT FUND IS WORTH THE DESTRUCTION GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY'S PROPOSED BUDGET WILL WREAK ON THE STATE AND THIS COMMUNITY.**

I am not opposed to:

- A modest income tax which will, gain at least, a bit of income from those who work here and take every possible cent elsewhere.
- \*Bring back the school tax.
- \*Impose a modest statewide sales tax, with some provision for reimbursing communities that already have sales tax and depend on it for services.
- \*Quit rewarding huge oil companies, for exploration they would already be doing, and are making obscene profits.
- \*Lastly, USE EARNING FROM THE PERMANENT FUND WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT STATE GOVERNMENT WHEN OIL REVENUES NO LONGER COULD.

Thank you for all your work on our behalf! I will keep you all in my prayers,



Judith L. McQuerry

  
Ketchikan, AK 99901

March 23, 2019

Recently, I was on flight 65 coming into Ketchikan after making a quick trip to Seattle for a funeral. As we landed, I had a good view of Vigor, the shipyard, two ferries recently built/ completed and waiting to go into service, the Kennicott was in one of the bays for maintenance, and another was also tied up for service. The AMHS ferry terminal was also in full view. The view coupled with the recent conversation I had with a nephew motivates me to comment on Governor Dunleavy's budget proposals.

Like thousands of family's, my parents first arrived in Alaska via a ferry. My parents made the trek from Montana in the 1950s, prior to Statehood. They brought with them three kids and their hopes and dreams. I came along later in the 60's. We used our marine HIGHWAY to Prince Rupert for the long drive to Montana to see family every couple years. We used the marine HIGHWAY to travel to youth camps and to see friends in other Southeast communities. We used the marine HIGHWAY to attend school events. Groceries and goods arrived via the marine HIGHWAY. More recently, I used the marine HIGHWAY, to ship my car to the Toyota dealer in Juneau to resolve a stack of recall issues. It took some time and many phone calls, but Toyota did reimburse me for the fare. This past December, my husband and I went for a drive on our marine HIGHWAY, making a trip up/down the panhandle just to get away for a few days and celebrate my 55th bday - I'm the same age as the Malaspina!

The Governor's proposed budget would GUT Southeast communities. Imagine if you ripped out the Glenn Highway or Seward Highway. We have a 21 year old nephew that started work at Vigor right after graduation from Ketchikan High School. He has learned valuable skills the past (almost) 3 years and has felt proud for being part of the team that built two new ferries for our marine HIGHWAY. He recently received a lay off notice. He really likes his job, he wants to stay here, but if there aren't any jobs, he will have to go elsewhere. I'd much rather there were JOBS where people worked and earned a paycheck over a "bonus" check - the PFD. People can't live on a PFD check.

While my story today is about our marine HIGHWAY, I feel strongly about the cuts to fisheries management, public education, long term care for our elders, and public broadcasting. The loss and or decrease of services would also be of great detriment to our coastal communities and our whole State. The legislature has passed the buck long enough. Please consider additional cuts and revenue streams. A few to consider:

- Quit giving the oil industry tax breaks. Look at their bottom lines. They can afford to pay for our RESOURCES.
- Cut Legislative costs by being more efficient and meeting every-other year. Four other States do this. If they can, we can too. Talk to Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, and Texas.
- Apply some or all of the amount of PFD checks. NO back pay. PFD payouts can resume when the budget is balanced.

I have voted for Democrat, Republican, Independent, and Write-In candidates. It's time to put party politics aside and do what's RIGHT for ALASKA. You can do better.

Sincerely,  
Sheila Miller  
Ketchikan, AK

*Sheila Miller*  
3/23/2019

**Oil Credit Not Listed in Budget: HB331/SB176:** Tax Credit Bonds act was created for smaller companies to compete with BP, etc. For BP our oil through 2018 led the market \$69.53 over Brent \$68.81. – Why on NONE of the oil company site, or the SOA can we find any information regarding detail on breakdown? What I did manage to put together was based on today's barrel rate, a repayment amount, and recent loan fee.

**UoA Systemwide (1296) (232):** Complete reduction of (1004) Gen Funds \$154,339.10. No explanation listed on budget. However, letter from gov. 'ATTACH LETTER'

**DE&ED (1078):** The unrestricted and general designated fund is taking a 19.8% \$332,421.20 cut. This includes foundation programs, nutrition, information, teacher certification programs, and performance grants.

