

House Finance Committee
Public Testimony
HB 2001
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Part 1

From: Faye Sarren <sarrenfaye@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:24 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

This is the fourth, I think e mail. I stand with Governor Dunlevy, to have a full PFD. It belongs to the people. As long as you have control of PFD, it will be spent by you. We are being hyjacked. Stop fighting with our Govenor and Alaskan please. Leave PFD totally alone. It doesn't belong to you. Its not your spending money.

From: Olga Chernenko <cherrnenko@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:23 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Public testimony for House Bill 2001

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am an Alaska resident and a receiver of the PDF. I am a student at UAA at the School of Nursing (ASS program). As a resident who loves Alaska and plans to continue living here, I say that I do not care for receiving \$3,000 PDF, I care about Alaska being a good place to live, raise kids, and retire. I care about elder citizens, people living at distant sites, and education.

I want Alaska to be a strong state, and it is not possible without a strong University, good and accessible health system, good and accessible education for people all over the state, and a lot of other things that were made not possible with the Governor's veto.

If our PDF needs to be lower to override the Governor's veto and restore vetoed funds, I fully support that.

Respectfully,

Olga Chernenko

From: Rus'sel Sampson <rs.sampsonak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:09 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support for HB2001

Committee Members,

It's almost 2 am. I just received notice that the Alaska State Council on the Arts will be closing indefinitely after today. I cannot reconcile how so few people were able to hijack our state. Teachers are leaving NOW.

The angry part of me wants to be selfish and ask you to use the PFD as a bargaining chip. But I also realize the devastating effects this will have on many Alaskan families in light of the Governor's vetoes.

I'm in favor of a \$1600 PFD because that amount was responsibly vetted by the legislature and will assist rural families with offsetting cuts. I absolutely do not support a \$3000 PFD... and the extraordinary draw down of the fund.

The administration's goal in putting Alaska through this living hell is merely to shrink government. Allowing the ERA to be depleted will only ensure no possible path forward for government services.

Thanks to those who remained in Juneau - with the exception of Tammie Wilson. Voting no to prove a point has real implications for real people! This is not a game, Rep. Wilson. Maybe you can defend your decision to the ASCA employees on their way out.

If I could, I would sleep. Tomorrow is going to be a big day fraught with much sadness.

Rus'sel Sampson
District 10-E

From: Rus'sel Sampson <rs.sampsonak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:12 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Maybe not so bad

Though I should add - if we do receive 3K PFDs, my family will have enough to leave Alaska!

Rus'sel Sampson

From: Molly Hayes <mollymul@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:22 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001

Dear House Finance Committee,

I first came to Alaska 15 years ago, for what started as an adventure. That adventure quickly grew to be a life that includes a graduate degree from UAA, an amazing career as an educator, a home in Anchorage, and two young children who are thriving in our public school system. My husband and I choose to stay here because we love this state and the opportunities it provides for our family.

At our house, we don't want the big pdf checks that the governor is promising. At this point it feels like dirty money. There is no monetary amount that could be worth taking other people's jobs, warm beds for our vulnerable neighbors, safe shelters for the abused women and children in our communities, quality healthcare for Medicaid recipients, or jeopardizing the future education of our young people. As I look at the governor's budget I don't see numbers, I see human beings. Human beings who I will pass on the corner on my way home today, families who depend on early childhood programs, children who I've worked with who have had to seek safety in one of our shelters, and young adults who will be forced leave our state for quality education.

Please reconsider the short sightedness of this budget. Think of the impacts on the human beings you were elected to represent and restore the funding that the governor has taken from the programs that are vital to people's everyday lives.

Thank you to those of you who are already advocating to do so. We will remember this on election day.

Sincerely,

Molly Hayes

From: Melinda Webster <melindawebster@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 4:56 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: House Bill 2001 - please reduce the PFD.

Dear Members of the Legislature,

I'm writing to strongly urge you to restore the University of Alaska's budget. I'm asking you to raise state revenue by reducing the PFD and reinstating the state income tax.

- The University of Alaska **provided \$714 million** (directly) and **\$402 million** (indirectly) **to the statewide economy.**
- Alaska businesses rely on local talent from University of Alaska for their workforce needs - **- 68% of two-year graduates and 42% of four-year graduates remain in state.**
- University of Alaska-Anchorage alone **generated \$40.2 million** in research dollars in fiscal year 2016.

In addition to the fundamental and intangible benefits of education and research, the University is crucial for keeping a large number of outstanding men and women from leaving the state. Even more, the University is deeply rooted in stimulating stakeholder investments in Alaska.

Please find alternative measures for reducing the state deficit to protect the state University.

Best wishes,
Melinda Webster

From: Aimee Sandoval <aimsan74@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 5:31 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: No \$3,000 PFD!

To Whom It May Concern,

Please do not pay out a \$3,000 PFD! The Governor has used this amount as a means to divide Alaskans and tear at our social fabric. Alaska cannot afford a \$3,000 PFD in any case, you will have to draw down too much to do it. Alaska certainly cannot afford a \$3,000 at the cost of a well

functioning state government, a working university, and basic services for our most vulnerable citizens. Stop this nonsense! Pay out a \$900 PFD, pay out at \$1,600 PFD if you must, but do not pay out \$3,000.

I implore, step back from the brink, restore what the Governor has cut from our budget, protect Alaska and her people from his reckless and cruel agenda, stop the coming recession, and do not pay out a \$3,000 PFD!

Thank you,

Aimee Sandoval

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From: Aimee and James Sandoval <rbs925@msn.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 5:45 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: No \$3,000 PFD, Restore The Cuts

To Whom It May Concern,

Please set the PFD amount at \$900, pay out a \$1,600 PFD if you must, but under no circumstances should the PFD be set at \$3,000, it would be reckless and irresponsible. We cannot afford a \$3,000 PFD, the Governor has used this promise to wreck the budget that the legislature crafted, and to pit Alaskans against each other as he tears at the social fabric of our State. The Governor's cuts have already begun to do real harm to our most vulnerable citizens, shelters are scaling back operations, Medicaid patients are going without treatment or meds. Due to the Governor's actions, our economy is headed toward a recession. Set the PFD at a sensible amount, restore to the budget what the Governor has cut, step back from the brink and stop this madness!

Thank you,

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From: Shelly Shupe <cshupe9024@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:09 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Full PFD payout

So we're doing this again?

So here we go again boys and girls. Why? Why are you taking this around the state again? I believe we were resoundingly clear when we voted for Governor Dunleavy. So I ask again, why? This is absolutely ridiculous AND expensive. You know it, we know it – hell by now the whole damn country knows it.

Pay the people their full dividend. Period. If you put this to a vote of the people it would be done. No question of the outcome in mine and so many Alaskan's minds. YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS, WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO PUT OFF WHAT IS OBVIOUS?

Do your job and vote for a full PFD as the people have clearly hired you to do.

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From: J Lamborn <jclamborn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:11 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: full pfd

To all house members,

I want the house to support Governor Dunleavy's budget cuts and the full pfd.

John C. Lamborn

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From: Lori & Dave <loridavex@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:12 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Meeting times!

Oh come on people!

Why say you want to hear from your constituents but schedule ALL your meeting times when I and others have to work? This is not being open to hearing from us, the people who voted you into office.

Please, change the times for later into the day. You can sit around and talk but many of us have to work and pay our bills within our budget.

Why do you think we should continue to agree with the out of control spending of the legislature? I can't do it with my home budget. Certainly we can't keep kicking the can down the road.

Think wisely before you vote and stop acting like children on the playground. Only by reasonable compromises on **both** sides will we see our state run smoothly for all.

Lori

From: David Rohwer <darohwer@solar Moose.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:18 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Public Comment

I support \$1600 permanent fund and use of permanent fund to operate state government. I do not support the larger permanent fund amount.

I believe that was the intent of the founders and it was my understanding at the time of founding. Restore the budget and undo the damage done by Gov Dunleavy.

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Resident since 1952

From: Dwight Kramer <dwimar@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:25 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Veto Override

I support the partial dividend of \$1,600 to help offset budgetary needs. I also support a complete budget veto override to add back in financial support for education, UAA, law enforcement, Medicaid and all other support services Alaskans rely on for everyday needs. Further, in the future I would encourage you to consider an individual income tax to help create more state income and financial security for the near future so that we don't have to continue these budgetary conflicts annually. I would also ask that you deny the Governor's overreach in wanting to take revenues such as fish landing taxes and oil related taxes away from local municipalities. This would just result in higher local taxes on residents that can least afford them and cash strap many municipalities even further than they all ready are.

Respectfully Submitted,

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From: Lisa Kramer <glgk@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:47 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Hello,

I am in Oregon on vacation so can not come testify in person. I support a \$1600 PFD and funding the university system. My son in college hopes to go to grad school at UAF in 2020, and we are are hoping it will still be a great college. Yes, he would love a big PFD, but would rather spend a significantly smaller amount of money to attend college on Alaska. Alaska could really benefit from this. You could give him and others like him \$3000 and he would go to an out of state university, or you could give him \$1600 and he would pay UAF over \$20,000 plus be paying for food and rent in state. It is also more likely that he would end up living in Alaska which would be a step on the right direction rather than having a brain drain if the university system is decimated.

Thanks,
Lisa Kramer

From: Amy Danielson <amyrowed@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 7:03 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001-Yes to cap PFD at \$1600

Dear House Finance,

I am in support of a limited PFD of \$1600. I do not want a full PFD, I want state services for those who need them and fully funded education. What has happened with the veto of our budget is so sad and impactful for all Alaskans. Please set a reasonable PFD so we can all enjoy fully funded services and education.

Amy Rowe Danielson

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From: Leigh Cox <lahenrycox@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 7:09 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: written testimony house finance hearing 7/15/19

I support a dividend of \$1600 or **less**. I adamantly support **restoring** funding for the \$444 million the governor vetoed.

Leigh Cox

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From: Jeanine St. John <JJOHN@lynden.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 7:21 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD Appropriation

I believe the PFD should have a cap –NTE \$1,000 or the statutory amount, whichever is less.

If you want to get complicated, adjust for inflation at CPI-W (ANC).

Jeanine St. John

From: beth mclaughlin <luckeenumber9@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 7:30 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Opinion on HB 201

I do not support a \$3000 permanent fund dividend payout. (Please see below)

I recently was reading the beliefs of an Anchorage legislator, trying to understand why she would support Governor Dunleavy's budget vetoes. One of the things she said was that she believed government was addicted to spending money, and that the PFD was an opportunity to put money directly into the hands of the people.

This has really stuck with me because of course, Alaskan money flowing through the PFD versus Alaskan money flowing through say a grant program or a paycheck (for example to someone serving as a VPSO in a village) are both ways of putting money in the hands of the people. So, I believe her reasoning is flawed.

With the PFD, an individual gets paid a certain amount of money from the government, and can choose where that money goes. Say, to pay off debt, to put towards a new car, to order something from Amazon, to put into an account for their child's college.

With the programs that the governor has vetoed, the government is actually funding tools. Tools that we all have, as a community, created to try to work on social problems/issues inherent to living in a community: homelessness, crime, aging, local education. State money pays people to say, work with youth at the Nome Youth Facility, with addicted homeless individuals, or aspiring teachers hoping to stay in Alaska and teach our kids. These efforts hopefully improve the individual and through them, the community as a whole. These tools may not always be perfect, but I don't believe that that is a reason to throw the tools completely away, or damage them so completely that they fail to function properly.

The PFD government pay-out to Alaskan citizens should not be offered if we cannot fund social programs and our University. The legislature has already worked very hard to cut government spending on the tools we all use to make the Alaskan community a healthy and livable place. Breaking those tools so that governor Dunleavy can fulfill a ridiculous campaign promise is only a promise to make community problems worse.

If we have to ween ourselves off of the idea that we deserve the government payout that the PFD actually is, go ahead and pay Alaskans a \$1600 payout and then take the billion dollars that you save and fund the essential services that the majority of Alaskans want.

It is a complete CRIME however, that the government, (and by this, I mean the 23 legislators who support Dunleavy in his heartbreaking attempt to destroy our state) is so damn addicted to spending money.

From: DAVID OWENS <dave13@mtaonline.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 7:49 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: budget

First I want to thank the committee for giving Alaskans the chance to comment on the recent line item vetoes from the Governor. I've been in Alaska since 1978, served in the Air Force stationed at Eielson AFB and made Alaska my home. I due understand we face problems with the funding of our state government , but these cuts are unreasonable. Another major issue is it should be the legislative branch which determines the budget not one man, that's why we have elected representatives, who listen and weigh all the factors before taking action. Please consider to resubmit the budget that was passed by the body and insure you have the votes to support the expected veto, send a message to the governor, that Alaska is not ruled by one person.

David J. Owens

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From: Cindy Lelake <lelakecindy60@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:13 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Supporting HB2001

Dear House Finance Committee members:

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to mitigate this administration's attempts to irresponsibly cut the operating budget through vetoes, and the capital budget through the reverse sweep mechanism.

It's abundantly clear that the overwhelming majority of Alaskans do not support sacrificing education, support for seniors and other basic government programs at the altar of the "statutorily mandated" full PFD.

I applaud both your push to override the vetoes and your introduction of HB2001, and am in full support of this bill.

Many thanks for your continued hard work for all Alaskans.

Cindy Lelake
Anchorage

From: Bill O'Connell <billoconnell72@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 4:15 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: State services before PFDs

The University and State services should be funded at fy19 levels, at a minimum, before PFDs are provided. Suggesting otherwise is a gross mis-representation of the will of the people and goals of our founding fathers.

From: Martha Raynolds <martharaynolds@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:17 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: support HB 2001

Dear House Finance committee,

I support a progressive PFD, with minimal payments to high earners. However, I also support HB 2001 as the most reasonable current compromise.

Sincerely,

-- Martha Raynolds

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Martha Raynolds

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From: Tim "Goldie" Bauer <tbauer@alaska.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:22 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Override vetos

I'm adamantly opposed to the budget vetos by the Governor and would much rather have a smaller dividend and more government services.

It just doesn't make sense to pay out a full dividend (much of which will be paid to the federal government in increased income taxes). I'd rather that money remain in Alaska and be used to benefit Alaskans.

Tim Bauer
Fairbanks

From: Don and Toni McDermott <tonidonm@gci.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:26 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: LISTEN

You need to listen to Alaskans. 1. Get together as a legislature and ALL meet in one place. Juneau is all set up and has worked for years. Why not meet there? 2. Work out a compromise. Meet halfway between draconian budget cuts which gut our way of life and \$3000 dividends which weaken the overall health of the Permanent Fund. I have lived here for 50 years and seen a lot of political nonsense. THE LAST TWO WEEKS HAVE BEEN THE WORST. Healthy politics involve COMPROMISE AND LISTENING. I'm at the point of getting rid of the lot of you, including the governor and his budget director, republicans, democrats, and independents and starting all over. Do your job. Work together on compromises which retain essential services for our elders, students, and regular citizens and give Alaskans a reasonable but not extravagant PFD. Toni McDermott, 1901 Parkside Dr., Anchorage.

From: Joan Clover <joniclover@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:28 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: the future of our state, the PFD, our economy

Representatives: I am very, very concerned about the future of our state. Our adult children, other people we want as citizens won't want to live here if our schools, the university, the arts, public radio, etc. are gutted. Losing federal matching funds is just stupid. Not aiding the elderly, the very young, the poor is just immoral as a society. *And what is this for--a government handout to anyone who comes here for a year and breathes the air?* Those are just the very people we don't want to attract!! The Permanent Fund was designed to assist when revenues were low. Use it. Cap it. \$1,000, \$500 a year for nothing...plenty! And what about oil taxes! The oil companies' profits in Alaska are huge compared to around the world. Scandinavia has used their oil wealth differently than we have. They tax it sufficiently to get their fair share *for the people*. The oil companies haven't pulled out of there. Oh they will threaten...but they won't. They need to help with the situation too. Again, the people are watching--*really watching*. Joan Clover

P.S. Just heard from one of my tenants this morning. Her job is in jeopardy. The ramifications of your actions shake the entire economy. She loses her job, I lose a tenant, I have financial repercussions...

From: Michael Chambers <chambones@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:37 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Thank you

House finance,

I wanted to write and thank you substantially. I have spent 40+ years attempting to build a citizens grassroots outreach which would mount up forces of We The People and put legislators on notice that we will not stand for your endless march into financial destruction.

With Governor Walker and your unbridled greed to capture the PFD to grow your special interest government, you have overplayed your hand. The result of your actions have created a massive grassroots outcry across the entire state of Alaska. Where there were only a few voices in the wilderness, now there are thousands upon thousands of activists waking up. Please continue to demand more of the Peoples money, as it will be short lived. We will coordinate our efforts like you have never witnessed before and send those of you who perpetuate this greed packing your bags. Your days misrepresenting the majority of Alaskans will come to an end. Your legacy will be recognized as a thief and nothing more. Keep your day job.

With affection

Michael Chambers

Citizen activist

Alaska

From: Sarah Holmgrain <spholmgrain@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:42 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001

Dear Representatives,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'll make it short. I urge, encourage, plea, and beg you to pass this bill. You developed a healthy budget already and by limiting the PFD we may be able to finance and override the devastating vetoes the Governor wielded recently. \$1600 of free money is simply not unreasonable for those that want a higher one and plenty for many of us. Keep essential services and more if needed and keep my PFD low or use it all to finance our state. HB 2001 is an excellent start! Thank you!!

Sincerely,

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From: Jeremy Vander Meer <jeremy.vandermeer@gmail.com>
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To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001 public comment: Restore funding to university

Dear AK legislature,

Please use this opportunity to put funding back into the university budget. I am a university research engineer staff, at the Alaska Center for Energy and Power. We work to help improve the access to affordable and reliable energy in Alaska. I am paid by outside grants, which brings in a 50% overhead to fund the university. Without the university, I don't have a job and we loose the ability to bring money in. We also loose the ability to help improve access to affordable and reliable energy in Alaska.

Jeremy VanderMeer

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From: homerunoil@alaska.net <homerunoil@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:49 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

I would like to encourage you to vote at least for the full PFD this year. With budget cuts, this allows people to take care of their personal financial issues that the cuts would/may have hurt. It also allows for people to donate their PFD to the programs/people/non-profits they feel need extra help to continue on.

As to the back PFD's that were taken, I believe that a modest payback over the next 3 years is appropriate.

Sincerely,

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From: Merri <rowegunnill@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:53 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Restore the Vetoes

The Governor's budget vetoes will have a devastating impact on Alaska and our future. They will increase property taxes, make homelessness worse, threaten public safety, eliminate early childhood education, arts and culture, impact the Marine Highway, rural energy and services to our most vulnerable. The devastating impact on the University of Alaska, are extremely short sighted. If we lose valuable programs, professors and students, it will impact the education and jobs of Alaskans for generations. Protect our future and the future of our children. Do not let this happen. Save our state and restore these devastating and destructive vetoes. To fund a \$3000.00 PFD and destroy our state, is beyond logic. Alaskans need to contribute financially to our state, not feel entitled to continually take and deplete the savings. Please think about the future and Restore the Vetoes.

Thanks you,
Merri Rowe

From: Kevin Fortney <kevinfortney@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 9:21 PM
To: LIO Anchorage <Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support for full PFD

As Juneau continues to lose trust in Alaskan's.

, I see little support for a full PFD or holding themselves responsible for spending more money than they earn.

Bottom line, you pay your debts and don't stiff those that are dictated for payments through Statutory law.

Juneau has done nothing but show that laws mean nothing. If I disagree with A law in Alaska, guess what, I am going to jail. So why does the legislature think they are above the law?

You want to make changes to the laws that govern the PFD, you better put it to the vote of the people. What???? You don't want to do this.... Gee, wonder why nobody trusts Juneau.

Greed is running amok in Juneau.... You keep making good money while not getting much accomplished. All you have done this year's session is argue and disagree while working your families. Absolute pathetic performance by elected officials.

As for you, elected officials, you just keep Continueing to ignore the voters in favor of an unsustainable budget.... You will leave zero legacy for Alaskan's.

What the hell are you all thinking. You don't spend more than you make.... You owe Alaskan's a Statutory payment. You figure out how to make this happen. It is the law.

The PFD makes Alaska very unique and the Juneau greed is not accepted by the majority that Juneau keeps ignoring.

Politics in Alaska is bringing this great state to its knees that no one will ever trust. I will never lay down and let liars take my PFD.

If you oppose the PFD, game on!!!! Zero respect and the fight is just beginning. You have zero idea what you are engaging. Juneau is nothing but greedy politicians, feeding their families, while stealing from those who rely on the laws of the state that dictate the PFD payments. I hope your entire family stuffs their faces in gluttony while I and too many are trying to find their next meal.

Support a full PFD, or leave Juneau in shame of crapping on myself, being disabled and every other needy Alaskan who relies on the promise PFD check.

Tired, but will never bow to your irresponsibility.

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Jonathan Gregory Gordaoff

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July 14th 2019

House Finance Committee,

First, a big thank you!

Thank you for giving me the time the voice my opinion and thank you for listening.

I'm a 36 year old married aleut male with two children, our children are 6 and 8. I am a very lucky man we have been married 14 years next to may. My mother's parents came up during World War II and lived well into their 90s on Kodiak Island. My grandmother was a state of Alaska Pioneer recognized by multiple Governor's. My grandfather was a carpenter. They raised three children one of them being my mother one being an long time Alaskan school teacher and one being a successful construction contractor.

On my dad's side my uppa was born in unalaska. My umma was born in South Central Alaska. I am proud of my umma she helped with the native settlement claims Act. They were married for over 65 years and lived in South Central Alaska that whole time.

My dad had been a fisherman in south-central when Exxon Valdez oil spill happened. My mother was an LPN for over 30 years with Providence Alaska. My grandmother and grandfather from Kodiak have passed on almost 5 years now. And my umma and uppa have been passed for about the same amount of time. I just lost my mom the beginning of May of this year. I lost my father when I was 16 years old. My family members that have passed have left wonderful memories full of happiness sadness, laughter and love. Another thing they left was especially for grandchildren and their great-grandchildren and their great-great grandchildren and so on and so forth that were not around during their time, And that is called the Alaska Permanent Fund. The fund was developed to benefit citizens of Alaska and as a result the state would benefit as a whole. With that being said by dipping into the permanent fund to pay off a bad budget that could have and should have been fixed many years ago you are selling the future children of Alaska short. I cannot stand idly by as you do this to my children and my neighbor's children. You have made it very apparent that you are going to take the lazy way

and try and remove my children and my neighbor's children's Alaskan Birthright to pay for a bloated budget that you were too scared to just say "no" to spending once.

