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At the Senate Finance Committee hearing on Senate Bill 55 on Wednesday, a senator asked how often a Court of Appeals judge missed his or her paycheck because he or she could not sign the pay affidavit.

AS 22.07.090(b) establishes the “six month rule,” requiring Court of Appeals judges to swear each pay period that they have no matters that have been under advisement for over six months. (The same requirement appears in statute for all judges on any court; judges are the only State of Alaska employees who have such a requirement.) If a judge does have any matters under advisement that are over six months old, he or she cannot sign the affidavit, and therefore does not receive a paycheck for that semi-monthly pay period. As I testified on Wednesday, this has unfortunately happened many times in the past several years for judges serving on the Court of Appeals, due to the very heavy workload those judges are experiencing. Here is the data for the last four fiscal years.

Year Number of times a judge serving on the Court of Appeals did not receive a paycheck – AS 22.07.090(b)

FY 15	16
FY 16	29
FY 17	30
FY 18	11

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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