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**Administrative Order No. 307** - February 13, 2019 - I, Michael J. Dunleavy, Governor of the State of Alaska, under the authority of Article III, Sections 1 and 24, of the State of Alaska Constitution, and **AS 44.77.060** order transfer of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, for administrative purposes only, from the Department of Administration to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. This transfer is necessary for efficient administration and will provide for appropriate and effective performance of administrative functions. – WHY?

**DHSS (1077):** Letter on 2/12/19 Passing MH bill at \$220.4 **WHERE IS THE MEDICAID SERVICES MONEY GOING??** \$2,312,666.30 to \$1,551,604.40 = 32.9%

**Dept. of Admin. SVCS Acct.:** #300, what qualifies as services? Because there were increases to services, minor decreases to other categories.

**Gov (1082) Ext. Ops (2):** Personal 'executive operations' which includes travel, overall the decrease was only 0.2%. In fact there were increases in 'personal services', 'commodities', and 'capital outlay'. There was a new amount for vehicle rental tax as well. – 18/19 there were 74 perm/8 pt positions and now there are 77 perm/8 pt – that's a 4.1% increase.

Rent? What rent? Work out of your bedroom. That's what the mayor in Clarkson, GA does.

**OFC of Mgm & Bdg (2144):** increased 123.4% and by 15 f/l perm positions.

**BH Svcs (2660):** Support for a contract with an administrative service organization (ASO) to manage the behavioral health system transformation. As part of the development of the **1115 Behavioral Health System Reform effort**, the department will contract with an ASO (Admin. SVCS Org.) To provide quality and outcomes management, provider network development, data management, utilization management, cost management, claims processing, and coordination with larger Medicaid redesign efforts. – What one was contacted? \$265,197.60



**Senior & Disabilities Medicaid SVCS (2662):** In part, **SB74** authorizes the department to apply for federal waivers and options to reform the Medicaid program and to assess the most cost-effective method for revising expansion coverage. **Section 36** charges the department with "reducing the cost of... senior and disabilities services provided to recipients of medical assistance under the state's home and community-based services waiver." If the **\$574,968.70** is 'filed under 'Medicaid Services' authority for ease of management, how are you going to know what is going where?

CING-eliminated 2  
(nominees)

For public radio:  
Spelling Public Testimony

I'm a small business owner and I represent  
myself and my family, including two preschool  
grandchildren.

According to Neil Fried, state economist, 2018  
was the third year of our recession and  
that it is moderating. This moderation  
will be sent into a tailspin with this budget  
statewide as proposed.

Senator Mike Sawyer heatedly call in shows  
One of his callers made this statement: "These  
teachers need to calm down, I want my  
dividend! What would these proposed  
cuts mean to this man?" What would  
withdrawing his state allowance mean to his  
finances? Would he be affected by the  
closure of the ferry - No, he lives in  
Kenai. Would he be affected by the  
cuts and closures of UAA? Ocean Rangers?  
Head Start? Medicaid? Early child Education?  
Power Cost Equalization? Capitol Construction  
budget? The Payoff of 3000 plus teachers?  
Obviously not.

How about the closure of the  
Edward Highway? ~~Obviously not~~ Just joking

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According to Sen. Natasha von Imhoff  
the permanent fund dividend alone makes  
up 37% of the general fund spending

ISER professor Mouchine Guettabi  
pointed out to your committee earlier  
this month that roughly 8000 jobs in  
both the private and sector will be lost with  
the proposed 1.6 Bill cut from a  
4 B.L. budget.

It makes no sense to me how you can  
waste any more time with issues that  
are bound to divide us! Why put  
changes into the Perm. Fund taxes,  
to a vote? This is the governor's idea  
Perhaps the governor intends to go  
around setting off fires everywhere, using  
Alaska's own holy grail as his shield.

The dividend could truly be banked  
for the future by funding these state  
programs

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The governor's road show will be curated ~~ahead~~  
to hear the opposite of what I am saying  
here.

You know how people feel down here.  
Please don't kick this can down  
the road and pass up this desperate 11 hr  
opportunity to ~~begin~~ fix the solution  
remaining. A real revenue source. Meanwhile, we  
will wait to see what "Alaska's  
open for business" means.

You know what you have to do.  
My grandchildren are depending on you.

Betsy Budett  
Ketchikan