So to you lazy legislators who refused to listen to Alaskans I say this to you. your job is not easy deal with it. I voted for a governor his job was not easy he is dealing with it. After so much time spent with each other in Juneau during regular sessions for a result of nothing. Nothing for alaskan citizens. Better have a special session. And the results more tomfoolery. Then make sure you vote you get per diem for that special session. I don't even want to bring up the lawlessness that came after. You truly do not care about Alaska. You truly do not care about the citizens of Alaska. You are a disgrace to the democratic system. Find another way to fund your budget and stay out of my pockets. I will be spending time spreading the word on where your loyalties lie. I will be looking for opponents that are running against you in your campaign I can say with some confidence I will most likely vote for them. I would vote for a goat before I would vote for most of you sitting in front of me now. So I say to Alaskans you must do your due diligence on state government information. Government money brings special interests. Special interest don't always align with State interests. Also stay out of my dead ancestors pockets. I don't know when or how I'm going out of this world but I'd love to know that the Permanent Fund was left for my children and my children's children and so on and so forth forever and ever amen. And my ancestors would sleep easier knowing this. Don't raid my great-grandchildren Permanent Fund right now.

Alaska thank you for your time.

With love and respect to all Alaskans,

Jonathan Gregory Gordaoff

From: mrskelliwilliams@aol.com <mrskelliwilliams@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:01 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: please support smaller PFD to support UAA, Behavioral Health and other needed funding!

Dear Legislature,

As an employee of a non-profit agency, a mother of a young person hoping to attend UAA after he graduates high school in May of 2020 and as a concerned citizen for my fellow Alaskans in need of a variety of supports, I ask you to please vote for a smaller PFD so that funds for programs that are vital for a healthy Alaska can continue.

I would rather have a smaller PFD than face additional cuts to the continuum of care at the agency where I am employed.

I would rather have a smaller PFD than see the University of Alaska crippled.

I would rather have a smaller PFD than see my fellow Alaskans who need support services suffer (the homeless, the elderly, and rural communities to name a few).

Please find a way to re-fund the University, behavioral health, social services, public education, the arts and public media.

Alaska will be greatly diminished without proper funding for these and other programs vital to our Alaskan quality of life.

Sincerely,

Kelli Williams

Kelli Williams

Director of Spiritual Life

AK Child & Family

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From: Mary Hilcoske <frieds4@gci.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:07 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore vetoed amounts

Thank you for recognizing that most Alaskans do not want to have the vetoes hold. Please vote to reinstate all vetoed funding. Also, please pass no more than a \$1,600 PFD. The PFD formula must be changed permanently so that this does not happen again.

Thank you for your work.

Mary Hilcoske

From: mike cooney <mdcooney9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:08 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

Please do everything possible to restore funding, including for Pre-K, K-12 and the UA system vetoed by the Governor. I support a \$1600 PFD, and encourage a statewide progressive income tax and repeal of oil/gas industry subsidies as part of a permanent fiscal plan.

Thank You,
Mike

Mike Cooney
PO Box 169
Moose Pass, Alaska 99631
Sent from my iPhone

From: Kelly Cooper <midnightsun.kelly@live.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:10 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

I support a \$1600 PFD. I'm disappointed with the approach of the administration to make Alaskans feel they must choose between a large PFD or an operating budget that is the lowest it's been in decades. The legislature's budget as presented was appropriate for a first step in reducing spending and I'm confident additional reductions will occur next year.

The OMB director and administration have been disingenuous by not providing analytical data to the legislature regarding the consequences of the vetoes the governor has proposed.

Please restore funding to the budget approved by the legislature. The veto to cut or completely eliminate programs without any advance notice for so many programs is irresponsible.

Seniors finding out their benefits were eliminated when they went to the post office to get their check is cruel and unnecessary.

Removing dental coverage to adults on Medicaid gave no thought to where the patients were in their treatment program. We literally have patients that had teeth removed and then no coverage for the final step of getting their dentures. Dental health plays a large role in a person's physical health and employability.

Funding for homeless shelters reduces the number of people and families living on the street. Desperate people make desperate choices. You can expect more uncompensated care at our hospitals and crime to increase regardless of the passage of the new crime bill.

I could fill pages of testimony regarding the consequences of the governor's vetoes, but you already know what they are.

Those of us on the southern Kenai Peninsula have not had the opportunity to discuss this with our representative. A community meeting was not held nor have most of us received return phone calls or emails. I appreciate the legislators that are in Juneau working for a solution and representing all communities in the state.

Thank you for your courage and thoughtful leadership.

Kelly Cooper

PO Box 404

Homer, AK 99603

From: B Carlson <carlson.bc@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:13 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Cc: Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>

Subject: Testimony HB2001

To the Honorable Co-Chairs Neal Foster, Tammie Wilson, and Members of the House Finance Committee:

We provide written testimony in support of Legislators carefully and responsibly considering how the dividend affects the budget as a whole. Since Alaska is now in dire straits due to ongoing, irrational, and unsustainable budget cutting it is critical that this body find every solution to recuperate the vetoed funds to keep Alaska operating.

\$1600 seems like more than the amount the Sate can spare right now in light of the draconian cuts that followed the previous 2 years of drastic cuts. We heard \$900 mentioned earlier and that seems more reasonable and potentially helpful to recover more of the important infrastructure funding ripped from the budget.

One of the hardest hit institutions is UA. We urge you to direct some of the savings from a smaller PFD to maintaining the quality of this institution. It is critical to the future health and integrity of Alaska.

Thank you for your consideration and continuing hard work.

Sincerely,
Michael and Barbara Carlson
6050 W Dimond Blvd
Anchorage, AK 99502

From: Brown, Merrik <MBrown@SouthcentralFoundation.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:18 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Gov. Dunleavy's Budget

To whom it may concern,

I am a social worker in Anchorage who was raised here and returned after attending college out of state. A significant part of my decision to move back was due to my passion for making a difference in providing care for vulnerable populations in the unique landscape of Alaska. As someone who cares deeply for individuals and groups that are historically marginalized, the Governor's recent proposed budget is disheartening and anxiety-provoking, as it targets services that provide for the basic needs of people who have been brushed aside and left wanting by their communities and government. I am writing to urge you to vote against Dunleavy's budget for the sake of our community and what has made me proud to be an Alaskan. Cutting education and funding for programs that assist our homeless population, seniors, women and children escaping domestic violence, and families experiencing poverty will only worsen those very real issues. As a politician, you have positioned

yourself as a representative of the people; please take this opportunity to be a voice for those whose voices have been silenced and ignored.

I appreciate your consideration.

Merrik Brown

From: zack youngman <zyoungman@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:20 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fund the budget and reduce the PFD

Thank you all for your hard work and compromise. I feel as if you guys did a good job presenting the governor with an intelligent budget. The governors cuts are unreasonable and irresponsible. I think the intentions behind the dividend were to help sustain a thriving and vibrant community. Cutting our dividend accomplishes this and allows everyone to contribute in supporting education, the elderly, the vulnerable and hope for our future. Please let us all contribute with a reduced dividend and support our state by putting money back into the budget to support vital services like the University, schools, education and the elderly just to name a few...

Thanks again
Anita Youngman

From: Paula Gallagher <paulagal907@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:27 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Full PFD

My name is Paula Gallagher and I live in Homer, Alaska. I am writing to you today to demand my full payment of the PFD. **It is the law! Follow the law!** I have to obey all the laws of this state. So should you!

Stop messing around. Get the budget passed. Cut the FAT!

Sincerely,

Paula Gallagher

907-299-0172

PO Box 776

Homer, AK 99603

-----Original Message-----

From: Greg Bliss <gbliss99522@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:29 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

Save the "FULL" PFD !!!

From: Dave N <dcn51555@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:32 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Reduce the PFD now!

Honorable House Finance Committee,

The time has long come for terminating the PFD, or at the very least wean the state from this handout. While at one time it may have seemed a good idea, that time is long gone. We should start with a reduced PFD for this year, half of what the huge giveaway that the Governor proposes, with its eventual elimination at a target set by the legislative process.

Thank you for your important work on these matters!

Dave Nussbaumer

Proud to be a 64 year lifetime Alaskan resident.

Haines, AK

From: Roger & Contessa Gossett <messa@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:34 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: NO full PFD- Not at the expense of education

Dear Alaska House Finance Committee, myself, my wife and son do NOT want a full PFD- Not at the expense of the State budget being gutted as the Governor has done. Our son recently transferred from college in CO back to AK.

The proposed cuts by the Gov. and outside influences will ruin Alaska and possibly force our son to withdraw/drop out of college. If the classes and Professors are not there, he will not be able to complete his Mechanical Engineering degree.

Even if the ME program is not directly affected, he is still required to take elective classes that require other Professors to teach. My wife and I have taken on parent plus loans so our son can attend and FINISH college all while we do NOT expect a full PFD. The Gov's plan of a "full PFD of \$ 3000" is for only one year. We have never expected a windfall of \$\$ at the expense of the State and State services. DO NOT let this go through.

Roger, Contessa and Cameron Gossett, Palmer Alaska.

From: Samantha Kirstein <sam@fairbanksfoodbank.org>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:35 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: written testimony for public hearings

Last time I was serving on a statewide board I had a training on building community consensus. I was told that 80% of Alaskans are in the middle of most issues, punctuated by 10% on the far right and 10% on the far left. My job was to do what was best for Alaska, as represented by the 80% in the middle. I share that with you, too. I have been affected by Alaska's politics since statehood, and sometimes it has been pretty rough and tumble. We are a lively state, with strong opinions. I do not disagree with Governor Dunleavy that we must have a budget which balances income and expenses. Without placing blame on anyone, I believe we are out of kilter now. Discipline is essential. I do disagree that we can do this in one year. It has taken us decades to get so out of control. However, Alaskans are unique in our coping skills, and also very creative. I look forward to the opportunities to improve what we do in all areas of our budget. I believe the budget which was passed through the Legislative process and given to the Governor in June was thoughtfully prepared. We all know (and agree) that Alaska has to be "open for business" and we need new revenue streams. Those thoughts excite me! My job is to feed people in Alaska who have lost their jobs or had difficulties so severe they need to rely on local food banks. When we have a healthy

economy and lots of jobs available, this food bank does not have as many people to feed. The income stream for the Fairbanks Community Food Bank has been carefully crafted over the years to rely on individual and corporate donations (not government) and earned income in our building (rental space). When individual donors are laid off work and the commercial space rental vacancy rate is growing, our agency funding strategy does not work. Less than 5% of our budget comes through government grants. We work in partnership with our local Borough and State in **the Health and Social Services Community Matching Grant** process. That is a small grant in Fairbanks which serves, literally, thousands of local people through a highly accountable process. Both the Senate and House loved the partnerships and leveraging of State and Borough funds and included it in their budgets. It is a grant which has been in place over 30 years and has a history of excellence. It has proven to be a very good investment. Please consider putting that back into the State budget. The \$30,000 this food bank receives in that grant process helps us leverage over a million dollars (and 3 million dollars of in-kind donations) of local and corporate support so that we can continue to receive free food (salvage 2-5 TONS of food each day from local grocery stores and individual donors) and give it away free to the people who can't afford to buy food today. We also provide surplus food for Meals on Wheels and Rescue Mission and our local Breadline, and 100 other local agencies who have food needs. Thank you for listening (again) and thanks to the Fairbanks legislators who have been part of our local program for 37 years. Let's all be excited about the positive changes which can be made because of this lively debate in Alaska, and let's rely on group wisdom to get us through this tough discussion.

"I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next door neighbor? If you can't feed 100 people, feed just one." (Mother Teresa)

Samantha Kirstein

Community Development Director
Fairbanks Community Food Bank
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
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From: Barb Wallace <bwallacekl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:35 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD vs. Responsible Management of State

SO much is wrong with our governing body, but I'll get straight to the point...DON'T GIVE OUT A HUGE PFD when you can't afford to run the state.

Pretty simple, it would seem. I come from rural Alaska (Kenny Lake, AK) and without a borough, we are left to pay for many services otherwise provided by a government. A PFD payout can't pave a highway, hire a teacher, keep a school building open, provide rural health services, etc.
The Governor is in a fantasy land if he thinks a PFD can cover expenses government doesn't fund.

As for UAA, that is a travesty that ANY money is taken from ANY education for the state. Article VII states that the government provide and MAINTAIN a school system and the maintenance of our state university was so important to our founders, that they put that in its own paragraph. Rural schools, which are drastically underfunded, rely on the university to cover classes for students that exceed the limited classes presented in schools. Often, by the time kids are juniors in high school, they begin taking courses like calculus and physics from the university because teachers are unavailable for those courses due to small number of students.

Start looking for ways, other than a fluctuating income source (OIL), to bring revenues to the state. My daughter, like many other students, are going "outside" for college because we can't trust that UAA/UAF will be funded. Taxes should not be something Alaskans are afraid of. We are hypocrites when we have our hand out for a PFD, but don't want others to get "government handouts." You get what you pay for...and in Alaska, it's not much you get anymore.

Please focus on our future! Stop playing childish games like hiding out in a junior high gymnasium. What an embarrassment for our state!

From: Karen Hilyard <khilyard@live.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:37 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Override the veto

To all this concerns;

I am writing as a very concerned constituent, to plead you to do all in your power to override our governor's veto and to restore the budget to previous levels of funding!! This current budget will devastate our state on so many social levels. It will take years to recover. Our youth will go elsewhere. It is ridiculous, in my opinion, to continue to give any amount of dividend to every Alaskan but strip away all services to take care of them. We need to pay our way like every other state; tax us! Decrease the dividend, begin taxing where applicable and take care of our citizens! Do not close our university, end the WAMI program and cripple so many social services! Please.
Sincerely, Karen Hilyard/ 30 year Alaskan

From: Mike Hanley <mhanley@chugachschools.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:37 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

House Finance Committee,

I have lived in Alaska since 1971 when my family moved us here when I was 10. I have chosen to make this my home and raise my family here. I have been in public service almost my entire adult life as a teacher, a principal, a superintendent, and the commissioner of education. I have chose to live here because I greatly appreciate the quality of life that we enjoy. That includes the natural resources that Alaska offers as well as the basic services provided by both the state and the community in which I live.

The quality of life for me has never been dependent on the size of the dividend. I support a modest dividend and continued state services that make Alaska a place where I want to retire. Please do not appropriate funds for a \$3000 dividend that will require reductions in needed services and put the dividend at risk in future years. It is time to be reasonable, responsible and balanced moving forward. We have the funds unless we prioritize a large PFD above all else. That should not be the case.

Thank you.

Mike Hanley

From: wheeler@gci.net <wheeler@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:37 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: hands off permanent fund

Balance the budget and leave the Permanent Fund and PFD's alone.

Tammy Wheeler, Sitka

From: Rhonda Johnson <akrhondaj58@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:45 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please Override the Vetoes!

Thank you for the hard work of crafting a bipartisan budget during the regular session, maintaining essential services while encouraging thoughtful action to reduce our expenditures. **I strongly support an override of all the Governor's vetoes** to prevent devastating and uninformed blows to many of public goods and services, including but not limited to the university, health and social services, public media, the arts, early childhood education, environmental regulations and investment in both our seniors and our youth. **I am also supportive of increased consideration of the return of a graduated income tax, and a revisit and probably reduction of existing oil tax credits.** A genuinely balanced and equitable budget that reflects shared Alaskan values and protects the most vulnerable among us, while also sustaining the foundation for diversified economic growth, healthy communities and a meaningful future for our most promising youth should be our priority.

Thank you.

Rhonda Johnson

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Anchorage, AK 99508

From: Leanna Williams <leanna907@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:46 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001 Testimony

Dear Members of the Alaska House Finance Committee -

I am writing you as a lifelong Alaskan, UAF student, business owner and mother of two.

Please do not appropriate funds for the PFD without restoring a large proportion, if not all, of the funds vetoed from the budget. I support restoring the funding line-item vetoed by the Governor, because the programs that would be reduced or shuttered otherwise are essential to maintaining quality of life in Alaska. For example: the university system has not only provided me an avenue for

obtaining an advanced degree, it also helps support our local economy. Cutting state support for programs like Head Start and homeless services harms those who cannot advocate for themselves. Arts programs help make our state a culturally vibrant place to live. The list of the importance of maintaining these programs could go on and on. I support using funds in the ERA to fund government services and programs.

Thank you,
Leanna Prax Williams
404 Haines Ave
Fairbanks AK 99701
907-347-8295

From: Molly Sturdevant <mvsturdevant@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:46 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Neal Foster <Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>

Cc: Molly Sturdevant <mvsturdevant@yahoo.com>; Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>

Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE \$1600 DIVIDEND and restored budget funding

Dear Finance Committee, Co-chairs Foster and Wilson, Senator Kiehl (District Q), and Representative Hannan (District 33),

I support the proposed \$1600 PFD in House Bill 2001.

I support that legislative Special Sessions be held in the capitol, *Juneau*.

And, I absolutely reject Gov. Dunleavy's budget vetos.

I implore you to find ways to restore funding to the programs and services affected by the governor's vetoes and continue to work diligently for a new appropriations bill to restore all funding of all vetoed items. Override the governor's vetoes!

Thank you very much for your hard work during this extremely difficult time for our state.

Sincerely, Molly Sturdevant, Haines resident

From: Kristen Balega <kbalega@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:46 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Restore UA Funding

Dear Members,

Please restore funding for the University of Alaska.

At times, I am at a loss for words to adequately, fully describe my concern. I do know above all else, drastic funding cuts by the State to the UA system sends the message that we do not want higher education in Alaska. It directly impacts students, families, and our community.

Many of Alaska's citizens are not able to attend college outside Alaska, and yet it is very likely our own university will not be able to provide for these students either. How do we prepare our future workforce and leaders without programs to do so? How does this strengthen our economy and reduce the overall financial burden?

With the uncertainty of UA's programmatic future, my freshman student has begun the process of looking out of state for his education. While he had previously been accepted to universities in Oregon and Washington with substantial scholarships, his choice was to attend UAA. Financially, resident tuition won out along with the Alaska Performance Scholarship. While he could replace the APS with loans, his ability to receive a competitive education is not withstanding. The last minute curve ball thrown at us by our Governor impacts the viability of his degree program. Sinking tuition into an unobtainable degree is not an option. Sadly, he also now states that if he leaves Alaska, he may not want to return if this is the direction our State is headed.

If these drastic cuts that have widespread impact are intended for the purpose of granting a larger PFD, I am inclined to agree with him. If cuts need to be made, it seems more ethical to phase them in increments verses one big sweep. Cuts to UA academically and financially damage us all. That damage cannot be rectified with a larger PFD.

I am saddened by how this budget process has played out. I have lost trust in the Governor to do what is best for Alaska, and I am losing faith in the Legislature's ability to intercede on behalf of Alaska's citizens. Can you allow our only State university to become second-rate at best, non-sustaining at worst?

I urge you to support restoring funding to UA and support a responsible PFD that doesn't threaten our community and economy.

Sincerely,
Kristen Balega
Chugiak, Alaska
907-688-8861

From: susan sloss <suesloss@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:50 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Re: House Bill 2001 - FOR A REASONABLE PFD (\$1600 or LESS) and FUND STATE SERVICES

Dear Alaska Legislators,

At this critical time in Alaska's history, it is imperative that the Legislature be fiscally prudent and honest about how the PFD should be used!

DO NOT MAKE THE PFD into a political football, to be used and abused by politicians for political gain and votes.

DO USE the PFD to restore vetoed funds, and fund state government.

KEEP THE PFD AT A REASONABLE AMOUNT - **\$1,600 OR LESS.**

We need our PFD to fund education, public safety, looking after our senior citizens, the arts, and for the PFD to contribute to the health and welfare of all Alaskans.

Where will an excessive PFD giveaway end up? Up to a third may go to federal taxes, and the rest? Maybe trips out-of-state, personal property acquisitions, paying down credit card bills? How much of what is left of an excessive PFD will stimulate economic growth for Alaska? I'm skeptical that it will be enough for individuals to start a new business for example, or make a down payment on a house or apartment.

Be prudent and do the right thing. Fund state government first with the PFD!

Sincerely,

Susan C. Sloss
15775 Glacier Hwy,
Juneau AK 99801

From: Bobi and Michael <bobi.michael@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:50 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: We support HB2001

Hello,

Our family supports HB2001. We support a smaller PFD because we want to save our University and protect Alaska's most vulnerable citizens.

We think Governor Dunleavy is not representing the best interests of this state with his draconian vetos and I hope that you do everything in your power to reinstate as much funding as possible.

--

Michael Erb & Roberta B. Rinehart
16461 Saint James Circle
Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Cindy Koplin <CKoplin@KPBSD.k12.ak.us>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:50 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PLEASE restore funding!

To our legislators who should care about Alaskans, I am so very concerned about the state of Alaska and it's people! If we don't get some of the funding that has been cut restored, I fear for the future of all Alaskans.

I thought for sure Gov. Dunleavy's vetoes would get overridden by the legislature, and I was shocked that some of you did not support that. I can't believe that the PFD is more important than public safety, education and the security for people to continue living here.

Do Dunleavy and his supporters not see what will happen if these cuts are not restored? Does Dunleavy just want all of us to move out of state and leave Alaska to the resource excavators so he can get rich from our oil and minerals?

I have lived in Alaska (Homer) for 38 years and have raised 5 children here. They got an excellent education, thanks to well-funded (and therefore well-staffed) schools and 2 of them went on to state universities. Young Alaskans are our future. If they have to leave the state because it has nothing to offer them, what IS our future?

I have worked at Homer High school as head secretary for 15 years and I can already see first hand how cuts to education are affecting us. Some of the recent graduates have had their scholarships cut (Alaska Performance scholarships that they worked hard in high school for) and will not be able to go to college.

I am beyond dismayed at the current situation and I implore you to re-think about restoring funding to the very foundations of our state.

Sincerely,
Cindy Koplin
Homer, Alaska

From: C Lamborn <jklamborn@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:52 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT DUNLEAVY - FULL PFD

Dear Committee,

I urge you to support your Governor and the budget cuts he made into law. Also, support the FULL PFD payout.

Thank you.

Caroline Lamborn

From: Judy Rae Smith <fairbanks42girl@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:52 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD and maintaining a viable state

Dear House Finance Committee,

As I have said many times, I support a viable state with educational opportunities for its citizens, a viable arts community supported by our state dollars, and a limited PFD payment which does not bankrupt the state. We do not need to foster entitled citizens with a socialistic \$3000 payment as advocated by Governor Dunleavy. So, please act responsibly and re-establish funding for people programs including the Scholars Program and UAF funding, the Arts Council, the seniors programs cut already, early childhood education, and the like. Thank you...Judy Rae Smith

From: Andy Cizek <and.czk@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:58 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: FULL PFD!!! Smaller government!!!

Legislators do not know how to spend our money better then we know how to spend our own money. Do your job and cut the fat from special interest groups from the budget and not from the people as a whole who pay to support your over spending already. Beside that, even every special interest group person will still receive a pfd if they even qualify. Be leaders and get your own pfd check and sign it over to whomever you want to donate it to and get your followers to do the same. That way all the people can do what they want to with their own pfd while keeping government from growing artificially from a cookie jar full of money that don't belong to them, pissing it away and then crying

for more because you're so use to spending this new greater amount of money. Then you'll need to tax people more since you grew government so much more! NO! STOP THE NONSENSE! NOW!

Keep looking up!!!!

Andy

From: Jeff Samuels <jeffdsamuels@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 9:58 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001: Comments in support

Please let me comments reflect my opinion in support of HB 2001.

While it's easy for supporters of Dunleavy to say "cut the budget and don't touch my PFD", it's important to recognize that a civilized society provides for all members who live in it, especially those who are most affected by deep cuts to social services, education and healthcare. While many Dunleavy supporters may not use the UA system or other agencies that have experienced cuts, the impact of these cuts will sweep across our society, increasing health care costs, property taxes, crime rates, all while lowering Alaska's ability to attract and keep a talented workforce. Providing a \$3,000 PFD while cutting services across the board is nothing more than cutting off our noses to spite our face.

If providing a \$1,600 PFD will allow more money to be spent in agency budgets previously vetoed by the Governor, then I strongly support this bill.

Thank you-

Jeff Samuels

Girdwood, Alaska

From: sylvia kreel <sylviakreel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:03 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

I urge you to limit the PFD to no more than \$1600. I would rather see funds available for important programs that help Alaskan's, including the university system, Medicaid, the elderly, the arts, scholarships, the marine highway, and other government services, than a larger PFD. An enlarged PFD will not make up the difference in losses to individuals impacted by the cuts or to the community as a whole. Once programs are ruined by the cuts it will take years if not decades and yet greater funds to build them back up. Finally, it is unconscionable that the cuts hit those who are most in need of support- the poor, the sick, the elderly, the young.

Please do the right thing and limit the PFD.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Kreel

Juneau, AK

From: Walt Weller <mayorweller@pelcancity.org>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:03 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Budget Cuts

Finance Committee,

One more reminder that the Governor's proposed cuts will negatively impact small communities. Please vote to keep the PCE funding and a plan for the AMHS reductions. The residents of small communities like Pelican depend on affordable transportation and often the assistance provided by the PCE subsidy is the only way people can afford to live out here.

A common sense/sustainable PFD is another priority.

Please keep Alaska's small communities in mind, our residents are justifiably concerned about the direction of the Governor's budget cuts and we are counting on our legislators to develop common sense approaches to State cost cutting.

Thank you for your time, and find something positive I can tell our residents about the AMHS.

Walt

Walt Weller, Mayor

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From: kari robinson <karirobinson93@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:09 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore Vital Services & Protect Alaska!

As a long time Alaskan, I am horrified with the Governor's recent budget vetoes that go against the will of Alaska voters and families like mine. The drastic and unnecessary cuts will harm our economy and hurt everyone from youth to elders. We need to find a way to restore the budget cuts including adequately funding the University of Alaska.

Please find a way to protect Alaska's future and families!

Thank you

Kari Robinson

Juneau Resident

From: Debbie <doudiz@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:16 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Yes PFD @\$1600

I support a PFD at \$1600. Please use the balance to override the vetos and reinstate services to Alaskans.

Deborah Oudiz
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From: Carol Dixon <carol@snowferret.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:18 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Vetoes

Hello,

I am writing this to say that I have never seen Alaska's government in such a mess. Once upon a time Alaskans worked together for the benefit of the state and everyone in it. Democrats and Republicans all worked together and worked through their differences to make sure Alaskans had access to services, roads were maintained, valuable state employees were treated as such, and that education was fully funded and the University was supported and valued. They knew that by doing this it not only helped Alaskans have a better quality of life, but it attracted businesses and students and kept our state viable and functional.

Then came the pipeline. I truly believe that Jay Hammond would be appalled at what is being done to our state in the name of the Permanent Fund dividend he worked so hard to implement. The dividend was never intended to destroy services in our state so that politicians could be elected by promising large guaranteed checks to short sighted, uninformed constituents who don't realize what their lives will be like if all these services (and education and the University) are gutted. It was intended to share the profits from the oil money with residents in a responsible and viable manner.

I am truly disgusted with the greed and short sighted actions that we are witnessing right now in Alaska's legislature (and of course from the governor). This is not the Alaska I know and love. This is a circular firing squad that is bent on destroying our state for the sake of a few more years of personal power.

The oil will run out one day. And the ruins of what will be left of a beautiful state will be all that remain, unless you accept responsibility, not only for your next re-election by promising short term cash for soon to follow destruction of our entire infrastructure. It is time to stand up for what really matters and explain how important all the services that are being held hostage and threatened matter to everyone in our state. We are all better when everything works. Do your job responsibly and with the good of the state and those who have made their homes here as your goal. If you fail, we all lose...including you.

Carol Dixon

Fairbanks

From: Helen Unruh <unruh5832@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:22 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Re: PFD

To Alaska finance committee

Your first thought should be the people of Alaska!

What will benefit the most people? What will hurt the most people?

Remember your job is to look out for the interests of the Alaskan people, not oil or mining, not big money or big politics.

I believe the governor has an agenda, the massive cuts are just the beginning.

If a smaller PFD will restore funding to education, the Alaska Marine Highway, health care, the arts, public radio, rural airports, police , firefighters, all the essential services that have been built & expanded since statehood.... that have helped Alaska grow & develop..... then do it.

What individuals would lose cannot be made up with a \$3000 PFD.

This budget has the potential to send our state back to pre-statehood days. It will be a long haul to regain all that we will lose with the massive cuts the governor proposes.

Helen Unruh
Juneau, Alaska

From: John Cooley <jscooley@me.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:23 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support of House Bill 2001

Dear Representatives:

My name is John Cooley and I was born in Fairbanks in 1946. I have always been an Alaskan resident and have physically resided in Alaska except for my time in the U. S. Navy from 1964 through 1980.

My understanding is that the Permanent Fund was established to provide for Alaska when the oil revenues tapered off in the future and that historically about half of the earnings have been used to pay a dividend and the other half of the earnings were used to inflation proof the fund. I do not foresee a return of huge oil revenues to the State in the future, so we cannot continue to depend on oil taxes to fund almost everything!

I believe a \$1,600 dividend is more than adequate and is in keeping in line with historical values of past dividends. Alaskans' do not need nor should they depend on a larger dividend let alone expect one. Yes, everyone can spend more money if they are given it but the opportunity costs of a higher dividend cannot be justified. We must not overdraw from the fund and hazard its demise for future Alaskans. All Alaskans' expect and deserve a certain level of service from the state government. The communal good requires good education, adequate health care, public safety (police and fire departments) and useable and maintained public facilities (roads, airports, harbors). These are all the providence of state and local government. They cannot be provided by individuals. Social services and even the arts are required to attract and keep good residents in the state.

I believe that the governor's vetoes cut TOO much from the budget approved by the legislature and most of the cuts need to be restored.

I see the state's financial future based on three legs: Use of a part of the permanent fund earnings to fund state operations while still paying a dividend; responsible reductions in state government; and a new source of income such as an income or sales tax.

Please pass HB2001, pay a \$1600 dividend and use the remaining earnings to fund needed state services.

Respectfully
John S. Cooley
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Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Chelsea Lindquist <chelserin@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:24 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject:

Dear Committee,

You have a chance with HB2001 to restore the vital funding needed by Alaskans throughout the state. I have thought of the many groups of people, and the organizations that serve them, who are already suffering due to the Governor's budget vetoes.

How do you pit hospice patients against homeless elders? How do you choose between needed healthcare for families and services for veterans? And when looking at young children starting their educational career in Early Education programs and young adults sprinting towards their future at UAA, how do you decide who's future is more important?

I can't, and neither should you. It is unconscionable of the Governor to require you to do so. Which is why I, along with thousands of other Alaskans, am asking you to restore all funding and reduce the amount of the PFD. Our state has a lot of work to do, and there are hard decisions to be made. However, the first priority has to be taking care of each other. A \$3000 PFD may sound good at the moment, but it will not change the circumstances for those who are facing the consequences of the Governor's cuts.

Please put the people of Alaska first and reduce the PFD and save our state.

Thank you

Chelsea Vukovich

Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Sparky Anderson <sparky.anderson.llc@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:28 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Public Testimony for Today's (July 15th) Session - Please Read

I am a 20 year resident of south central Alaska and have seen many changes over those years. One of the positive transformations has been watching our universities mature into thriving and competitive institutions. I am writing to voice my strong advocacy for the state university system. Now that the override has failed, please find a way to replace the \$130 million dollar (41 percent!) cut from the UA system. It's a deeply misguided decision by the governor. Do what is right for Alaska, fund the state's university system, and pass a sensible budget.

The University of Alaska fuels our state economy by delivering a skilled work force, recruiting talented students to our state - many of whom will stay, and providing important functions such as research on climate, geology, and medicine. The university system is also home to many lifelong Alaskan career educators and administrators, and its importance can be defined in one word: jobs.

The university has already been subject to severe cuts, and it will not thrive to help Alaska rise to compete in a complex economic environment without your full support. By supporting the University of Alaska you are preserving a future for our students, the needs of our state, and thousands of important jobs.

I believe in pulling my weight. I would rather have state services, health care, and educational opportunities for future generations than a "full PFD" as our governor has backed. Please support the future of our state, fund the university, and override any line item veto to UA the governor may use.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Anderson

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From: pauril <pauril@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:29 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: \$1600 PFD

I feel the Governor's veto on the budget will cost Alaska numerous jobs and hurt the people who are most vulnerable. Reducing the PFD to \$1600 makes much more sense. The larger PFD would only be a one-time event which would go mostly to buy TV sets or a car instead of helping year after year.

Paula Riley

Homer

From: Louise Kytömaa Lane <kytoma@acsalaska.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:30 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: RE: the House Finance Committee Hearing, Anchorage July 15th

Dear Representatives,

In regards to your meeting this afternoon at 2pm in Anchorage to discuss House Bill 2001; and to the governor's budget vetoes and the budget deadlock: what I see is a manufactured crisis created in order to pass through cuts that will be devastating to Alaska.

We can distribute a smaller PFD, and fund all of the programs vetoed by the governor, by enacting the budget proposed by the legislature earlier this summer.

Alternatively, the PFD money could be distributed in full, and all the programs that the governor vetoed, put back in place; **if a decision is made to implement a state income tax or look at other revenue sources** (lower the income tax credits the oil companies receive).

This crisis mode is deeply disturbing. For example, the fact that the University of Alaska is being subjected to cuts so drastic that it may never recover its standing, ought to make anyone suspicious., Why so drastic? Why now? What is the real motivation?

These questions can be asked of all 182 vetoes made by Governor Dunleavy.

Please, take your time. Protect those Alaskans who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the university as stated in the Alaska constitution. Take a very close look at each and every vetoed item.

It appears that the governor has taken the tactic to tie the PFD to the budget; I think you ought to look at both when making a decision regarding either one.

In closing, I am willing to take a smaller PFD, or pay an income tax to support the "full" PFD. Please make the right decisions for all Alaskans.

Thank you for your time,

Louise Lane

Anchorage, AK

From: vicki vermillion <bveaalaska@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:32 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Stage Budget

Dear Members,

The budget the legislature presented was okay. The vetoed budget is anything but okay. Please restore the legislature's budget NOW.

The Permanent Fund has never been super great for Alaskans, creating an entitlement mind set and nourishing bad behavior at PFD check time. If we cannot afford a large dividend, let's have a smaller one. Put the discretionary money in the part of the fund that can't be utilized. Pay out the whole thing at once, if all else fails - just rid of us of this burden. Please figure out a way for the PFD to NOT be an ongoing way to muddle things up.

I am not at all opposed to the reintroduction of a State tax. I understand this is not happening right now, but I think we should pay a tax and important services should never be threatened, as they currently are - I think this is criminal, wrong, and clearly politically or philosophically planned by a group of people who DO NOT have our common interests at heart.

Thank you, Vicki Vermillion

From: intune.autumn <intune.autumn@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:34 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Elders and children should not be worrying about their next meal

Please, for the sake of Alaskan futures, restore funding to our programs. There are countless articles and people who are literally screaming and begging for our lives because we feel like our government is not here to serve us, but to serve oil companies and an agenda that has already begun hurting people. No scholarships to UAA is devastating to the health of our future as well since there will be no higher education for people who want it but cannot afford it. Why would you take away the chance of someone doing better for our state? There are

going to be so few reasons left to stay here because of these budget cuts. We are going to lose a good chunk of our population due to not even offering the education parents and kids strive for.

I am a single parent of a child who was born in Alaska because I love this state. I love being born her, being raised here, and continuing that tradition for my child. That imagery of our future has now been shattered because Alaska is at a race towards the bottom for everything from education to crime because the governor other Alaskans voted for lied to them. Don't allow him to destroy the future of people who love Alaska and want to stay.

From: travis durnford <etdurnford@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:36 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

I'm writing to encourage you to NOT follow Dunleavy's request for a \$3,000 permanent fund give-away. It's outrageous that we have created a welfare state at the expense of a community that cares about its citizens and provides for the common welfare of all residents of Alaska.

I know a lot of egos were involved in not over-riding the governors' vetos. Rather than doing the right thing and following the majority of the people of Alaska's wishes, they sat in Willow drawing a salary for doing nothing.

I hope this committee has more leadership ability and will do the right thing. Personally, I don't care if I get any PFD if it would mean a fully funded budget. However, I realize that is no longer possible. The least you can do is lower the PFD amount. It was never intended to be a give away or entitlement. Maybe you can at some point pass a bill taking it away altogether and then we'd see who really cares about Alaska and those who will leave the state for another welfare handout.

Elizabeth Durnford

From: Don Bertollette <donbertollette@me.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:37 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: OVERRIDE THE VETO !

Thank you for the hard work of crafting a bipartisan budget during the regular session, maintaining essential services while encouraging thoughtful action to reduce our expenditures. **I strongly support an override of all the Governor's vetoes** to prevent devastating and uninformed blows to many of public goods and services, including but not limited to the university, health and social services, public media, the arts, early childhood education, environmental regulations and investment in both our seniors and our youth. **I am also supportive of increased consideration of the return of a graduated income tax, and a revisit and probably reduction of existing oil tax credits.** A genuinely balanced and equitable budget that reflects shared Alaskan values and protects the most vulnerable among us, while also sustaining the foundation for diversified economic growth, healthy communities and a meaningful future for our most promising youth should be our priority.

Thank you.

Don Bertollette
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From: Jan Agosta <shutterbugsnapshot@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:37 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

I support a \$1600 PFD. Please allocate remaining funds for education and social services.

Jan Agosta, BSN. RN
Homer resident for past 3 years

From: Brenda Campen <bcampen1562@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:44 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

I fully support HB 2001 which would provide a PFD of \$1600. Please work to get the PFD off the table so that the budgets can be finally resolved. Future legislation should focus on a permanent solution to how the PFD is calculated.

I supported, and continue to support, an override of the governor's vetos. I also support restoring funds potentially lost in the sweep/reverse sweep debacle—PCE, the Performance Scholarships, and all the rest.

I support a modest income tax and/or small state sales tax.

I support a review and restructure of the oil tax credits.

If HB 2001 does not pass, then my recommendation is to take a position no PFD at all until the operating budget passed by the legislature is approved and the vetoed items restored, the capital budget is approved and signed by the governor, and the "sweeps" restored.

Please know that many, many Alaskans are behind you as you work through this process. Good luck...stay strong.

Brenda Campen
Sitka, Alaska

From: Bill Tremblay <brtrembla@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:51 AM
To: jonathan.s.kt@gmail.com; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Continued Special Session Priorities

Dear Rep. Kreiss-Tomkins and House Finance Committee

The dividend is not a priority for me. Funding education, senior benefits, Medicaid, arts, and public media are. I feel that discussing a dividend is a waste of time at this point as there are other pressing issues facing the State.

I see Alaska as a house that is burning right now. Our economy and future is at stake. I know others need the dividend to help make ends meet. That being said; the money isn't a band aid that will fix the kinds of wounds currently being inflicted.

Bill Tremblay

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From: Diane Ramey <der@ak.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:51 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Budget

Dear legislators

The permanent fund was not established solely for the purpose of sharing oil wealth with individual residents. It was meant as a source of income for running the state at such time that oil revenues decreased. Sharing the wealth in the form of a permanent fund payout to residents is worthwhile, but not at the expense of services that are necessary for a livable state.

Having previously written to every legislator and senator, the only replies I've received are those agreeing with my opinion that the governor's vetoes need to be overridden. No one in agreement with the cuts took the time to respond and explain how our state could progress with these cuts. Budget cuts are one thing, but such broad cuts done in a short period of time are draconian.

Diane Ramey

From: Donna Hauser <donna.hauser@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:52 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: testimony on HB 2001

I have either been in tears or the verge of tears for the last week. My heart hurts for Alaska, I fear for my family's future, and for the Alaska I so deeply love. I am a life-long Alaskan, married to another life-long Alaskan, and raising a son who I hope will thrive in Alaska as I did. I am an expert in climate change effects on Alaska's oceans and marine animals. I am a UAF researcher who works with and in Alaska Native communities from Utqiagvik to Homer, Pedro Bay to Point Lay, have friends in Steven's Village to Kotzebue. Alaska's fish, rivers, and bays run through my veins.

But the Governor's recent vetoes to a bipartisan budget that was painstakingly developed have made me feel like I no longer belong, that my family is no longer valued, and that my expertise or the University for which I work is no longer welcome.

I support appropriating a permanent fund dividend of \$1,600, particularly if it means the opportunity to restore funds for critical services vetoed by the Governor. I know there are many Alaskans who rely on the PFD, but it is also clear from the overwhelming response to the Governor's vetoes that we also need a viable University of Alaska, healthcare benefits for the most vulnerable as well as veterans and seniors, the AK Emergency Alert System and public broadcasting more broadly, active arts & culture programs supported by the AK State Council on the Arts, Alaska legal services such as domestic violence legal aid, support of headstart programs and those that support Alaska's homeless. These are essential services. The Governor's severe cuts are devastating and projected by experts to throw our beloved state into recession. Every single Alaskan will be affected, and I reject the Governor's agenda to destruct the foundations of Alaska's Constitution with a single-minded goal of a \$3000 PFD payout.

I strongly support higher taxes, a \$1600 PFD, and elimination of tax credits to oil and gas companies in an effort to balance our state budget, restoration of the funding to the University of Alaska and other valuable services recently rejected by the Governor.

Please listen to us, you were elected to represent ALL Alaskans.

Thank you for considering my request,

Donna Hauser

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Donna DW Hauser, PhD

International Arctic Research Center

University of Alaska Fairbanks

From: Karen Lambert <karen@jesmkod.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:58 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001 - please work to restore Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) vetoed funding

Good morning.

No one wants to need a lawyer ... but if circumstances warrant, you certainly do not want to be penalized if you, or your loved ones - or possibly elders or veterans, among others - can't afford one. The Governor's zeroing the state's financial support for Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) ignores the recognized-importance of a "level playing field" within the justice system.

Financially restricting ALSC's ability to help eligible folks with civil litigation issues only ripples negatively throughout the state where, for example, domestic-violence victims may not receive court-authorized protections ... the problems increase exponentially statewide.

Please work to provide ALL Alaskans with viable opportunities via sustainable, long-term financial policies.

Regards, Karen Lambert

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From: michael mraz <michaelmraz@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:59 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah

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Subject: Please restore the funding vetoed by the Governor/Compromise on responsible PFD

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am a voting Alaskan and work as a Physician in Anchorage at the local hospitals. I have an elderly father in town on a fixed income, a disabled sister in a group home on Medicaid, school age nephews and nieces, a brother who works with high risk youth at McLaughlin Youth Facility , another sister that works with medically disabled adults on the Choice Waiver program and thousands of patients, friends and neighbors and fellow Alaskans all of whom will be devastated by the funds slashed recklessly by the Governors vetoes. This is horrifying. What shortsighted, selfish, disheartening and deplorable behavior from an elected official (or anyone for that matter.)

I strongly urge you to work with your fellow legislators to fully restore the state funding vetoed by the Governor and find a responsible compromise on the PFD. If the vetoed funding is not restored, our most vulnerable Alaskans and our economy will be unnecessarily, permanently and disastrously harmed.

We are better than this, all Alaskans deserve better than this.

Thank you. Please do the right thing by your fellow Alaskans.

Michael Mraz MD

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From: Martha O. Bless <marthabless@aptalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:59 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

Finance Committee,

I strongly support HB2001. \$1600 is an appropriate amount for the PFD. Any more, I believe, puts Alaska's future at risk.

Sincerely,

Martha O. Bless

PO Box 1490

Petersburg, Alaska 99833

From: Christi Davidson <akcdavidson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:05 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

Dear Legislators,

You have my full support to restore the funding that was cut in the governor's vetoes in HB 2001. I am in favor of a PFD amount that DOES NOT sacrifice all other state services. I stand behind the legislators who have taken their responsibility to the citizens of Alaska seriously and especially those who work tirelessly to engage in the political process and come to a consensus through discourse and compromise. These leaders are to be commended for their efforts to solve our fiscal problems. I pray

that all of you will come together and work towards solutions that will protect our state and its citizens from the impending doom that lies ahead if no responsible action is taken.

Sincerely,

Christi Davidson

From: Joe Stock <stockalpine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:06 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HP 2001

I do not support the vetoes. I do not support an increase in PFD. I would gladly take \$0 for the PFD in order to fund state programs.

Sincerely,

Joe Stock

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From: Janice Melvin <jmelvin@cityofseward.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:08 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001 Permanent fund dividend

My understanding from the beginning (thank you Jay Hammond) is the permanent fund was its own fund. Not tied in any way to the budget . I feel this has been lost in the effort to balance the budget.

The two should not be discussed in the same way.

The permanent fund has a specific formula to determine payout on the dividends. We all know that is small when the economy and investments don't go well- we all feel that in our personal lives.

Why can you not just leave it alone- the way it was carefully crafted- for the people of the State of Alaska. It goes into the economy in a fair way- we spend it, pledge it, save it as we feel the need.

Please get back to the original intent of the fund and the way it was intended to be managed from its inception.

I do not feel legislators have the right to use it as some kind of savings account or bailout. Jay Hammond tried to define that as best he could all those years ago- stop trying to destroy something good.

Janice Melvin

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From: Cathy Flanagan <cathyflanagan@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:11 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001-I do not support an increased payout of the PFD or the Governors vetos

I do not support an increase payout of the PFD. I would gladly receive \$0 or the \$1600 to fund state programs, education, the University of Alaska, Medicare, and university sports programs.

The vetos to the budget and the proposed increased payout of the PFD are shortsighted and irresponsible. They will lead to destructive changes in our economy and an increased reliance on the PFD as an entitlement.

The PFD government pay-out to Alaskan citizens should not be offered if we cannot fund social programs and our University. The legislature has already worked very hard to cut government spending on the tools we all use to make the Alaskan community a healthy and livable place. Breaking those tools so that governor Dunleavy can fulfill a ridiculous campaign promise is only a promise to make community problems worse.

If we have to ween ourselves off of the idea that we deserve the government payout that the PFD actually is, go ahead and pay Alaskans a \$1600 payout and then take the billion dollars that you save and fund the essential services that the majority of Alaskans want.

It is a complete CRIME however, that the government, (and by this, I mean the 23 legislators who support Dunleavy in his heartbreaking attempt to destroy our state) is so damn addicted to spending money.

Do the right thing and keep our State healthy by changing the payout of the PFD to less than or equal to \$1600. And reinstate the budget that the legislature worked so hard to create. And impeach the Governor while you are at it.

Regards,

Cathy Flanagan

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From: Jim Gifford <giffordsalaska@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:16 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Testimony PFD

Hello, My name is Jim Gifford,

From Valdez Alaska,

I am representing myself.

I support a much reduced PFD payment (if any) for this year. I am ok with \$1,000.00, I am also ok with NO PFD payment, given the dire state of our States finances as pointed out by the Governor and many legislators.

I also support funding of the Vetoed Budget items rather than a PFD payment.

Thank you,

Jim Gifford

PO Box 1253

Valdez Alaska 99686

From: JonE <manager@yakutatak.us>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:17 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Fund Alaska first then a PFD

House Finance Committee and Honorable Legislators.

Please fund Alaska first and the PFD secondarily! The Governors veto's and sweeps will harm Yakutat in the following ways.

- Estimated electric cost per household will go up \$100 per month.
- Estimated loss of Revenue Sharing (Community Assistance) \$120,000 or about 4% of our operating FY21 budget. A \$120,000 increase in property tax equals 30% increase to Yakutat citizens.
- Among other notable losses of revenue to Yakutat; our new-under-construction health clinic loss of Medicare, losing Head Start, losing promised school funding, senior citizens programs losing funding, Fish, Wildlife losing enforcement and many more Yakutat specific cuts.

Rural Alaska needs your help!

Dr. Erickson

Jon Erickson EdD

City and Borough Manager

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-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Drathman <sdrathman@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:18 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

Dear Committee Members

I strongly support the \$1600 PFD. The Governor's vetoes must be overridden and funding for our vital services must be restored. I support raising additional needed funds by instituting income taxes, particularly for the oil companies and those who earn money in Alaska and live elsewhere. The oil companies are making huge profits in Alaska, not seen anywhere else in the world. End their subsidies and tax them!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your hard work. Have courage!

Susan Drathman

907-299-9454

From: Beverly Lewanski <bevwewanski@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:18 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

Hello,

I urge you to pass House Bill 2001 that would provide a PFD in the amount of \$1,600. I certainly hope there remains a possibility for the legislature to restore the Governor's vetoed funds. We must make responsible decisions for all Alaskans!

Everyone deserves an effective education from preK through post-secondary, an assurance of health and safety, a viable arts community and a viable public radio/television network. A \$3,000 PFD will not provide such services for all Alaskans.

I'm also open to a state-wide sales tax and an income tax. And of course, let's have the oil companies begin to pay their fair share in taxes!

Sincerely,

Bev Lewanski

Eagle River, Alaska

From: Kate Hanson <katemhanson@gci.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:20 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Joshua Revak <Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mark Neuman <Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kelly Merrick <Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard <Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sharon Jackson <Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Cc: katemhanson@gci.net

Subject: Please restore the funding vetoed by the Governor/Compromise on responsible PFD

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am a voting Alaskan and work as a Care Coordinator with medically disabled adults and elderly Alaskans on the Choice Waiver program. I have an elderly father in town on a fixed income, a disabled sister in a group home on Medicaid, school age children (6, 17 and 19 YO), a brother who works with

high risk youth at McLaughlin Youth Facility , another brother who is a Physician in Anchorage at the local hospitals, friends and neighbors and fellow Alaskans all of whom will be devastated by the funds slashed recklessly by the Governors vetoes. This is horrifying. What shortsighted, selfish, disheartening and deplorable behavior from an elected official (or anyone for that matter.)

I strongly urge you to work with your fellow legislators to fully restore the state funding vetoed by the Governor and find a responsible compromise on the PFD. If the vetoed funding is not restored, our most vulnerable Alaskans and our economy will be unnecessarily, permanently and disastrously harmed.

We are better than this, all Alaskans deserve better than this.

Thank you. Please do the right thing by your fellow Alaskans.

Kate M. Hanson, MS

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From: Idamarie Piccard <idie@pobox.alaska.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:21 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Cc: Rep. Ivy Spohnholz <Rep.Ivy.Spohnholz@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>

Subject: Budget cuts

I will be unable to call in to the Public Testimony being held this evening.

It is unfathomable any person in a position of public trust and lawmaking, can support these Draconian cuts our present governor has implemented. They cannot be allowed to go unchallenged.

The House and Senate approved a bipartisan budget at the end of the legislative session which had been prepared thoughtfully and had taken into consideration the ramifications of any cuts proposed and its effect on the state and its people. It passed

With no consideration, input, collaboration, or investigation, and mostly in secret (no transparency) the governor and his non-resident, temporary hire OMB Donna Arduin crafted a budget with cuts so extreme, the results will be drastic to the state, its people, and the economy. They made no attempt to project the ramifications of the cuts to the agencies, people and the state.

Well, other agencies have, and the results show the state will suffer irreparable and permanent harm now and in the future.

We are just returning from a recession; the state cannot afford another which likely will happen if these cuts are allowed to stay.

We support a return to the approved bipartisan budget without the \$444,000,000 cuts proposed by the OMB and governor. We support a PFD in the neighborhood of 1200-1600 and would support an income tax (however, it is not in works at this time.)

The budget, as it stands now cannot be permitted to be implemented for the good of the state, its people, and its economy. Health, education, elders, disabled, jobs, will be impacted now and in the future; mostly likely permanently damaged.

Thank you for considering this response.

Idamarie and Lee Piccard

3323 Peace Court

Anchorage, AK 99508

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Our rep and senator

Ivy Spohnholz

Bill Wielechowski

From: Diane Kardash <diane.kardash@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:22 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please restore funding!

Good morning,

I respectfully implore you to restore in HB 2001 the funding cut by both the Governor's vetoes and the "reverse sweep." As a 25-year resident of North Pole, I am dismayed by the negative impacts the Governor's vetoes and the loss of funding due to the unexpected inclusion of never-before-swept programs in the "reverse sweep" will have on our state, especially our local community. I appreciate your work very, very much.

Diane Kardash
North Pole, Alaska

From: Lisa Asselin <redasselin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:25 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: \$1600 PFD

I am writing today in Support of a \$1600 PFD. In fact I will happily give up my PFD in order to put money into the operating budget and save the countless programs in this state that are shut down or will be shut down. If you are in support of a \$1600 and overriding the governors vetoes -Thank you for fighting for this state and its families! I'm hoping that I can continue to call this wonderful place home.

From: Molly Zaleski <fox.zaleski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:27 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

To the House Finance Committee,

I am a Juneau resident and voter. I am writing about HB 2001 and the ability to restore funds that had been vetoed by Dunleavy/Arduin.

If possible, I support restoring funds to the University of Alaska, Head Start, Early Childhood grants, and K-12 education forward funding. I have a 3 year old and want him to have good educational opportunities in state.

I also support restoring funds to the Senior Benefits program and Medicaid. The thought of elderly or medically vulnerable families choosing between paying for medicine they need or paying for food they need is heart breaking, and it is a very real likelihood with Dunleavy's/Arduin's vision for Alaska.

If money is needed, I suggest reducing the \$1.2 billion in oil tax credits.

Thank you for accepting public testimony.

Sincerely,

Molly Zaleski

From: Cait Rodriguez <cait.e.rodriguez@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:34 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Public Testimony

I wanted to extend my support to override the Governor's veto of the current state budget. I am a proud Alaskan engineer, fisherwoman, student, and public servant and I cannot imagine what the proposed cuts will do to every aspect of my life, each of which I consider uniquely Alaskan and precious.

I moved here in 2011 to attend graduate school at UAA's College of Engineering. We worked on a variety of state-specific projects, including research on Girdwood's Wastewater Treatment Facility. Much of the research I completed was put into application in and around our state. I worked as an engineer for 4 year following graduate school, focusing on projects that improve the drinking water

and wastewater treatment of our communities. Many of these projects include state money that is needed to ensure the health of our citizens, particularly those in rural areas. I also worked as a commercial fisherwoman in Southeast, Prince William Sound, and the Southern Aleutian Islands. Fish are our state's source of pride and this industry brings thousands of small jobs to local men and women. I volunteer with non-profits such as Bike Anchorage and Off the Chain Bicycle Collective to provide bicycle access and education to our city's poorest, including children. I now am attending graduate school to become a doctor of physical therapy and to further serve our sickest.

With all that being said, I cannot fully imagine how the budget cuts will hurt our state, but I do know the following:

Cuts to the budget hurt an institution that I proudly point to as a source of my deep knowledge and graduate education. Cuts to our budget hurt funding and oversight of the clean water and health of our people. Cuts to the budget hurt oversight and management of my fishing industry. Cuts to Medicaid hurt my current medical coverage as a doctoral student. Cuts will hurt the educational institutions that serve my young neighbors and friends. Cuts will hurt my ability to operate my volunteer non-profit that focuses on increasing opportunities to low-income teens. Cuts will hurt all Alaskans. We cannot stand for this and I thank you for your hard work and effort to fund our state while seeking a safe and production solution to our budgetary shortfalls.

Kindly,

Caitlin Rodriguez

1900 Jefferson Ave.

Anchorage, AK 99517

From: Danielle Dittmer <dk_dittmer@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:34 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Joshua Revak <Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mark Neuman <Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher

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Subject: Please restore the funding vetoed by the Governor/Compromise on responsible PFD

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am a voting Alaskan and work as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Anchorage. I have an elderly father-in-law in town on a fixed income, a disabled sister-in-law in a group home on Medicaid, a school aged son and nephews and nieces, a husband who works with high risk youth at McLaughlin Youth Facility, and another sister-in-law that works with medically disabled adults on the Choice Waiver program as well as thousands of patients, friends and neighbors and fellow Alaskans all of whom will be devastated by the funds slashed recklessly by the Governors vetoes. This is horrifying. What shortsighted, selfish, disheartening and deplorable behavior from an elected official (or anyone for that matter.)

I strongly urge you to work with your fellow legislators to fully restore the state funding vetoed by the Governor and find a responsible compromise on the PFD. If the vetoed funding is not restored, our most vulnerable Alaskans and our economy will be unnecessarily, permanently and disastrously harmed.

Thank you.

We are better than this, all Alaskans deserve better than this.

Thank you. Please do the right thing by your fellow Alaskans.

Danielle Dittmer, LPC

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From: Lilly Boron <spottednewt@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:36 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully consider the budget issues facing Alaska, and for not giving up after the first unsuccessful attempt to override the Governor's vetoes. I'm writing to offer my comments as you look at HB 2001. To provide context, I am a lifelong resident of Alaska, have been an Alaska public school teacher for 20 years, received my Master's degree at UAS, and am currently enrolled in the Educational Leadership Program at UAA.

First, I appreciate the difficult work the Legislature has already done to reduce state spending, not in isolation, but actively soliciting the input of Alaskans, and considering short term and long term economic impacts.

I believe that providing a large dividend at the expense of education and other essential services across Alaska makes no fiscal sense. One purpose of government is to achieve together what we cannot do separately, especially in the face of the geographical and economic challenges unique to our state. The permanent fund dividend should be a bonus, not the tail that wags the dog and holds Alaska hostage to bad fiscal policy. By adequately funding programs like early childhood education, public education, and the university system, we are investing in the future of Alaska far more than a cash payout will do. In my experience as a public school teacher, I have witnessed the Alaska Performance Scholarship do two important things: keep high achieving graduates in state for college, and encourage students who would not consider college within their reach go on to successfully attend a variety of post-secondary programs.

Many of the other essential services vetoed by the Governor achieve the same goal, investing in Alaskans and sustaining a viable state. Personally, I wouldn't mind seeing HB 2001 amended to provide a dividend we can truly afford rather than 1600.00; but I recognize that there must be compromise to achieve anything in politics. We are more than just

shareholders of a dividend, we are shareholders of Alaska. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

Respectfully,

Lillian Boron

Haines, Alaska

From: Denise Herzog <denise.herzog@icloud.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:37 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please fund our University and other essential programs

Hello,

I am a lifelong Alaskan. I received the original PFD in the early 1980's and have watched it ebb and flow in terms of amount but I have never seen the huge payout that Governor Dunleavy wants to give us. This is too much, especially if it impacts the essential functions of the government such as the university and senior programs. The extra "payout" to Alaskans will ultimately cost Alaskans far more than the quick cash infusion that our governor seems adamant about giving us.

We had a good compromise budget that reasonably funded these programs while allowing for gradual reductions in the future. Gutting these programs will be devastating for us all and will certainly doom our State to recession. Please restore these items to our budget and don't place more Alaskans out of work, more seniors and vulnerable citizens in danger, and jeopardize a great university system.

Thank you for your consideration,

Denise Herzog-Cook

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Fairbanks, AK 99712

From: Abigail Elbow <aelbow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:39 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please enact a *reasonable* PFD

Dear AK Legislators,

I am writing to urge you to enact a reasonable PFD, the \$1600 proposed by a bipartisan legislature, that will also allow us to fully fund a capital budget. The health of the state and its economy is far more important than a single short-sighted PFD payout.

Thank you,

Abigail Elbow, nurse

Anchorage resident, 99501

From: Rory O'Bannion <roryobannion@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:40 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony

To whom this may concern,

I am not from Alaska. I was born and raised in Syracuse, New York. I moved to Fairbanks in 2016 with my wife, who is from Alaska. She was offered a job from the UAF Museum of the North and was excited to return to her home state. I myself, was excited for a new and fresh start in Alaska. I eventually found a job with KUAC radio as an on air announcer. In the three years I have lived here I can honestly say that no other place has treated me as well as Fairbanks.

It saddens me that we are at this point and it's all because of some dividend. As an outsider looking in, I see the dividend as a nice perk, but not an entitlement. I don't think many people realize just how lucky they are to be given "free money" and how the rest of the country does not have anything like this.

I'd rather trade in my dividend of \$3,000 and receive a lower amount to go back into programs and services that this state could use. To me it's about the big picture and not something that will help out some of us for a short time. Getting a dividend of \$3,000 seems nice, but will not help me when my wife and I lose our jobs from the University.

I've seen my own state of New York become a wasteland for many. People have and continue to leave the northeast in droves in hopes to find better lives elsewhere. I found a better life in Alaska, and so has my wife. Neither one of us have intentions to leave, but if these cuts are as devastating as predicted, we will be left no choice but to leave. And it's all because of a dividend.

Take away my dividend but don't take away my home and the state that I love so much. I've seen it happen once before in New York. I wish not to see it again.

Rory O'Bannion

From: Sherry Stead <sdstead@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:41 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: \$1600

Save our State!!

Sherry Stead

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From: Alicia Berka <outlook_504263777CB91695@outlook.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:42 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Head Start Funding

Please find a way to fund the \$6.8 million vetoed by the Governor for Head Start programs throughout Alaska! The Governor removed all early education from the DEED budget. Not funding children from birth to 5 years of age will have an impact on the well being of our State. Families will go without services, parents will lose resources, staff will lose jobs, and our economy will falter. The early childhood workforce provides over \$2 billion in wages for Alaska who can work as a result of access to care for their children. Early childhood provides a stable resident workforce for Alaskan employers. The economic benefits of supporting early childhood far exceed the costs.

In addition to the lack of services and hit to our economy – the Head Start programs around the State will be thrown into turmoil while figuring out whether they can keep their doors open, cut services, or completely close. Head Start is a federal grant program that requires matching funds. Many of our Head Start programs use State funding as their only source of match.

I urge you to vote FOR CHILDREN and for the well being of our State and fund Head Start!

Thank you – Alicia Berka

From: Tiffany Peterson <tkellypeterson@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:43 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Written testimony regarding House Bill 2001

I am writing to ask you to restore ALL the funds vetoed by Governor Dunleavy. A reasonable PFD of around \$1600 is acceptable and will save critical state services. Fund the capital budget NOW, so we don't lose a billion dollars of federal funds, and so we can build/maintain our infrastructure.

I am a physician, trained through the WWAMI program, working in Alaska, raising my kids in Alaska, and hoping to grow old here. The University of Alaska and the WWAMI program are vital to ensuring that bright minds stay in Alaska and provide us with the doctors, engineers, inventors, and well trained employees to keep us all safe and healthy in the future. Please fund the entire budget, the University of Alaska, and the WWAMI program to ensure the health of the people and economy of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Peterson

From: six-suns@gci.net <six-suns@gci.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:47 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Override Dunleavy's budget.

Dear Legislators,

Please stand up and be counted for all Alaskans. Override Dunleavy's draconian budget. Use half of the permanent fund to fund essential government services. No student can go to school outside with a full dividend. To gut UAA would be catastrophic for our children and grandchildren. I am also willing to pay a state tax to insure that vulnerable Alaskan's are protected. If the budget stands Alaska will experience a big depression, thousands of jobs and homes lost.

It's time to be true statemen, not ideologs who follow blindly some misguided governor. Do what is right for all Alaskans. I've lived in Alaska since before statehood and I feel this is the biggest crisis our people face since 1959.

Millie and Dom Spezialy

8400 Gordon ST

From: Holly & John <holly_john@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:48 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: In Support of HB 2001

Dear Representatives,

My name is Holly Anne Cooley and have been a resident of Alaska since 1981. I graduated from UAA's nursing program in 1987 and raised 4 children all of whom attended Anchorage public schools. (1- MD, 2- engineers and 1- working on her MBA).

This email is to request each of you to pass the HB 2001 for the establishment of a \$1600 PFD. There is too much at stake if the House and Senate do not correct the PFD amount and subsequently the vetoes of the governors budget.

We cannot get into the habit of an extra large PFD and then see vital organizations for the homeless, the arts council, education and our police & safety officers & the states infrastructure loose their funding and jobs. Fundamentally, it will not save the State money but throw us back into a recession.

Please pass HB2001 and pay a \$1600 PFD without further arguments and move onto solving the other state services.

Sincerely,
Holly A. Cooley
16283 Noble Point Dr.
Anchorage, Ak 99516

From: Margaret Oswald <margaretoswald@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:47 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please restore funding for Education and other State provided services

When the election was held, people were given the impression that a large permanent fund dividend could be given and services would remain in place. Given the choice of a large dividend with state services and a small dividend with state services, of course they would choose a large dividend with state services.

They were not told when voting for a governor who stood for a large dividend that it also meant losing our schools, our university, and other social and physical infrastructure in the state.

The residents of Alaska are making it very clear to you that the funding for the University, for public schools, for medical assistance and other social support for our communities is essential and is more important than a large dividend.

Our universities, local schools, and other social and physical infrastructure in the state is not something that we can replace as individuals, even with a large dividend. These are important governmental functions.

The statement that we need to make the cuts in order to create a business friendly environment is completely inaccurate. Our business owners need employees who want to live here. They want good schools for their children to attend, access to continuing education and education opportunities for themselves and their adult children. Other state social infrastructure and physical infrastructure make our great state a great place to live.

Please work to restore the funding that was vetoed by the governor.

Because of a death in the family, I am unable to attend the meeting today. This issue is of great concern to me.

Thank you,
Margaret Oswald
3260 Amber Bay Loop
Anchorage AK

From: Timothy Johnson <johnsontimothy47@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:51 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Comment re: HB2001

We favor FLAT FUNDING, adjusted for inflation, of government services.

We support a REDUCED DIVIDEND as necessary to achieve flat funding. \$1600 is TOO HIGH given current revenues.

We urge legislators to OVERRIDE the governor's vetoes or at least reduce the cuts.

We urge legislators to DIVERSIFY STATE INCOME to include modest broad-based taxes. It is foolish not to do so.

We urge legislators to ELIMINATE OR REDUCUE per-barrel tax credits.

Thank you.

Timothy and Carina Johnson

Anchorage

From: Josephine Ryan <jmryan49pcc@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:52 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Proposed \$1,600 PFD

Dear House Financing Committee,

I read your proposed testimony of a \$1,600 PFD. I support this amount which leaves money for the vetoed budget items.

Thank you,

Josephine Ryan

From: MA Nickles <manicklesak@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:54 AM

To: Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Promises, promises

Promises are all very well and Governor Dunleavy made plenty during his campaign, but he never told us how he was going to keep them. Destroying the economy of the state and ruining the quality of life of the state's residents is not a sensible or compassionate way to solve our problems. Bringing in an Outside advisor, Donna Arduin, who has already damaged the economy of Kansas, was very short-sighted. While trying to decrease the state's spending, why is calling a special session in a more expensive location a positive action?

Even though the Governor promised he would not, we must find new sources of revenue and many voters have suggested a few during previous public hearings about our fiscal crisis. Search for revenue that will not impact our most vulnerable citizens the most. Not a sales tax as that hits even the poorest. An income tax is the fairest as most of our poor workers do not have to pay it, unless there is a high dividend for which they will be federally taxed, even every child. Our gasoline tax is so low compared to the national average that it is embarrassing. Our credits to the oil and gas companies are higher than they receive elsewhere. We can't afford them and we must wean ourselves from fossil fuels as soon as possible so we shouldn't be keeping them in business at all.

Start to pull together and make decisions that will move us forward, not put us in a holding pattern that doesn't help anyone. The next election is not so far away and even if you are not on the ballot this time, you will see the trend against obstruction and the surge will not let up.

Mary Ann Nickles

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From: Kay&Al Olson <kayalolson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:55 AM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: State Budget

Please reinstate funding for Governor's vetoed items. We do not need a full PFD or not one at all. Reinstating the state income tax is a good option.

Alan G. Olson (Alaska Resident since 1959)

Kathryn G. Olson (Alaska Resident since 1956)

From: Jack Oudiz <dizj1@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:55 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore Funding

I urge you to restore the funding that was cut from the budget by the Governor's ill-advised vetoes. I care about our University system and the jobs and economic benefits it provides. I care about the well-being of our senior citizens. I care about those who find themselves homeless or without health care options. I care about support for the arts in our state.

I am more than willing to forego whatever PFD reduction is necessary to restore these funds.

Instead of pitting the critical services and needs of the state against the PFD, let's create permanent revenue sources starting with a fair share of resource extraction corporate profits.

Jack Oudiz

Homer, Alaska

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From: Diana Evans <fbg5dje@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:11 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Cc: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001 testimony

Dear House legislative representatives,

I am appalled by the leadership direction of Gov Dunleavy, who insists on holding our state hostage over the promise of an oversized dividend we cannot afford. It is not the only promise he made while campaigning for Governor. I am in favor of HB 2001 for reasons I list in the last paragraph of this testimony. But first, I must expose the hypocrisy of this governor and the reason we're in this dire situation.

During his campaign for governor, Mike Dunleavy offered voters a pleasing picture of larger Permanent Fund Dividends, more criminals in jail, better schools and painless budget cuts of \$400 million to \$500 million that no one would notice.

He falsely claimed the state had 2,000 empty but funded jobs that could be cut to save \$200 million. He claimed the state could save \$100 million with a voluntary plan to consolidate school district health care plans. He claimed that making Medicaid more efficient would save \$150 million.

He now claims that what he said during his campaign about those painless \$400 million to \$500 million budget cuts was wrong because he didn't understand enough about the state budget. Yes, a former Alaskan Senator claiming he didn't understand what the drop in the price of oil means to Alaska's revenue stream! ***Any member of the public*** has easy access to state Department of Revenue information showing that a \$1 per barrel drop in the price of oil meant a loss of about \$75 million a year in revenue. It's nonsense to claim you didn't have enough access to the inside workings of government.

What Alaska needs now is a reasonably-sized PFD which affords our legislators (yes, YOU!) the ability to make strategic cuts to the budget that will not drain the Permanent Fund unsustainably, cripple Alaska's economy and gut essential services that Alaskans depend on (HeadStart, the UA system, Medicaid, State Council of the Arts, AK Legal Services to name a few).

I might add that I am extremely disappointed that the Legislature continues to ignore potential sources of revenue from Alaska's oil industry - who continue to make record profits and support many high-paying jobs for non-residents. In my opinion, the forgiveness of \$1.2 billion of oil taxes through the oil production tax credits is not working for Alaskans. SB21 is not fulfilling the promise of 1 million barrels, so clearly the subsidy is not worth it. Stop the oil production tax credit.

Diana Evans

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From: Jack Mraz <jmraz007@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:15 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Joshua Revak <Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mark Neuman <Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kelly Merrick <Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard <Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sharon Jackson <Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Subject: Fw: Please restore the funding vetoed by the Governor/Compromise on responsible PFD

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am an 83 year old voting Alaskan and a retired physician on a fixed income. I am terribly upset that the Governor, with his vetoes, is transforming Alaska into a "3rd world country". Cutting funds to medicaid, education and all the other social service programs along with the loss of Federal matching funds will destroy our state.

I strongly urge you to work with your fellow legislators to fully restore the state funding vetoed by the Governor and find a responsible compromise on the PFD. If the vetoed funding is not restored, our most vulnerable Alaskans and our economy will be unnecessarily, permanently and disastrously harmed.

We are better than this, all Alaskans deserve better than this.

Thank you. Please do the right thing by your fellow Alaskans.

John Paul Mraz MD

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From: Jessica Wright <wright9028@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:21 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: my testimony on HB 2001

My Letter to House Finance Committee

Jessica Wright

Dear House Finance committee:

I am Jessica Wright from wasilla and I represent for myself. This is the third time this year I contact you regarding the budget issue. The first time, I stood in front of the House Committee in LIO back in May. The second time, I sent an email to express my opinion on HB1005. This time, I pen my opinion on HB2001 in a letter form.

First of all, I want to ask you how many times you have to hold the Hearing knowing Alaskans want their full PFD? We want you to stop your attempt to steal money from our PFD account. We want you to stop changing the PFD formula. The state statue clearly states the PFD is our mineral right and there's 50-50 formula for government spending and people's PFD dividends.

I urge you to follow the law and not withholding any of our PFD. Furthermore, I urge you to abandon your circus roadshow and cooperate with Governor Dunleavy immediately by

attending the Special Session in Wasilla. Whatever you're doing in Juneau after the Special Session begins is illegal even though you try to make your session appeal legal.

Why are you so clinging to Walker's bloated budget knowing it's not sustainable and it's going to hurt Alaska's economy? If you are working for people of Alaska, you need to do what's right for Alaska and stop robbing people of Alaska. My answer to HB 2001 is a "No!"

Sincerely,

Jessica Wright

July 15th, 2019

From: Sandy Powers <sandypowers@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:23 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001 input

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

I support restructuring the PFD account to prioritize funding of CRITICAL STATE SERVICES such as Medicaid (care services, medical needs etc) for elderly, disabled and poor who have no other recourse. We also need the matching federal funding!

Homeless shelters and domestic violence shelters.

Financial assistance to needy seniors, many of whom are pioneers in the state.

University staff and programs, our kids are the future of our state.

Our ferry system in Southeast.

Village safety police officers, electricity subsidies for rural villages.

It is incomprehensible that we are arguing for sending every man woman and child a \$3000 "welfare check" but we are defunding services which are literally life and death for our most vulnerable

citizens.

I have a disabled young adult son (TBI car wreck) born and raised here, all family here and if he loses care services due to these mind-boggling immoral budget cuts, I have absolutely no idea what we will do. Alaska is Home. The legislators absolutely have to fix this.

- 1) revisit the tax breaks on oil! We are a state, not just their cash cow.
- 2) State sales tax! We get over a million tourists in Ketchikan each year on cruise ships alone and they buy stuff. Tax this.
- 3) Progressive income tax. Sure I don't like that idea but I like it better than not funding Medicaid or the ferry.
- 4) Use some of that PFD for critical services. The PFD was set up when we had so much cash we didn't know what to do with it! Well now we aren't flush. People need to stop thinking this is a birthright. Cap it at \$1000 a year and wisely use the rest to keep the state solvent and our services intact.



Because this makes no sense.

Thank you and we are counting on you.

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From: Daniel Bruce <dbruce@bbslawyer.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:25 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: ERA for Permanent Fund Dividends

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am writing to comment on the current budget crisis brought about by the refusal of the administration's refusal to consider the budget set forth by the Legislature and insist on a poorly conceived budget that eliminates valuable state services and provides for unsustainable permanent fund dividend payments. I have lived in Alaska since 1959. I attended Alaska schools through my primary and secondary education and attended one semester at the Juneau Community College before attaining my undergraduate and law degrees in the lower 48.

I came back to Alaska after law school, in part, because I had taken out student loans from the State for both undergraduate school and law school. By returning home I could get part of my student loans forgiven under the loan program as it existed then. Ultimately 50% of the principal was forgiven and I repaid the remaining amounts. Some may scoff at the idea of loan forgiveness; however, that program was partially responsible for me returning home. In those 36 years I have contributed tens of thousands of dollars in property taxes, sales taxes and charitable contributions to my community. I have run a law firm for almost 30 years which contributes even more in taxes, employment and charitable contributions to our community. In short, I believe that the State greatly benefitted from the subsidy it provided to me in my education, it obtained a very good return on its investment in one of its citizens.

There has never been any doubt in my mind that a meaningful education is the most valuable tool one can obtain in life. And an educated population is certainly the greatest investment in its self that a society can make. This was true in 1959 when I started kindergarten and the world was a much simpler place. In the intervening 60 years we have seen our society transformed by technology and the "information age". The most competitive individuals in this world will be the best educated yet the governor and his staff put no value on competitiveness as they gut the State's educational systems. In short, the Governor and his administration are essentially refusing to invest in the citizens of this State.

Please do not let this happen.

Sincerely,
Daniel Bruce
Juneau, Alaska

From: mike skupniewitz <mike.skup@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:31 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001 & vetoed items

please give us our FULL \$3000 dividend!!! as is law & has been for last 40 years

do not override veto!

or in other ways fund ANY of the vetoed items!

you guys blew your money in years past and now are steely our small part of the money to keep bloated government!!!

more cuts are needed!!! another \$600 million CUT next year would be great!!

you guys screwed UP the PCE, you knew it was going AWAY per governors budget, yet you played games to try to make it stay, shame on you... PCE WAS going to be funded from general fund till you screwed that up.

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Mike Skupniewitz
Chugiak AK 99567

From: Pamela Bergmann <craniac742@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:32 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Time Critical Input to the House Finance Committee

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a property owner in Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and an Alaska resident since 1983, I request that you re-appropriate all of the programs and services that were vetoed by the Governor; (2) cut the Governor's office budget and salary and those of his cabinet and other appointees by 41 percent; (3) eliminate subsidies for the oil industry; (4) increase taxes on the oil industry; (5) institute a graduated state income tax so all people who receive income here help fund public services; and (6) then provide a \$1,600 dividend to Alaska residents. If the funding is not re-appropriated for programs and services that were vetoed by the Governor, there will be unprecedented harm to our State's economic and social well-being and property taxes will be increased to pay for basic services. The negative impacts will be severe and long lasting. This is not an Alaska that will keep or attract business. The Governor's cut of \$334,700 to the Alaska court system in retribution for a ruling that the Governor does not like is particularly egregious, since it attacks the very fundamentals of our State's separation of powers. We need a State that understands and values an educated work force and a decent quality of life. Thank you.

Pamela Bergmann

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From: Kevin Elliott <elliott.kevinc@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:34 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Cc: Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>

Subject:

Dear Co-Chairs Foster and Johnston,

I'm writing to urge you to support HB2001 - specifically in restoring the vetoed items of FY2020 and by setting the Permanent Fund Dividend amount to be the remaining surplus of approximately \$930 per person. While I recognize that a reduced dividend disproportionately effects the most vulnerable Alaskans, the outpouring of public support for overriding the Governor's vetos has convinced me that these reductions in services would hurt more. I see the restored veto items and a \$900 dividend as the first step to building a truly sustainable budget as well as protecting the long term solvency of the Permanent Fund.

Thank you for your time,

Kevin Elliott

Juneau AK

From: Andrea Miller <mallaith@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:37 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony on HB 2001

Dear House Finance Committee:

I am writing to you concerning HB 2001 and to encourage you to ensure funding to the UA System, K-12 Education, our Court Systems, Arts, and the many other areas impacted by Governor Dunleavy's vetoes. If this funding is not re-instituted, we will see grave and terrible effects across Alaska, effecting every Alaskan.

I am a lifelong Alaskan. I was born and raised in this state. I attended the Anchorage School District and graduated from Dimond High School. I am also a UAA alumna with a Bachelors in Business Administration, and a UAA employee of over 11 years. I have always seen myself calling Alaska home for the rest of my life, but now, with these budget cuts threatening my state, I am unsure if I am going to be able to stay.

To be frank, the budget cut to the University of Alaska system threatens my job and the lively hood of my family. My husband and I have been discussing having children, and with the risk to my job, and the cuts to the K-12 education budget, I'm not sure I will be able to or want to raise children in Alaska. Not only would we struggle financially, and we all know how expensive raising a child can be, but why would I want to have my children go to schools in a state that doesn't prioritize their education? How can we raise children to be contributing citizens of our communities if we do not ensure they have a good education?

There have been many reports and statements issued by authorities in their fields saying what a terrible impact these vetoes, especially those to the University System, will have on our economy. Our economy will crash, right when we have finally pulled ourselves out of a recession, we will slide right

back in. I'm not sure if I will be able to keep my home, which my husband and I just purchased two years ago. What I am to do if the budget cuts are not addressed? This has been a frequent topic of late in our home. Can we turn around and sell our home quickly enough to beat a market crash, losing any equity we've put into it? Will I get any notice of how my job will be affected by the cuts, or with financial exigency looming will I one day just be terminated from my job and the community I have been a part of for over a decade? I am terrified for myself, my friends and family, and my state.

As an employee and graduate of the UA system, I know there can be additional cost saving measures made to make UA a leaner more efficient machine. But a \$140 million cut is not the way to go about it. Give us a more graduate incline to work with. We need smaller steps, so we can gradually combine programs and lower the number of employees without having a grave impact on students. Give us a chance to become an even better University to serve Alaskans. The budget as it stands will not allow for this. It is cutting UA down and would leave us a shell of our former selves.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony. Please, put Alaska and her people first and fund these areas that are integral to our state and our communities. Please help keep Alaska a place where people want to live and raise families. Please save our state.

Sincerely,
Andrea Miller
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From: Link Olson <linkericolson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:40 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PLEASE RESTORE THE UNIVERSITY'S BUDGET!

As the disastrous ripple effect of the governor's vetoes are becoming clearer, I urge you all to vote to restore the University and other budget lines back to the levels contained in the legislature's budget.

Sincerely,

Link Olson

Fairbanks, Alaska

From: H Brandon <or_seastar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:42 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Restore vetoed funds

Please restore the budget to the levels that the legislature passed prior to the Governor's line item vetos. Alaska needs these essential services, especially education, ferry service, elder care, medical coverage for the poor, Arts, public radio, etc.

I support ending the oil and gas tax credits and a lower (or no) PFD.

Thank you,
Heather Brandon
Juneau, AK 99801

From: Brittney Kupec <brittneykupec@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:45 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001 Testimony in Support of Restoration of UA Funding

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing as a constituent of Anchorage in support of the restoration of funding for the University of Alaska. These cuts are devastating to the university community, the Anchorage community, and the State of Alaska. Every Alaskan is negatively impacted by these cuts and I urge all of the committee members to work towards restoring funding for such a valuable and necessary asset to our state.

Thank you,
Brittney Kupec
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Anchorage, AK 99503

From: Dede Allen <d2mallen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:50 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony For Today's Session

My name is Dede Allen; I am writing to you as an Anchorage resident and super-voter. I realize most of you are not my “representative”, but I humbly ask that you consider my thoughts anyway. I am an Alaskan who cares deeply about the place I call home. I’m a life-long registered Republican and I have lived in Alaska since 1994.

I have been given a furlough notice by the University and am awaiting the effects of the “financial exigency” status that UA’s Board of Regents is sure to approve. It’s very possible that my department will be cut and that I will be out of a job if this situation isn’t curbed quickly.” I will be one of those people who would have to leave the state for employment in my field. We are the richest state in the union, so I find this a particularly bitter pill to swallow. I own a house, contribute positively to the community through my purchases, volunteerism and as a solid - tax paying citizen.

Here is an excerpt from a short paper written by Mouhcine Guettabi, associate professor of economics at the Institute of Social and Economic Research, and Nolan Klouda, executive director of the University of Alaska Center for Economic Development, explaining the economic impact of the Governor’s Line Item Vetoes....***“Jobs in state government or the university are held by residents who often own homes and send children to local schools. Additionally, the majority of university employees compete in national markets. When they are laid off, they will not be taking other jobs in Alaska, they will need to leave to find employment in their fields. The likelihood of out-migration is high, which can affect housing prices***

I think this issue is a four legged stool. Don’t work this plan from a “cut” side only; this makes no sense in a state where there is no income or sales tax AND you PAY people to live here (PFD).

1. Revenue – PFD – **TAKE PART OF IT!** It may be the “people’s money”, but there is value to the services that all residents benefit from that should also be considered as payment to the

people. I worry about the people hanging out on the street corners who are already inebriated/high or sleeping it off in the bushes; we have an addiction & homeless crisis in Anchorage and adding \$3,000 to the mix will only fan that flame. If we all understand that Alaska residents own the sub-surface rights to the gas/oil and that we are due a “pay-out” from that, why does it have to all be in the form of cash? Why can’t a portion of that pay-out be in the form of vital public services for the “common wealth” of our community? Sorry, but I don’t trust politicians with the whole thing, but if there were controls and accountability built in to take part of the earnings to stabilize our economy/public safety/infrastructure & education, I’d vote for that in a heart-beat. I’ll be honest, I’d rather you take part of the PFD earnings so I can keep my job instead of me getting a \$3K payout as I’m departing the state for another job.

2. Income Tax – Institute a modest tax based on federal income tax - this will catch those high earners who work in AK but don’t live here and don’t contribute to the common good. Being a fiscal conservative, I don’t like taxes, but I also understand that as a member of a civilized society, I have to contribute towards the things from which EVERYONE benefits....whether they realize they do or not. I can’t create on my own public safety, build my own roads & educate our youngsters.

3. Re-visit the oil tax credits – I know the least about this topic. I feel strongly that you have to create a stable & uncomplicated environment for companies to stay and continue to invest. They’re in business to make money, of which we all benefit from. **IF**, their deal is truly a bad deal for Alaska, then adjust it, **BUT DON’T** get greedy and think they have to make up the balance of this mess we’re in. The oil companies are incredibly generous with support through donations, corporate sponsorships and volunteerism.

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4. Modest reductions or phase outs of programs (e.g. below)

a. I think it’s unconscionable that the most vulnerable of our elder population got notice the day before their benefits were cut. REALLY? I can see saying we can’t continue this program and not accepting any more new applicants.

b. Cutting the funding for VPSO when Alaska leads the nation, by a wide margin, in sexual assaults and domestic violence. Women in the villages are the most vulnerable and we just took away one of their only means of protection. Embarrassing

c. The University system has already sustained several years of steady cuts. We can do a bit more, but if it’s done in one fell swoop and the amount the Governor wants, you are risking our reputation and accreditation. We are not only an economic driver, but we’re providing the educational needs of the state and business community.

I am saddened that the override didn't pass. There is still time to right the ship, develop a holistic fiscal plan that doesn't do so much long lasting damage to the state and its entities.

Sincerely,

Dede Allen

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From: Dana Greci <dgreci@alaska.edu>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:54 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restoration of Funding for UA and other AK Services

I am writing to express my support for restoration of funding for the University of Alaska and for the other services that Governor Dunleavy's veto attempts to cut. Good luck! And thank you for all your hard work.

Dana Greci

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From: Carrie Duplisea <carebaer_forever@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:58 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore funding

Hello,

My name is Carrie Urena. I am writing in support and hope that funding will be restored to the UA system and many other programs that are greatly needed. I myself received my A.S degree from UAF. My course work taken through the UA system allowed me to enter into the Doctor of Pharmacy program partnership between UAA and ISU. I feel strongly that essential programs like this will be lost along with future opportunities for more programs like this, if the budget cuts to the University hold. It is extremely important that we continue to build strong relationships and educate our future

generations and is even more important that we can do that here in state. I have three children, my oldest was recently accepted into the UAA Bachelor of Social Work program but has now started looking at schools in the lower 48 due to the possibility of accreditation loss and program losses. I know there are many others in this same situation. We do not want to start losing our future generations to other states. We should want to be retaining them here and building up our amazing state. It is extremely hard to continue to build and prosper when we are depleting our higher education system. Without proper education we won't be able to have fresh ideas coming in, hold and gain important positions like doctors and nurses (which we are in need of already), continue to educate and expand knowledge about sexual violence in order to properly fight against it, or bring our crime rates down which we are already struggling with. In areas with lower education crime rates rise. That is not something we should be striving to achieve or taken lightly. Education is important. It affects so many aspects in life that we don't think about at first glance but it's roots go deep. Thank you for taking your time to read this and continue to fight for what is right for the people of Alaska. This is my home and I want to be proud of where I live and what we accomplish and I want my children to grow up with that same pride in them.

Thank you again,
Carrie Urena

From: Jennifer Tilbury <earlybird22@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:00 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support for HB 2001

Dear House Finance Committee:

I hear that hearings will begin today on HB 2001 and that this initiative will restore the budget cuts. As a life long Alaskan and parent of three children, I am especially concerned about how the cuts to our state will affect every Alaskan's future. I am especially worried about the substantial cuts to the UA system. I realize that budget cuts in tough economic times are often necessary, and I realize that the University has worked to trim the "fat" for the past few years. However, a cut of 41% system wide renders UA unsustainable. A cut this sudden and this severe is irresponsible. Losing our state university is almost unthinkable - we have a great university in our beautiful backyard, yet the many Alaskans who attend it or who will attend it (especially as UA Scholars or as part of the AK Performance Scholarship) will be forced to attend school out of state. Many Alaskans, those with less means, may forgo higher education entirely. Not only do the governor's budget cuts have an immediate effect on UA employees and students, they also will have a long lasting negative impact, even permanent, on the culture of education in Alaska! All of these things will lead to tough times economically! I've heard already of UA employees being denied loans for housing. UA employees and

state employees from various agencies are already NOT spending money. Nothing about the Governor's plan will help this state economically.

What I am worried about most is that it might be too late to stop the damage to the university. Today the Board of Regents will consider financial exigency and is expected to declare it. We may be too late. Instead of voicing my frustration for the last failed override attempt, I will instead spend my energy encouraging you to PLEASE override the Governor's aggressive budget vetoes and restore funding.

Thank you for your time and for your work on behalf of Alaska. Please do not let Alaska down. We are really depending on you.

Best,

Jennifer Tilbury

907 328 9217

Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:01 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

To the honorable members of the committee:

I write to support any and all efforts to reverse the unconscionable budget vetos recently issued by Gov. Mike Dunleavy.

If HB 2001 is the vehicle to do that, I support its passage and urge you to send it to the full House with a favorable recommendation.

Often, we as Alaskans and Americans are forced to deal with crises that arise due to circumstances outside of our control. This crisis, however, has been imposed upon us by one of our own, Gov. Mike Dunleavy.

This crisis is easily preventable. Please send him a restored budget and an opportunity to rectify his mistake.

Sincerely,

Charles Ward
charlesward4@me.com
907.957.3582

From: John Duffy <jduffy003@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:04 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001 testimony

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I respectfully submit the following as testimony regarding HB 2001.

My name is John Duffy and I am a property owner and registered voter in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. I have lived in Alaska since 1971.

I believe HB 2001 should be amended to include the following:

- All of the Governor's recent budget vetoes should be reinstated through a full appropriation,
- The Office of the Governor's budget should be reduced by 41%; after all, a Governor should lead by example and not ask others to do what he himself would not,
- Eliminate subsidies for the oil industry and Agrium, we should not be considering painful cuts to education and other services while continuing corporate welfare, and
- Increase taxes on the oil industry so that they are comparable to what other states levy in order that Alaskans receive an equitable return on the extraction of their non-renewable resources

Only if these amendments were made to HB2001 would I then support a \$1,600 dividend to Alaska residents.

Thank you.

John Duffy

Palmer, Alaska

From: jjrobinson75 <jjrobinson75@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:07 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject:

Drain the swamp, Support the Governor and the legal legislation in Wasilla, Balance Budget, Government spending Cap, Full Constitutional PFD!

From: Don Rearden <djurearden@alaska.edu>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:08 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Save UA and Alaska's future

Please restore the UA budget. Slashing the UA sends a message to our children and the rest of the world that we aren't interested in education or our future.

Thank you,

Don Rearden

Professor, UAA

From: Jessica Wright <wright9028@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:10 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: letter to House finance Committee

Dear House Finance Committee:

I have a brief message for you. Follow the law and stop be deceitful to Alaskans. Show up to required Special Session. Repeal SB 26 for it's just as bad as SB 91 if not worse. Do not cap our shared dividends. Cap your budget instead. Do not transfer any earnings into unrestricted General Funds. We want all government earning go into the Constitutional Budget Reserve first to protect the earning from frivolously spending. I wholeheartedly agree with Governor Dunleavy regarding the budget: protecting the private economy is more important than protecting the government's budget. We will stand tall with our historical statutory shared dividends: 50-50 or no deal.

Stephen Wright

former candidate for Lt Governor

July 15th, 2019

From: Maria Shell <mariashell4@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:12 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Reject Dunleavy's Current Budget

Dear Alaska State Legislators-

Please restore vetoes programs and services that were eliminated by the budget proposal submitted by Govenor Dunleavy.

Our future is at stake here. There are good solutions out there. I trust you will work together to create an environment that educates our children, supports the arts, and protects our elderly and our poor.

I vote and I care.

Sincerely,

Maria Shell

From: Timi Tullis <timitullis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:13 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please save our state

Hello,

I have written over and over and hope this does not fall of deaf ears. Our state is in a crisis, why? To pay out a PFD! That is so sad. We need arts, we need ferries, we need educated individuals, it is simply sad that our current governor only wants to keep ONE of his promises, to keep the PFD with no taxes.

I beg you to care about education and our children. Please care about arts and rural Alaska. Please care about Elders and our weak citizens.

Thank you,
Harry Tullis
50 year resident

From: desiree cook <desireecook1611@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:15 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

To whom it may concern:

I am an Alaskan with 4 kids in the public school system, I also attend UAA and have been accepting into the bachelors nursing program. My husband is a UAA graduate and works in Kuparuk. I am writing to ask that you do not override the budget vetos. In the grand scheme of things the vetos are minuscule. Additionally, I am writing to request that you follow the statutory formula for PFD payouts. This will provide a huge boost to individuals AND the economy both of which are sorely needed. I ask that you stand by the governor and get the job that Alaskans need you to do.
Thank you,

Desiree Cook

From: Tim Dye <reddogordnance99705@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:18 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

As a home/property owner, small business owner and SOA employee I strongly urge the Alaska Legislature to uphold the vetoes implemented by Governor Dunleavy.

This state cannot keep spending more than it takes in for Revenue.

Thank you,

Tim Dye, Owner

Red Dog Ordinance

3502 Mandeville Loop

North Pole, AK 99705

316-650-8340

From: Beth Short-Rhoads <bethshortrhoads@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:18 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001: I support a smaller PFD

Dear House Finance Committee members,

I'm writing to express my support for the smaller PFD put forth by HB 2001. Our state must fund schools and universities, health care, and infrastructure before handing out massive dividends. As the majority of Alaskans have pointed out over and over and over, paying big dividends provides a short-

term gain for individuals at the expense of our state's collective future. Please do what is right for Alaska and keep the PFD reasonable and funding for services robust.

Thank you for your service,

Beth Short-Rhoads

Sitka

From: Amy <aimsies@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:18 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD Testimony

Legislators,

My name is Amy, and I live in North Pole Alaska.

I am in support of a fully, constitutionally funded PFD. No change to the PFD should be made with you putting it to the vote of the people.

I support Governor Dunleavy, balancing the budget, living within our means as a state.

You as Legislators are setting bad precedents when you lie cheat and steal to get your way. You are supposed to be our representatives and part of us. Instead you go to Juneau, lock yourselves away from us, tell us you know better, and proceed to break the law. If we broke the law we would be in jail.

Amy

From: Natasa Masanovic <natasa.masanovic@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:23 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restoring budget cuts

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

Over the 16 years during which I have been a faculty member at the University of Alaska Anchorage, I have seen on a daily basis the wonderful contributions that higher education has made to Alaskans of all walks of life. The University of Alaska Anchorage has been a cornerstone and powerhouse in allowing people to equip themselves with the education and knowhow that they need in order to build strong futures. Having immigrated to the US and Alaska from another country, I cannot stress enough the importance of higher education in a person's life. Denying people the right to pursue their dreams of higher education in their own state, through such a big magnitude of cuts, is not right and will certainly have detrimental effects in all aspects of life in Alaska. Alaskans deserve to have a great university where they can be educated without having to leave their state. As I write this message, I know that our students, faculty, and community members are devastated while they are still trying to comprehend why education in Alaska cannot receive the support and honor that it deserves. Please overturn the Governor's vetoes and restore funding for the University of Alaska. I thank you.

Please accept this letter as my testimony.

Sincerely,

Natasa Masanovic-Courtney

From: Shannon Keegan <shannon.m.keegan@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:24 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: pfd budget education

You need to hear from the Alaskans that this mess is affecting. Education should be your highest priority in restoring funding. Without this there is no future in Alaska for any of our young people. My son is set to attend UAA this fall and just had all of his scholarship money ripped away because of a war over the PFD. Unlike those people wanting their full PFD- he earned this through hard work. In

addition, he doesn't even know how long his program will survive. The severe uncertainty at the University will have long term consequences for our youth. The damage may already be done and it may be too late. Even if university funding is restored to some degree, I fully expect the governor to veto it again. Why are we so set on appeasing people who feel entitled to free money but are unwilling to support those who will actually contribute to the state economy? You need to ask yourselves and the Governor this. Fund education. We don't need a PFD. Take it away altogether so it isn't even part of the equation. My kids (and all Alaska kids) deserve a better future than this.

Shannon Keegan, Girdwood

From: Anne Wieland <agpacsu@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:21 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Steve Thompson <Rep.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001 and budget cuts and vetoes

Dear Representative Foster and Representative Wilson,

I support HB 2001, although believe that an even smaller dividend would be better for Alaska in the long run. The 1982 formula it has used must be revised. It is also high time that we return to the state income tax such as we paid from 1963 to 1980.

During my 58 year Alaska residency the state has grown and matured, weathering the early challenges of statehood, the 1964 and other earthquake, volcanic eruptions, recessions, and other hard times. Also it has grown and matured with many important gains, such as the University of Alaska system and its campuses in towns like Homer and Kodiak. However we have relied too heavily on the oil companies' revenues. So we are at a crisis point.

It is hard to understand the desire for a \$3000 PFD when it throws out so many essential services in exchange. Some of the Governor's vetoes in order to give every qualified Alaskan comes at far too great damage to the state. I wonder about whether there have been outside influences with this PFD and its accompanying draconian budget cuts.

Our governor met with our President and 12 newly elected Governors on or about November 12, then again on May 24 at JBR aboard Air Force 1 and again on June 27 at JBR. As our president has said, he loves uneducated people. Could it be that our governor does too, people without college degrees or career centers, not to mention very young ones, and K-12

children in classes with 40 and more students?

We know our president does not “believe” in Climate Change and has gone to extremes to assure its continuation and acceleration. The International Arctic Research Center is part of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. It attracts climate and other scientists from around the world. Fairbanks Republican Representative Steve Thompson in his July 12 testimony remarked that he had heard from individuals in two foreign countries questioning the rationale about the attempt to damage or destroy this research center. Once again, could there have been some conversation about this Center between our Governor and president? Save the University system!

The incredibly destructive vetoes and cuts to education in Alaska potentially harm everything else in Alaska. From Head Start, a proven boost for pre-kindergarten children to the University of Alaska and its campuses must be nearly entirely restored. Without that, we have killed the future of Alaska as a viable state.

Secondly, the cuts to Medicaid make no sense as long as we receive so much more federal money for it so it is hard to understand the mind that created this, be it Arduin or Dunleavy. These cuts could start a domino effect that results in the closing of smaller rural hospitals including our essential and excellent South Peninsula Hospital. Cuts to Medicaid should be drastically reduced to levels that the House accepted earlier. Include in that a restoration of the reduction of the Medicaid dental coverage.

The VPSO program is vital, missing in too many villages. It asked a great deal from the individuals, and now not all positions are filled. I am not happy with the Feds going in but public safety is sorely at risk in the villages now. Some funds must be sent to save the program.

The mean-spirited veto of the \$334,700 of the Alaska Court System must be restored in its entirety. It is a drop in the bucket of this cesspool of vetoes and cuts.

The most essential state wide part of Arts and Culture is the state funding for public broadcasting, including TV and radio stations. The \$2.7 cut must be restored. It is the tie that binds all of us Alaskans together. Aside from the emergency and national news that is so important to us, its cut leaves many thousands of Alaskans in islands of silence.

The cuts to Public Assistance are also mean-spirited, harming seniors, needy, aged, blind and disabled Alaskans. Also homeless. It was shocking to discover that here in Homer we had 10 High School students who were homeless, couch surfing and sleeping in cars. How can such a tragedy be occurring here? I dread how the situation is in Anchorage.

Why on earth were any funds removed from Agriculture? How and why were cuts made to marketing (Grown in Alaska) and the state's veterinarian, and the farm-to prison program? Please restore these entirely.

Defunding the Ocean Ranger cruise ship pollution inspection which is entirely funded by the cruise ship industry! is inexplicable. It affects us here in Homer with our fisheries and the health of Kachemak Bay at risk. Like the funds for infrastructure with roads that must be done asap, it makes no sense at all. Please restore the Ocean Ranger program in its entirety.

I'm aware that not all these essential items that affect every Alaskan can be restored, but please do what you can to make sure that our state is not completely destroyed beyond recovery. I grieve for the consequences if they are allowed. Again, I would cheerfully accept a PFD of \$1600 or less and a resumption of the state income tax rather than see fellow Alaskans throughout the state suffer as never before, and the recession that will inevitably follow if the cuts and vetoes are allowed to stand.

Sincerely,
Anne Wieland
Homer

From: mike cooney <mdcooney9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:25 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fwd: HB 2001

I strongly support HB 2001, including a reduced (\$929) PFD!

From: Mary Gunderson <maryclaregunderson2002@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:09 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: State Budget

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been an Alaskan for over 43 years. I have never been so disturbed by a budget proposal as I have with Gov. Dunleavy's recent declaration. My high school (soon to be college) aged grandchildren are now seriously considering going to school out of state due to the huge university cuts.

There is so much wrong with balancing the budget on the backs of the young, old and the poorest members of our communities. Please consider a reasonable compromise by offering a smaller, locked

in dividend and consider an income tax. Please don't push our state back into pre- statehood conditions.

Sincerely,
Mary and Bruce Gunderson
HC 89, Box 621, Willow, Alaska
1-907-7332528
Sent from my iPhone

From: T L <claudetty14@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:29 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mark Neuman <Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov>

Subject: Urge you to restore funding vetoed by Governor Dunleavy

I have been a proud resident of Anchorage, Alaska since 1998. I love this state, and hope to be able to retire here with my children and grandchildren nearby. For that reason, I am urging you to restore the funding that was vetoed by the Governor for our state University; Public Broadcasting; Medicaid; the Alaska State Council on the Arts; our public schools, etc.

These short-sighted cuts, if they move forward, will have disastrous effects on our economy, health, public safety, and quality of life. I am far from alone in this belief, with organizations as disparate as the Alaska Bankers Association, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation; and Anchorage Chamber of Commerce among the multitude of voices protesting these cuts.

One of my adult children is a UA student, one grandchild is in Head Start, and one grandchild is a student at Denali Montessori School. Our entire family, just like our entire state, will feel the impact of these cuts.

Please show that you believe in a future where those who love Alaska, from all generations, can live here and thrive. And where the PFD will remain in place and

make sustainable contributions to Alaska and the culturally, socially, and economically diverse population of Alaskans who rely on you to represent them responsibly.

Sincerely,

Thea Lawton

8420 E. 10th Ave.

Anchorage, Alaska 99504

From: Judith Ritenburgh <ritenburghs@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:30 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

18 of my relatives were alive to vote for the PFD when it was elected on and passed! It is illegal and immoral to undo what our ancestors set up for our future! Gov Walker should be arrested for illegally allowing our fund to be stolen!

LEAVE IT ALONE AND PAY BACK WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN STOLEN!

Flat fair tax!

From: Margo Waring <margowaring@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:31 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

Dear House Finance Committee members,

I am writing in support of HB 2001, appropriating funds for a Permanent Fund Dividend of \$1,600.

The PFD is supposed to encourage ongoing support of the Permanent Fund by sharing part of what Alaska earns from the sale of its oil and gas resources, while maintaining adequate PF amounts to be able to similarly share with future generations.

No one is "owed" any amount of PFD. Time, experience, and research has shown that the PFD is an important part of many low income families' revenues, funds which are usually spent in Alaska and which support local economies. However, the PFD checks of those who are better off do not have the same impact, as they go to savings or travel or similar expenditures. Therefore, while I support a reasonable PFD, such as one set at \$1,600, I also support a progressive state income tax which would, effectively, lower the PFD amount to better off families.

I encourage passage of HB 2001 as a better alternative to an unrealistic and damaging \$3,000 PFD and hope that the bill can be amended to provide for a state income tax.

Sincerely,
Margo Waring
11380 N. Douglas Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801

From: Mark Berger <mark.skiersedge@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:31 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore compromise in government.

Thank you members for taking comment. My name is Mark Berger, from Anchorage. Please work hard to restore funding for the University of Alaska, Alaska Marine Highway, and AK Public Media. Education, transportation, communication. Combined statewide assets help drive our economy. Using a narrow philosophy of cutting spending to achieve prosperity has failed elsewhere and it will fail here. Compromise is needed to allow government to work for our entire state. Thank You.

From: Ken Kugel <kenkugel@gci.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:32 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: 2019 Permanent Fund Dividend and Governor's Vetos

As a 45 year resident of Alaska, I am extremely dismayed that the state of the State has come to this - that the vast majority of Alaskans are being held hostage by a Governor and a carpetbagger budget director who insist that the Permanent Fund Dividend be \$3,000 and that the state's operating budget be slashed by \$441 million.

If allowed to be implemented, these two fiscal policies will surely plunge Alaska into a recession which will surpass the one we suffered through in the late 1980's. I do not want to relive those days of

failed banks and businesses, falling property values, countless foreclosures and lost jobs and population.

I strongly urge the Committee and the entire House to come together with a veto-proof majority and enact a commonsense Permanent Fund Dividend amount (\$1,600 appears to be the consensus amount), as well as mitigate the damage done by the Governor's operating budget vetos with the passage of a veto-proof capital budget.

Alaskans deserve a stable and predictable fiscal future. It is in your hands to enact legislation that will help to insure that it happens.

Kenneth Kugel

3116 Wesleyan Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

907-887-3191

From: The Demmerts <demmert5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:32 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Dear Legislators,
Please consider a smaller dividend in order to retain our state services as much as possible. Thank you for your service!
Emily Demmert
Sitka, AK

From: Bonnie Landis <focusak49@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:34 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD and Dunleavy's Vetoes

I am an Alaska resident, living in Anchorage for the past 38 years. I vehemently oppose the Governor's vetoes, and agree with a proposed PFD of \$1600. The services that will be cut if the vetoes are not overridden will bring a recession to the state according to economists that have publicly commented on the cuts.

Just today the Alaska State Council on the Arts, who the governor entirely defunded will close its doors, leaving the staff there unemployed and with no medical insurance. In addition, 2.2 million in revenue will be redirected to other states from the federal government and philanthropic foundations. We will be the only state without an Arts Council. This is a sad day for our state. I am mourning the loss of the ASCA, as many are.

The governor's cuts will make Anchorage a place I will not want to live. Unemployment will increase, property taxes will increase, homelessness will increase, and property values will decrease,

Please stop the governor's vetoes and the destruction of our state.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Landis

House District 28

Senate District N

From: Susan Sommer <sbsommer@mtaonline.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:34 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: reverse the vetoes

Please, for everyone's sake, and for the health of this great state, reverse the governor's vetoes. We need a vibrant education system, healthcare for the most vulnerable, a robust public media, support for the arts, etc. I don't care if I get a PFD this year or ever again. I do think the very successful oil companies need to pay their fair share in taxes. Please do not send us hurtling into the past at warp speed, but rather let's forge our way ahead into a bright future for all Alaskans.

Thank you,

Susan Sommer

Palmer, AK

From: Sean M. Costello <smcak@uw.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:32 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support for HB 2001
Importance: High

I wanted to share with you the difference that a strong university system as well as the presence of a regional medical education program has had in my life.

I came to Alaska at 17 years old. At the time I was an emancipated minor and traveled north to define myself and my future. I was a high school dropout and needless to say that particular status left many doors in my life closed. However, while working fulltime I was able to complete my high school education through University of Alaska Anchorage while attending school part time. Known as the UAA Adult Learning center this program was based out of an otherwise unassuming building on Minnesota drive that now houses an urgent care center. Over time this program whether due to budget changes or just changes in the university's mission no longer exists but was pivotal in opening that first door that has ushered me to where I am today.

After recognizing my ability to succeed academically and after several more years in the work force, I decided to pursue an undergraduate degree with the end goal of practicing medicine, ideally here in the state of Alaska. While working fulltime at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute I was able to complete my undergraduate work in natural sciences with a minor in psychology – graduating magna cum laude with leadership honors. Working with some of Alaska's most vulnerable populations at API gave me a passion for mental health, an appreciation for the fragile yet eloquently constructed human form and an appreciate for the hardiness, resiliency and resourcefulness of my fellow Alaskans. These experiences coupled with my passion for the brain, nervous system and mental health have set my course to that of psychiatry and I hope that several years from now I will be returning to the state of Alaska to address the mental health needs of our population.

In 2017, I was afforded the incredible opportunity to be a member of the entering class of WWAMI medical students. The opportunity to train in Alaska within a top ten medical school is really a dream come true. Further, the class itself is composed of 19 of the finest individuals that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. They are truly Alaska's best and brightest students. I am continually humbled by each and every one of them. Without the University of Alaska system, I am confident that I would not have the good fortune of being where I am today (and Alaska would likely have one less psychiatrist in the pipeline). This university system as well as the WWAMI program allows the brightest stars to

shine in our skies and it is my hope that Alaska can adopt a budget that leaves these stars in our skies while we navigate north to the future.

While I recognize that there are enormous funding challenges for our state in the coming years. I do not feel that a supersized PFD is strong justification to slash social safety nets, public education and other vital state programs. I would be more than happy with a much smaller PFD that allows further and responsible funding of essential state services, much like what is being presented in HB 2001.

Respectfully,

Sean M. Costello

Alaska WWAMI, MS3

University of Washington School of Medicine

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From: Kathy Bracken <seanana49@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:45 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Testimony HB2001

To the House Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to give written testimony on this very important budget bill, HB2001.

I have been a resident of Southeast Alaska for almost 48 years, and have lived in Petersburg for 43 of those years. I would like to go on record in support of HB2001. I hope this bill would help to maintain quality of life in Alaska.

I support a small Permanent Fund Dividend of \$1600 or less. As I believe that is what is necessary to try to reach a balanced budget and keep our state functioning.

In addition, I don't feel that Alaskans need to receive "back payment" for past PFDs whose lower amounts allowed for adequate funding.

I would hope that a PFD of \$1600 would allow the state to fund the Alaska university system, debt reimbursement for school district, other educational funding, public radio, medical care for lower income Alaskans, assistance for senior citizens, the Alaska Marine Highway System.

During my first 10 years living and working in Alaska, I paid income tax and school tax.

I support implementation of a progressive income tax. Many out-of-state workers make large incomes, use the State's infrastructure, and end up paying an income tax on their Alaska wages in their states of residency. Alaska is subsidizing other states when we should be supporting our own!
I would also like to recommend reinstating the Alaska school tax.

I support a deep vetting of the oil tax credits.

Respectfully,
Kathleen Bracken
PO Box 1201
Petersburg, AK 99833

From: Jessica Wright <wright9028@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:48 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Letter to House Finance committee

Dear House Finance Committee:

I have a brief message for you. Follow the law and stop being deceitful to Alaskans. Show up to required Special Session. Repeal SB 26 for it's just as bad as SB 91 if not worse. Do not cap our shared dividends. Cap your budget instead. Do not transfer any earnings into unrestricted General Funds. We want all government earning to go into the Constitutional Budget Reserve first to protect the earning from frivolously spending. I wholeheartedly agree with Governor Dunleavy regarding the budget: protecting the private economy is more important than protecting the government's budget. We will stand tall with our historical statutory shared dividends: 50-50 or no deal.

Stephen Wright

former candidate for Lt Governor

July 15th, 2019

From: Donna Leigh <nda3dragonfly4fish@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:51 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: education budget cuts

I would like to share two true stories with you regarding the University and education budget cuts.

I would like to share two true stories with you. I have changed the names of the persons as I have not asked permission to share their stories, but they are true and I personally know and have worked with these Alaskans.

Story 1: Sammy just graduated from high school this year. She worked hard to be a part of the UA scholars. Met many times with an UA advisor and planned and applied to UA school. Sammy made the UA scholar list, which is the top ten percent of a graduating high school class. Sammy's mother has a terminal illness. Sammy knows this is her chance to get an education, be near her mother, and afford an education amongst the family medical bills. Then this week Sammy got a letter that money was not available for her scholarship. She had counted on that scholarship for UA attendance. It is too late to apply to other universities and receive help or even enter the program of study she was hoping to study.

Story 2: Sam has a physical learning disability. Despite high odds he would not succeed in school he has very high marks and made a 4.0 GPA. He chose a UA school to be near resources he is familiar with and near family that can help if needed. Sam planned to study in Alaska and become a teacher in Alaska schools. Sam had several scholarships to UA schools. What will he do now? Too late to apply to other universities with the same possibilities the UA school offered. Where will Sam's talents end up? Probably not in Alaska at this point.

These are real people and real stories. These students' families have been in Alaska several generations, contributed to communities and been proud to be a part of Alaska.

I work in education. My husband works for the University System. Our student has attended UAF. My husband and I have renewed our professional certificates through the UA system. This is real, our whole family may be without jobs or educational opportunities by the end of the year. Can I really encourage local high school students to attend a UA school and live and work in Alaska. At this point no and the dominoes begin to fall, one at a time.

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Donna Leigh

From: im impson <mesimpson@alaska.edu>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:52 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Written Testimony RE Vetoes Funds and Dividend

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

I am writing this letter in protest of Governor Dunleavy's vetoes to the proposed 2020 Alaska State Budget. My concerns are regarding the proposed cuts to Education (both K12 and higher education) and social welfare programs, the loss of jobs that the budget cuts would cause, and the damage to existing Alaskan infrastructure that could occur as a result of implementing the vetoes. These cuts in conjunction with the payment of larger dividends demonstrate to me that the Governor wants to fulfill his campaign promises, but I fear it will absolutely devastate the economy of Alaska.

Closing entire University Campuses will not be good for our state. The loss of jobs will lead many of the best and brightest people out of state, including those who may lose their jobs, and those who will attend college or university elsewhere, who may or may not return.

Expecting education to do better with less money and resources doesn't make any sense. Schools and campuses will do worse if you cut the budget. If we want better results from schools, don't give them

twice as much work. In addition, your policies will encourage quality educators to find jobs elsewhere or pursue a different profession. What happens from there is a trickle-down effect, the results of which will only be known in the future.

Dividend, Loss of Jobs, Alaskan economy

I feel that Governor Dunleavy bought the election with promises of a larger dividend, promising to “pay it back” with a super dividend. However, it seems that it is not realistic based on these drastic budget cuts.

Alaska’s Permanent Fund Dividend was created during an oil boom. We are 50 years past the oil boom. We need to make a different plan. The proverb, “don’t put all your eggs in one basket” is something that may help us here. As a state, we need alternate sources of revenue and energy.

Cuts to Education, Public Radio, health care, law enforcement... Living in a place with your proposed budget cuts sounds like living in a 3rd world country. Why would educated people stay here? Without them, who will innovate new ideas and have the skills to implement future development?

Early Development and Genetic Imprinting

Did you know that animals including humans imprint things on the genetic level when they are young? There is a thing called Epigenetics, which means “on the genome” which is basically a series of switches for your genes. Depending on what happens to you early in life decides which genes will be switched on and which will be switched off. Your family’s genetics can be switched in one lifetime.

Have you heard of ACE’s? It stands for Adverse Childhood Experiences. If people have 4 or more ACE’s they are exponentially more likely to have social, emotional, and cognitive impairment; adopt health risk behaviors such as over eating, self-medicating with alcohol, marijuana, or illegal drugs, engaging in risky sexual behavior etc; OR, if they avoid all those things they are still exponentially more likely to develop disease, disability, and social problems and/or die an early death. ACE’s include: Physical Abuse, Mental Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Physical Neglect, Emotional Neglect, Exposure to domestic abuse, Household Substance Abuse, Household Mental Illness, Parental separation or divorce, Incarcerated household member. Invest in youth to help end generational trauma that causes continued problems.

The single easiest way to cut costs down the line with crime, homelessness, psychiatric problems, drug problems, and all the other social welfare issues that cost huge amounts of money each year, is by investing more money in children, before they start having problems. Everything you take away today is bigger trouble down the road.

Conclusion

I understand the goal to balance the budget, but these drastic cuts are way too much, way too fast, and it will devastate the Alaskan Economy. This will lead our best and brightest out of state, furthering our problems into the future. I urge you to consider overriding Governor Dunleavy's budget vetoes and simultaneous super dividend government payout. If we don't have money for basic human services, we don't have the money for a huge government payout.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Morgan Simpson

From: lhorvathk@mosquitonet.com <lhorvathk@mosquitonet.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:52 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

I am against HB 2001 as taking any part of the PFD is an unfair tax on every man, woman and child. The PFD does not belong to the state to spend. It's very simple...HB 2001 does not conform to statute and the legislature needs to follow the statutes.

AS 43.23.005 establishes a contractual relationship between the State of Alaska and individuals who meet certain conditions prescribed in that statute. This is a 'valid' contract according to the principles of business law because there is 'consideration' on both sides of the contract:

Meeting the requirements of AS 43.23.005 is the 'consideration' individuals provide,

The amount determined under AS 43.23.025 is the 'consideration' provided by the State.

The legislature has breached that contract by appropriating less than the prescribed amount for the past 3 years. That contract requires the State to pay approximately \$3000 to eligible individuals this October.

The legislature would be breaching that contract again if it appropriated the amount described in HB 2001. Breaching a contract by ignoring statutes would be considered 'neglect of duty'.

AS 15.45.510. Grounds for recall. The grounds for recall are (1) lack of fitness, (2) incompetence, (3) NEGLECT OF DUTIES, or (4) corruption.

Loretta Horvath
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Fairbanks, AK 99708-3798

From: Jennifer Duffin <BOTWORT@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:53 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Full PFD

I support the FULL TRADITIONAL STATUTORY PFD payout, not your arbitrary half-funded, capped theft. Also, repeal SB 26, restore our PFD payouts to DGF budget status, and let Alaskans have a vote on a Constitutional Amendment to put the traditional PFD into our state constitution.

Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Duffin

From: TIFFANY JACKSON <lilaleut@arctic.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:56 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Public Testimony on HB2001

I write to you now in regards to HB2001. The PFD is important to most Alaskan's, however, it should NOT be an "either/or" when it comes to funding programs which support education and other vital services in our State.

Let me tell you how this will impact me and people I love...

The Aleutians East is a remote school district which has already heart breakingly had to close two schools in the past 7 years. While one of these communities fights to increase their numbers with dreams of re-opening their doors, and a third community struggles to increase enrollment, these cuts will be targeting primarily rural, native communities. These cuts will determine whether they can even keep their doors open. Programs like the life homework help that serve students who need extra help, are critical to some of our students!

The university is facing at 40% cut, and as of today, funding for the Alaska Performance Scholarship and The Alaska Education Grant were included in the sweep, so students depending on these funds will not receive them. My son is in college, as are many other students I care about. They're facing increased tuition, cutting of programs, and with this latest blow, insufficient funding to pursue their education goals. I have an intern who just completed her freshman year at UAA. When she got the email about the APS/AEG funding she was heartbroken, "I don't have enough money to go to school now... This is a \$4,000 loss for me" Later she shared how a friend of hers told her to just use her dividend to pay for school, but with dividend not being the size of the loss, and tuition costs going up, this won't even come close to meeting her needs.

Public assistance for elders has already stopped. In my community, and in fact, I'm sure MOST indigenous communities, when we get together and talk about what our priorities are as a whole, the top two are always Youth and Elders. Cutting assistance to our elders is NOT in line with our traditional values, values most of the State of Alaska hold dear.

The court system took a hit. We already can't get justice served in our rural communities because of the cost associated with trying a case. Nearly everyone charged pleads out, or gas charges dropped because prosecutors can't afford to try cases, and public defenders don't have the time, or the resources to defend those who need them. My father was assaulted on July 11th, and the charges against the individual to beat on the head of my 73 year old father were laughable, but I'm sure the officers and DA were just thinking, what can we get with no funds to actually prosecute? So justice, and protection or our elders, in one example, sacrificed. This injustice will only get worse with these cuts!

Never mind what this is going to cost us in actual dollars! School bond debt reimbursement was cut. So, expect to we expect to see increased fish taxes, sales taxes, and property taxes. Then there will be increases in fees as communities try to figure out how to pay the bills left to them by the state. How will this manifest itself? Increased water and sewer? Increased haul out fees? Who knows?

With power cost equalization (PCE) now being considered part of the sweep, I looked at my last 12 months of electricity bills. Without power cost equalization, I would have paid an additional \$1,661.48 in electricity costs. For those of us in Sand Point alone, we remember, TDX told us in 2011 they plan on increasing rates regularly for 20 years to help pay for the windmills. Losing PCE on top of this has me scared of what my electricity bills will look like in a month or two, never mind in the middle of winter when there's less sun light.

This doesn't even take into account other veto cuts which will affect anyone on Medicaid needing dental or behavioral health services, the Head Start and best beginning programs which provide critical services for our youngest citizens, the homeless, communities protected by village protection safety officers, and more.

Please, I know the PFD is important, but so are ALL these critical services. It does not need to be either or. We, the people of Alaska, are depending on you to work together somehow fund these critical programs, and support our states most needy.

-Tiffany Jackson
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From: Hope McGratty <hopemcgratty@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:56 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Joshua Revak <Rep.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mark Neuman <Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kelly Merrick <Rep.Kelly.Merrick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov>; Rep. Lance Pruitt <Rep.Lance.Pruitt@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Rasmussen <Rep.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov>; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard <Rep.Colleen.Sullivan-Leonard@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sharon Jackson <Rep.Sharon.Jackson@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>

Cc: Rep. Zack Fields <Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov>; Sen. Tom Begich <Sen.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please restore the funding vetoed by the Governor and find compromise on responsible PFD

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I am a physician assistant working in infectious disease in Anchorage and on the Board of Directors for the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four As). Dr. Westley and I care for a marginalized group of patients and clients of Four As that rely heavily on the current social services available in our state. As you are all aware, these cuts in funding will hit the most vulnerable of our community the hardest and for some it could mean life or death.

My husband and I have been here over two decades and have always considered AK our forever home, even though our family are in the lower 48. We, like many of our friends with good jobs and strong resumes are discussing worst case scenarios in which we are forced to leave AK because the economy, health care system, education system and total infrastructure have been devastated by Governor Dunleavy's funding cuts and our legislature was not able to stop him.

I strongly urge you to work with your fellow legislators to fully restore the state funding vetoed by the Governor and find a responsible compromise on the PFD. If the vetoed funding is not restored, our most vulnerable Alaskans and our economy will be unnecessarily, permanently and disastrously harmed.

We are better than this, all Alaskans deserve better than this.

Thank you. Please do the right thing by your fellow Alaskans.

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From: Chelsea Morey <chelsmm8894@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:59 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Ketchikan non-politics testimony

Chelsea Morey

to Representative.Tammi.Wilson

6 days ago

Details

Hello, my name is Chelsea. I have a 3 year old in Ketchikan as well as a 20 month old and I am very worried for the state they will grow up in. If all these budget cuts stick, I will have to find a way and funds to move out of state away from our families. It is critical that they attend Headstart, my oldest was set up to start in September when school starts. This will make it possible for me to afford rent, daycare for my other child which is almost the price of rent, utilities, food, diapers and most importantly, to maintain a full-time job. The UA college cuts may put us into a recession that we will not recover from. So the question it comes down to is do you care about our state, its future, and its people who have made themselves heard and are outraged by this? We are starting to feel defeated. I've e-mailed and called and it's done nothing. I am neither Democrat/Republican and I NEVER follow any of the news on politics. But this... This caught my attention and it keeps me lying awake at night. It has a hold of me during the day. I can not stop thinking about our state and its future that has been put on the line and so many already suffering its awful and inhumane. Please find a way to veto all line items. I would rather give up my pfd's then have all of these people suffer. The only one that affects me directly is the Pre-K cut. As well as the Medicaid cut my husband relies on for healthcare with his Non Hodgkins Lymphoma and Type 1 diabetes also he needs dental work done and he is non native. Please please, think of all whom this will affect and please help us save our state. I have faith our members of legislature will make the right decision but still I am constantly stressing out over this. Thank you for your time, I'll be tuned in on Gavel to Gavel.

From: Sean Licka <celicka@alaska.edu>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 1:59 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Budget Cuts of Governor Dunleavy

The line item budget of Governor Dunleavy's is definitely a devisive action on his part and illustrative of his negative anti-Alaska partisan bias. He is using a line item veto to curtail the budget for many vested groups in the State of Alaska. I am concerned about his inability to understand the needs of the citizens and programs in our state. As to my focus for this e-mail I want to point out that if the governor's desire is to cut a great amount of money from UA's budget it will interrupt our students' education as well as impacting on our state's well-being. Our university system offers students a reasonable means to get a qualitative education and to better their lives. Aside from the university's fiscal problems there are other important programs in our state that will also prove to be harmful. (e.g. homelessness, rural needs and seniors). The governor's reckless approach to budgeting is discrediting and ruining the reputation of our university and state not only in the short term but our long term future. Sincerely, Dr. Charles E. Licka, Professor Emeritus, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2416 Cottonwood Street, Anchorage, Alaska, 99508 (907)277-1449

From: kathy hanson <kathyhanson49@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:01 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001

To the members of the House Finance Committee:

As a 42 year resident of Bethel, I strongly feel that we should have a PFD of no more than \$1600. The difference in this modest PFD and the proposed \$3000 PFD would cover part of the cost of desperately needed services for people in our state. As a state, we cannot leave people behind and ignore their basic needs.

I would also support a return to a state income tax, in case you wondered.

Kathy Hanson

From: Jessica Wright <wright9028@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:05 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Letter to House Finance Committee

Dear House Finance Committee:

I am Jessica Wright from Wasilla and I represent for myself. This is the third time this year I contact you regarding the budget issue. The first time, I stood in front of the House Finance Committee in LIO back in May. The second time, I sent an email to express my opinion on HB1005. This time, I pen my opinion on HB2001 in a letter form.

First of all, I want to ask you how many times you have to hold the Hearing knowing Alaskans want their full PFD? We want you to stop your attempt to steal money from our PFD account. We want you to stop changing the PFD formula. The state statue clearly states the PFD is our mineral right and there's 50-50 formula for government spending and people's PFD dividends.

I urge you to follow the law and not withholding any of our PFD. Furthermore, I urge you to abandon your circus roadshow and cooperate with Governor Dunleavy immediately by attending the Special Session in Wasilla. Whatever you're doing in Juneau after the Special Session begins is illegal even though you try to make your session appeal legal.

Why are you so clinging to Walker's bloated budget knowing it's not sustainable and it's going to hurt Alaska's economy? If you are working for people of Alaska, you need to do what's right for Alaska and stop robbing people of Alaska. My answer to HB 2001 is a "No!"

Sincerely,

Jessica Wright

July 15th, 2019

From: Annie Hornung <annie.hornung@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:05 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Please restore the budget cuts

Dear Legislator,

Please restore the budget cuts.

I do not agree with the governor. I do not agree that a full PFD should take precedence over quality education, health care, and public safety. It is simply a government handout similar to welfare. Education is the foundation for the prosperity of society. As a wise person said "give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." I understand the need of a PFD for those Alaskans who live a subsistence lifestyle. However, I believe in paying my share in taxes for the good of all concerned.

On July 12, Channel 2 evening news presented a story about a local toothless man who had lost his dental insurance due to the governor's cuts. He had planned on getting dentures but now has no dental coverage and cannot afford the down payment. Now he cannot eat. Does the governor believe that a \$3000 PFD will cover the cost of dentures? Money comes and goes very quickly. Healthcare is a basic need not a privilege. Likewise, public safety measures should not be taken for granted. The governor's vision is not wise. He must certainly have a financial stake in the outcome because of the oil companies, who have been granted a \$1-2 billion tax cut.

No, these values are not my values. I believe in unity, not individualism/separation.

Sincerely,

Annette Hornung

From: Katherine Prussian <kkprussian@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:09 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001

To the house finance committee,

I am a long time Ak resident currently living in Sitka. I appreciate everything you are doing to restore confidence in our state and balance our budget. I make this contact to let you know I fully support HB 2001 which reduces my pfd to support services needed in our state. Please consider this reduced pfd

to keep our state safe, healthy and supportive of all people. Thank you for considering my input and thanks for your endless efforts to keep our state thriving.

Sincerely,
Katherine Prussian

From: Daniel C. Jager <dcjager@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:10 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Im in support for State Stature Perm. Div.

Im in support as is my wife Kathleen, for a state stature of a Perm. Fund Div. Daniel C Jager And Kathleen Jager.

From: Eileen Arnold <eileen_arnold@twcpeace.org>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:10 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Written testimony: ERA for Permanent Fund Dividends

Members,

\$3,000 PFDs should not be granted at the expense of such deep budget cuts. Those cuts will do far more, long-lasting damage than \$3,000 per person in Alaska will do good.

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Eileen Arnold
Executive Director
Tundra Women's Coalition
907-543-3444

From: Lana and Steve Edwards <lane@mtaonline.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:18 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001

I support HB2001. We must restore funding to Senior Benefits, Medicaid, and other important items. My mom is on a very fixed income. She doesn't get much help from the State as it is. Fortunately we can help her but there are many seniors who do not have a support system. Our oldest son just completed a BA at UAA and is currently employed without student loan debt by having an in-state institution. UA generates income for the State through grants and research money. Our youngest son is only 1/2 through the aviation program at UA which boasts a 99% post graduate employment rate. My husband and I are real estate investors and small business owners. We have scaled back our investment in AK due to the uncertainty caused by the Governor to protect our family. I support only a PFD that we can afford. Thank you for your consideration.

Lana Jones-Edwards

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From: Sudevi Burich <sudevi.rns@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:16 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD and Budget Issues

Please do not compromise state operations for a large, one-time payout for Alaskans. The future costs for the state to repair the damage that the Governor's vetos cause will far exceed any apparent savings right now. And even with his vetos, we are in no position to pay a \$3000 check to everyone in Alaska. Please continue funding education, senior services, social services, and reinstate the budget that you all have worked on for 6 months. We need state services more than a one-time payment. We also need to change the way the PFD is structured so that it can't be hijacked by any political campaign again in the future. The promise of a check for votes is unconscionable and dangerous.

Please continue to fight for our students, teachers, professors, elders, homeless people, and businesses. Everyone will be affected by this awful decision.

Thank you,

Stefanie Burich

Anchorage

From: Scott Thomas <scottie.thomas@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:16 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001 Comment

Dear House Finance Committee -

I support the reversal of the Governor's line item vetoes. I don't want a large PFD at the expense of state services and drastic cuts.

I support the House Majority's efforts at designing a responsible state budget.

Thank you,

Scott Thomas

PO Box 757

Girdwood, AK 99587

From: Nicola Murawsky <nmurawsky@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:18 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD/Budget

Dear Finance Committee,

The PFD should not be used as a bargaining chip in the State's budget process. It was never meant to fund the operating budget; the CBR was established to help with fiscal stability with the operating budget during down times. The dividend should be kept separate from the budget so it is not up for the debate each year of - how much revenue do we take from PFDs to fund what services? Muddling the lines of PFD vs. operating budget pits Alaskans against one another and is a recipe for disaster. We can find a solution for funding the payout of PFDs and for the State budget if all parties work together for a common cause - the good of the people of Alaska.

Thank you for your hard work and support of the democratic process.

Nicola Murawsky

Seward, Alaska

From: Anne Stone <annestoneak@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:23 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Bill 2001

I am in favor of a PFD of no more than \$1600.

I oppose using the traditional formula, or amending the Constitution the way the governor wants.

Anne Stone

4159 Raspberry Rd, 99502

From: Sarah Holliday <holliday@ptialaska.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:22 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

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Please do not take away or make our PFD's any smaller, a lot of people depend on that money to make it through the year, there is no reason that it should be restricted or taken away.

Voter,

Sarah Holliday

From: Jim Walker <jwalker@northwest.ca>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:25 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

Finance Committee Members:

If this bill enables the restoration of the vetoed line items then I support it.

Thank you,

Jim Walker
Vice President of Wholesale
Pacific Alaska Wholesale
Span Alaska Sales
907-868-4505

From: Riches <richard.holliday@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:23 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Please do not take away or make our PFD's any smaller, a lot of people depend on that money to make it through the year, there is no reason that it should be restricted or taken away.

Voter,

Richard Holliday

From: Colter Holliday <quibot@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:23 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Please do not take away or make our PFD's any smaller, a lot of people depend on that money to make it through the year, there is no reason that it should be restricted or taken away.

Voter,

Colter Holliday

From: Linda McCool <msmccool@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:27 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fund our state!

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

Please do all you can to restore funding to the University of Alaska, Medicaid, senior benefits, Pre-K, the state arts council, the scholarships for academic excellence, etc.

The Legislature came up with a reduced and austere budget after months of work, that included input from thousands of Alaskans. The Governor's vetoes show a complete disregard for all Alaskans. He is putting a conservative ideology above the welfare of Alaskans and will not listen to anyone who goes against his rigid conservative agenda.

Seeing the bipartisan effort to override the vetoes and all of the support for the overrides from every sector of Alaska, must give you the courage to move forward and restore funding. It gives me hope! I do not need a \$3,000 PFD! The damage to our state infrastructure is too big a cost to bear. I will be happy with whatever size PFD is necessary to restore funding that was cut in the Governor's vetoes. I

am sure the leaders who established the PFD never intended for it to take precedence over vital state services!

I have lived in Alaska for 31 years and my two adult children live here as well. So does my grandchild. For the first time, we are facing the possibility of having to leave the state we love because the opportunities for education and all that makes Alaska a place worth living, were destroyed by the Governor's vetoes.

Please restore the funding!

Linda McCool
Kodiak, Alaska

From: Mary Almeida <almeida99645@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:27 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD and Budget

I write to express my strong desire to override the Governor's Vetoes. I am disheartened that the legislature's focus has been the power struggle over the location of the special session. Most people really don't care who is "right" about this issue, only that a special session would not be necessary if the legislature had gotten its job done on time. I sincerely believe Governor Dunleavy chose Wasilla because he knew that many legislators would not attend, thereby ensuring his vetoes would stand.

The legislators on both sides seem to have an "all or nothing" approach, justified by their interpretation of the law and constitution. It seems obvious that the solution is compromise. A smaller PFD that allows seniors to continue to receive a benefit that is sorely needed and proper funding for education.

My son received the Performance Scholarship last year and we are sad to see it go. I completely understand that some cuts must be made but I object to cutting funding that directly benefits the citizens of the state of Alaska in favor of large tax breaks to oil companies. Again, I am not saying NO tax breaks to the oil companies. NOT all or nothing just a reasonable compromise.

Mary Almeida
Palmer, Alaska

From: Monique.Martin@hcahealthcare.com <Monique.Martin@hcahealthcare.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:27 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Public Testimony - Julie Taylor, CEO, Alaska Regional Hospital

Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am reaching out to you today as a concerned Alaska resident in addition to my role as a hospital administrator. My family has made Alaska our home and our goal is to be here for the long term. I am committed to helping find solutions and want to see our state successful.

I knew reductions were coming but I am stunned by the extent on the table. Yes - things need to change and our strategy needs to adapt to our new normal. But, we need a well thought out plan that takes into consideration the consequences of the proposed actions - not just a red pen that makes uninformed decisions as to what brings value or what we can do without.

Without question - the magnitude of these cuts will send Alaska's economy back into recession and result in the loss of thousands of jobs, including jobs in health care.

The Governor cut an additional \$50 million from the Medicaid budget, and has no plan for how to implement this cut. There is no way we will be moving forward with our Behavioral Health Unit if this goes through. With so much uncertainty in the budget and our education system being reduced, the business plan falls apart.

To make unallocated cuts without a plan demonstrates a lack of transparency and accountability. It also reflects a complete lack of understanding of how the system looks from the front lines.

I can tell you one thing for certain. The services being cut will drive up costs - not reduce them. Removing resources for our most vulnerable populations will actually result in increased hospital admissions with higher acuity diagnoses. This is a given - not a "maybe".

I can share multiple examples of times lack of access to care has resulted in hospitalization for diagnoses that could have easily been handled in an outpatient environment. Dental care is one of them. Providing hospital care for a patient with an abscess tooth, that has turned a patient septic, far outweighs any savings you may realize by removing adult dental services - especially as those patients often end up in the ICU for their sepsis. I have seen bills as high as \$750k for one patient, when a simple \$100 extraction could have solved the issue months prior. Penny- wise, pound foolish.

The health care system relies on UA grads to fill critical positions, from nursing to social work, pharmacy and other ancillary services. Without these graduates, recruitment and retention costs will skyrocket for health care providers, leading to higher medical costs and increased insurance premiums. I already pay a premium for travelers to fill critical vacancies from other states! This will only get worse.

Other short-sighted cuts, including reducing funds for homelessness, will make our communities less safe and hurt vulnerable people. It is estimated that the Brother Francis shelter will need to reduce its capacity by 50%, putting over 100 more homeless people on the streets every night. They will end up in our emergency departments, either looking for shelter or needing care for frostbite, which adds cost to our system and reduces access to emergency care services for our entire community.

With a glide path, the governor could find efficiencies and improve public services for Alaskans. Instead, he has chosen arbitrary and unwise temporary budget reductions that will raise costs and hurt our economy.

The notion that a higher PFD check is more important than taking time to fully evaluate the impact of proposed reductions shakes my confidence in our future as a state.

A leader without followers is just out on a walk. You have the power to take a stand and not follow this path off a certain cliff.

Please stand up now to protect Alaskans by restoring the cuts made by the Governor's vetoes. We need a voice of reason with solid, thoughtful decisions - not simple math.

Respectfully,

Julie Taylor

CEO, Alaska Regional Hospital

From: Katie and Jim Walker <alaskahokie@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:27 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

Finance Committee Members:

If HB 2001 restores the line item vetoes in the budget then we support it.

Jim & Katie Walker

Bear Valley

Anchorage

From: Christine Godfrey <chrisszymoniak@mac.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:28 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: I support a \$1600 PFD

I support no PFD and a small income tax. But, baby steps I suppose are in order right now.

Christine Godfrey

Homer, AK

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From: Marty West <martywest@kpunet.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:29 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: budget Cuts

Dear House Members,

The cuts made to Alaska's budget are destructive and ill-considered. The consequences will be enormous.

A prosperous state that provides services to its citizens is a laudable goal. We won't get there if these cuts stand. We need strong universities to train our young people. UAS Ketchikan, for example, provides education through UAA for people who want to be Registered Nurses. These are people who have jobs and families and can't travel elsewhere for years to attain this education. I work at our hospital and see people who became nurses through the UAA distance program at work in our clinics, on the patient floors, and in the ER.

We need strong pre K-12 education, public media, arts, our ferries, healthcare.

I have lived here long enough to remember paying school and income taxes. It wasn't an awful thing. All the other states have some form of statewide tax to support needed and necessary services. We have gotten something for nothing for so long that we have forgotten the importance of looking out for each other. Most of us want an educated population and cities and towns that provide families with reasons to stay. We are not just a "natural resources warehouse". Alaska is home.

Restore the funding.

Thanks.

Marty West (Mary West White)
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From: Tami J. Phelps <tamijo@ptialaska.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:30 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Oppose the Veto

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am writing to say I very much support the Legislature's proposed budget for supporting the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the University of Alaska.

I strongly oppose Governor Dunleavy's veto of funding this organization as well as his cuts to the UAA budget.

Sincerely,

Tami Phelps
49-year Anchorage Resident, Teacher, and Artist

From: Kimberly Slone <kimberlyslone@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:32 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support Cuts to Education/University

To Whom It May Concern,

I support deep budget cuts to the public education system and to the university system. Both are failing Alaska's poor and middle class children and nothing will change until the administrators, professors, assistant professors, principals, assistant principals and the school boards are directly affected either by the loss of a job or severe budget cuts.

Over half of high school graduates, most low income and middle class, are required to take and pay for remedial classes if they have any hope of obtaining a college degree. The Department of Education reports only 32% of students who are on a 6 year degree trajectory ever obtain a college degree. Instead, students leave the university in debt, with no degree, and no good paying job. Furthermore, 1/5 of high school graduates with a 2.5 GPA who try to join the military don't succeed because they can't pass the military's written exam. My guess is students are no more prepared for a trade or vocational school than those students seeking a college degree.

Governor Dunleavy's pro business agenda is inconsistent with science and public health but continuing to throw money at a substandard public education system makes no sense to me. We may avoid a near term recession but we will end up with the same selfish leadership that disregards what the impact of an ignorant and illiterate populace will mean for Alaska.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Slone
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Wasilla, Alaska 99654

From: mary bishop <bishopmary@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:33 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001 - decrease the pfd and restore our services!

Honorable Representatives,

I urge you to decrease the pfd to \$1600 or less. Alaskans do NOT need a \$3000 pfd at the expense of our services.

I am appalled that the Governor is holding hostage our state's future in order to deliver a an unsustainable PFD windfall.

Please pass HB 2001 to decrease the pfd to an acceptable amount that our state can afford.

And, please vote to override all the governor's vetoes.

Respectfully,,

Mary Anne Bishop
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From: Barry Bracken <bbsea@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:35 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support for a reduced PFD

My name is Barry Bracken. I am a 57-year resident of Alaska. I am writing in support of HB 2001 which provides funding for a dividend of \$1,600. I would support going even lower if it helped assure full funding to pay for education, public safety, health and social services, etc. I am disappointed that the legislature was unable to override the Governor's draconian vetoes of the state operating budget and am hopeful that passing a lower dividend will be a starting point to provide funds necessary to reinstate many of the programs which were cut.

I remember paying both state income tax and school tax prior to 1981 and prior to the PFD program. This was an expected contribution from all working Alaskans in order to maintain vital state services. Now in the face of a shrinking oil revenue it is time to once again consider other sources of revenue before cutting or eliminating valuable services. The elimination of essential services as a result of the governor's vetoes will have negative impacts on Alaska and Alaskans well into the future.

In summary, besides supporting a lower PFD, I recommend reevaluating the oil tax credit program, reinstating a progressive income tax that extracts tax from non-resident/part year workers to the greatest extent allowed by law, and reinstating a school tax to help fund education.

Thank you for your hard work and for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Barry E. Bracken
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doyle.brueckner@alaska.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:35 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PAY A FULL STATUTORY DIVIDEND PLEASE

Thank you.



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From: Franco Venuti <fcvenuti@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:36 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: support smaller PFD

Hello, thank you for serving this wonderful state of Alaska. We are two voters that are active volunteers in our community. We are urging you to do the sensible action of limiting the PFD to around \$1600 and restoring the budget to that which you all approved in session. These vetoes target the most vulnerable in our state- extremely short sighted as we will have to support some of these groups in a more expensive manner as they do need help and support from the state of Alaska. Please consider standing firm in this manner. We are also going to be looking for candidates that will openly discuss an income tax and looking at all the state benefits given to oil companies.

Thank you.

Caroline And Franco Venuti (2 voters)
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From: Lolita Brache <lolitagrace@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:37 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Senator_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>
Subject: PFD and budget compromise

Dear legislators,

I recognize that you are all in a very challenging situation. WE are all in a difficult and, honestly, frightening situation.

I have recently heard that neither the governor nor his office of budget management can (or will?) respond to questions from legislators regarding the ultimate consequences of these huge budget cuts the added vetoes. This is very upsetting because it confirms for me that you really do not KNOW or comprehend the depth of the damage that will be done.

I will particularly call out my representative Sarah Vance who has shown she clearly does not understand how the budget works, how federal match dollars come in or how critical they are to so many agencies.

I know that, in fact, you DO have access to excellent resources and many experts who can explain these things to you, so I am not going to attempt to line out all the complexities of your poor decisions.

I will just IMPLORE you to come to a compromise that includes a SMALLER DIVIDEND.

From: Anne Stone <annestoneak@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:39 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore vetoed funds

I support restoring the funds vetoed by the governor. All of them.

The legislature studied and compromised to reach the budget submitted to the governor. I disagree with his vetoes.

Anne Stone,

4159 Raspberry Rd, 99502

-----Original Message-----

From: Bischofberger, Kristi L. <kristi.bischofberger@anchorageak.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:42 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: pfd amount

Thanks for allowing me to comment.

1. I understand the bush can't survive without a government payment, so I am happy for them to have one.

2. As a city dweller my family is dependent on a strong economy. Jobs are more important than pfd's to us.

My daughter just graduated from high school with highest honors available. For years a scholarship carrot was dangled in front of her, now she's being told "sorry". She got a summer job to earn money and in a staff meeting her employer told the employees they were not going to refill empty positions because they are already seeing an impact on sales based on Dunleavy's original budget and it's projected to keep going down.

She has accepted a college scholarship outside and is putting Alaska in the rear view mirror. Can you blame her?

Yes, it will cost me more money.

Additionally, I keep thinking about my house and the probability that it's value will drop based on a depressed market.

My job, at the moment seems stable, but my husband is a contractor, and most of the work he has done over the years has been underwritten in some way by government. Folks in his industry don't see any work on the horizon. Not good.

I often agree the more things change the more they stay the same, but I don't think so this time.

My daughter would like a big pfd to make her escape. As for me, I ask you to PLEASE limit the pfd amount to \$1000, and find balance.

Sent from my iPhone

Kristi Bischofberger

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From: Off Grid Alaska <earlythiry@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:45 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: I support the PFD

I support the full PFD not because I want to buy trinkets but because my family depends on it. We are remote and currently caring for our patriarch who is home on hospice care. My husband and I provide 100% of his 24/7 care unpaid. We cannot go out and work and we cannot get any assistance with his care because we are remote. We must pay out of pocket for things like gloves, bed pads etc. And the PFD would help to bridge the gap in lost wages so we can provide things like winter clothing for ourselves and our children.

We have already had to sacrifice much in order to provide care at home for our loved one and now you want us to budget and sacrifice even more.

Let's talk about the homeless. How many of you know the facts about homeless in Alaska? I know several "homeless" who are in Anchorage during the summer panhandling and using every service they can then return to their actual homes in the winter months. They have a substantial income from doing this and no real initiative to work when there are so many free rides.

It's time to quit portraying doom and gloom and get realistic, money in the hands of citizens that belongs to them is better spent than any government program.

Do not cut our PFD, trim the fat and for those fortunate enough to have an abundance let them donate to the cause of their choice.

Kimberly Clark-Thiry

Po box 1408

Anchor Point AK

From: Crystal Bourland <bourlanc@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:54 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001 & Restore the vetoed funds

Dear House Finance Committee:

It is difficult to comment on HB 2001 and the \$1600 PFD when so much is at stake concerning the Governor's vetoes. You have heard our personal and collective concerns and outcries. Restoring funds to K-12 education and the University, safety net services including housing and homelessness programs, Medicaid, the Arts Council, Head Start and early childhood programs, is critical. Please stay the course in working across the aisle to override the Governor's vetoes and restore funding for these programs.

We see how hard you're working to save our state and we are grateful.

Thank you,

Crystal Bourland

1014 Edwin, Juneau AK

From: Linda Setterberg <lindasset@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:57 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

Please limit our PFD to \$1600 in 2019 and fully fund the budget. Personally I would rather lose my full dividend than undo all of the work on the homeless issue in Alaska. We need safety net services, legal aid and for our state to function like we have enough not like we are somehow impoverished. Please figure it out!

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Linda Setterberg

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From: marcella wisnewski <prairieflower61@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:57 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Budget

Dear Legislators,

Thank you all for working so hard for me and our fellow Alaskans. However, I think our governor needs to be reined in a bit.

I say fund the capital budget now. A smaller RFD, maybe even \$1000 or close to that will be fine. Spend the money on state services. In fact, restore all the money that the governor vetoed.

Again, fund the capital budget now. I hope this is not too late.

Thank you for listening.

Mike Wisnewski
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From: Kerri Mullis <kam63@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:03 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony-do not pass this bill HB2001

My testimony is for my family. I used to own two businesses - they were complimentary to each other. One was a western/english clothing and tack store, and the other is a horse facility.

During the first pfd cut, we had to close our western store. Many families are passionately speaking about the cuts hurting the university (who has a dismal record), and the payroll is more than half of the budget, and the non profits (which, last I looked, were not supposed to be financially supported by the state government). What is not sustainable is the over spending.

Lack of accreditation, board of regents who are overpaid, and bloat. That is what UAA is doing, and the strong arming from AFLCIO and the nasty remarks from University Professors and even some legislators who are doing very unsavory things (the picture of our Governor, saying he was *****ing the whole state...very distasteful.

The oil companies make it able for you to have overgrown the government the way you did. The oil companies, and their support companies, even if they cut back by 25% you will not be able to fund this unsustainable budget.

Here is a quote, by Jay Hammond for you to consider again, the dividend concept is based on Alaska's Constitution which holds that Alaska's resources are owned, not by the state, but by the Alaskan people themselves.....under Alaskan's constitution that money and the resources it comes from, belong to all Alaskans; not to government nor to a few "JR Ewings"....Alaska's founding fathers wanted every citizen to have a piece of the action".

Do your job, pass the three constitutional amendments and work together to get the budget passed, without damaging the poorest of the poor.

Kerri

From: Jason Alward <jalward@iuoe302.org>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:03 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: public input on PFD

Dear Legislators,

In regards to the public testimony surrounding the Permanent Fund Dividend/HB2001:

It is imperative that we don't sell out this great state of Alaska for a permanent fund check! A three thousand dollar (\$3000) check at this time is totally irresponsible at a time like this. The massive cuts, due to Governor Dunleavy's vetoes, are extremely problematic because they butcher essential services across Alaska. We cannot stifle the economic recovery of the state for the selfish few that want an inflated permanent fund check. While providing a responsible PFD, around \$1500-\$1600, we can still continue responsibilities we have to child development, seniors, safety, and the University of Alaska. The Governor's plan is really only successful at doing one thing, it will result in massive

amount of cost shifting that will burden tax payers across the state. Please don't allow it and please succeed in the following:

#1: Restore ALL the funds vetoed by Governor Dunleavy

#2: A reasonable PFD of around \$1600 is acceptable and will save critical state services

#3: Fund the capital budget NOW, so we don't lose a billion dollars of federal funds, and so we can build/maintain our infrastructure.

Thank you for your time on this very sensitive and important matter.

Best regards,

Jason Alward

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From: Baud Four <baudfour@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:05 PM

To: Sen. John Coghill <Sen.John.Coghill@akleg.gov>; Rep. Tammie Wilson <Rep.Tammie.Wilson@akleg.gov>; House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>; Baud Four <baudfour@gmail.com>

Subject: PFD bill HB2001

Legislators,

I considered sending you all a copy of my last email, a "cookie cutter response" like I always get from you, but decided not to.

The issue of the PFD is clear to anyone not trying to steal from it. The people own the land. The resources are removed and the people are compensated for it. That's supposed to be the idea anyway.

The law is clear. Follow the formula in the law. Stop trying to arbitrarily adjust it. If you want to get your filthy hands on the money, get enough votes to change the law and take it all, piss it away like you do everything else and be done with it. Not a single one of you know how to spend my money better than I do. Leave the people's money alone. It's disgusting enough that I have heard members of the legislature complain that they don't get paid enough when they make more than I do and you all can't even follow simple written instructions. And you're a part-time legislature! Over-compensated and entitlement minded.

I'm not suggesting the thieving body of govt is trying to line their own pockets with the pfd, they are trying to use it to excuse themselves from fiscal responsibility.

Reality is too many Alaskan's have gotten used to benefiting from programs and services the state cannot afford. Detox is never pleasant. Cut the unaffordable expenditures. People will do just fine. Not that it won't be uncomfortable, but it isn't the end of the world. That's what adults have to do. That's what individual tax-PAYERS have to do. Leave the PFD alone, and deal with the real problem which is a bloated and frivolous govt.

Remember, with the "world-ending cuts" so far, there's still a \$600+ MILLION deficit. The cuts weren't anywhere deep enough. Raiding the PFD would only be a temporary fix. You all know it. And the People's PFD wouldn't ever get replaced after you drained it. You know that, too.

Oh, and get to Wasilla where you ought to be. If you object to the venue, go there and vote to change it, stop being petty. Milking \$300/day and crying about how bad off you are. You just make yourselves look like immature brats.

Thanks for your time,

Aaron Hall

North Pole, AK

From: B&LObrien <akbugs@gci.net>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:07 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: <No Subject>

Override the Vetoes. Its devastating to all Alaskan citizens! Thank you.

Laurinda OBrien

From: Danielle Rabinovitch <drabinovitch@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:07 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore Vetoeed Funds

Good Afternoon,

My name is Danielle. I was born and raised in Alaska, this is my home. I respectfully implore you to restore the vetoed funds. Please do not let Dunleavy do this to our State.

Education is monumentally important. As are Senior benefits and the Arts Council. These are all vital - vital - for the State of Alaska, our youth, our families, and our future. It is my hope that you will speak for Alaskans and will stand up against these detrimental budget cuts. I am confident there are other options at which we can look to find alternate solutions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Danielle Rabinovitch

907-317-1005

Anchorage, AK

From: Tasha Belka <tasha@arrc.us>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:09 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

On behalf of Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation (ARRC), I would like to comment on the budget cuts to programs which are critically important to Alaska's agriculture industry, including the Division of Agriculture Revolving Loan Fund.

ARRC is a private non-profit agricultural lender and one of only three agricultural lenders in the entire state. **This is significant as commercial banks and credit unions will not lend for agricultural purposes. Alaska's farmers and ranchers have to seek needed funding from only three lenders that are available to them; ARRC, Division of Agriculture's Revolving Loan Fund or USDA Farm Service Agency. Taking the ARLF out of that equation could be detrimental to the agriculture industry as they lose one of the state's largest sources of operating capital for their farms.**

Alaska's agriculture industry is growing, with huge potential for continued growth. Programs in the Division of Agriculture are essential to support this growing industry – a strong agriculture system will contribute to diversifying Alaska's economy and increasing our food security.

We support HB 2001 to reinstate funding for these critical programs which keep Alaska's agriculture industry strong.

Regards,

Tasha Belka

Manager, ARRC



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From: Tracey Schaeffer <arcticot@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:11 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Testimony in favor of HB 2001

I moved to Kotzebue 24 years ago, recently have begun to spend time in Willow and Kotzebue

I am strongly in favor of House bill 2001, restoring funding.

I support a smaller PFD and more state revenue (which could be a reasonable seasonal tax and more contribution from oil companies) and continued state services.

1. Medicaid: rejecting federal Medicaid and cutting it will be detrimental not only to people on Medicaid, but also to hard working people who are struggling to pay for insurance/health care.
 - a. With more people having to access emergency room care as they have no Medicaid to seek reasonable care for basic problems at local clinics means less medical bills being paid and therefore the price that the insured have to pay for services will go up resulting in more out of pocket costs for hardworking families.
 - b. There is only one insurance company on the market place. Stress them out more and they will be gone too. Then what are hardworking families supposed to do??
 - c. Less people paying for services will drive out Medical providers and decrease choices for all.
 - d. When Medicaid expansion ends, more people will have to go back on welfare. Medicaid expansion allowed people to work and still have medical coverage for their children.
 - e. Medicaid is already out of funding, I've been seeing children for no reimbursement since the beginning of June. I have a family to support as well.

- f. Less medical treatment means less treatment for drug addicts in this state, which means more unchecked addiction, babies born as addicts, and increased crime, all expensive to the state. And makes crime victims of people who are working hard to provide for their families.
2. Cutting early childhood programming, based on research will directly correlate to increased drop out rates and increased incarceration. So not only are these drastic cuts going to be expensive now, they will be expensive for the long run.
3. It's understandable that cuts must be made, but they can be cut gradually. Like a family working its way out of debt, you still must take care of basic needs as you pay down the debt. There are the primary victims of the cuts and almost everyone else in this state will be a secondary victim.
4. The cut to the Supreme Court regarding abortion seems to be a very inappropriate way to address this issue. Cutting the court system will not help manage crime in this state, which was one of those campaign promises. Seems to be over-reach by one branch of the government punishing another. Wrong.

I already donate to the programs I care about. I work with reduced or no pay on and off all year. We can't just starve off people who aren't capable of making it on their own. It's not just them who will suffer, it's everyone else as well. And one big check will not solve the problems. The state needs more revenue.

Tracey Schaeffer

23 year Alaskan

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From: Josh Cravez <jcravez@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:16 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 2001 Testimony

Good afternoon,

My name is Josh Cravez. I am a born and raised Sand Lake resident, and student at University of Alaska Southeast. There was a six year gap for me between graduating high school and beginning college. I was experiencing major health issues and did not believe I would ever be able to pursue higher education. But two years ago I decided to attend UAS. The professors have been great at their jobs and very communicative with their students. Faculty at UAS has done everything they can to help me and my peers succeed. I am insulted by the governor's veto of UA funding. It is an insult to my professors and faculty. It is an insult to Alaskans to force us into an unnecessary recession, and take away the resources that help the most vulnerable Alaskan's succeed. I applaud the majority of legislators who are doing what they can to reverse this. I demand that the others do what's best for their constituents, not the governor or party leadership.

Josh Cravez

From: Francesca A <frescachez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:16 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Public testimony Hb2001A

Dear committee,

This Bill was not introduced legally under the proper venue in Wasilla. Anything introduced by the house in Juneau in July's special session is illegal and unconstitutional and should be null and void.

I support a FULL Permanent Fund Dividend and the pay back of our capped PFD payouts. HB2001A, I do NOT support it. I only support a full statutory payout as per A.S.37.13.140(b), not what legislators want to decide what they think we deserve per SB26.

Quit the theft and withheld royalties. Use the traditional Statutory Permanent Fund Dividend payout formula and pay Alaskans our Full PFD amount estimated to be \$3000. Repeal SB26

I support a Full traditional statutory PERMANENT Fund Dividend payout. I also support the Governor's budget vetos. No deficit budget. Repeal SB26. Stop the theft. I do not consent to our royalties being withheld. Follow the PFD statutory law. Lawbreakers should not be lawmakers.

Thank you,
Francesca Allegrezza

From: emily creely <ecreely@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:18 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Don't kill our state!!

I'm invested in the future of this state. I have been here 25 years and expect to never leave.

But my ability to stay here is threatened by the downward economic spiral the governor has begun. But this letter is about the effects of the veto on our most vulnerable institutions and communities. The vetoes will undermine key education and safety net services that help people get on their feet and lead productive lives. The Alaska I want to live in will not let this happen.

I'm a board member and volunteer for the Alaska Literacy Program (ALP).

ALP has been literacy instruction and English language instruction to thousands of new arrivals to our city (adults and families with young children) since 1974. I am concerned for not only the students of ALP, but also our staff and ability to exist.

The vetoes disproportionately affect vulnerable, poor and at risk individuals as well as our educational systems.

The vetoes will also trigger a downward economic spiral that will result in fewer people spending money in our community, property values dropping due to a glut of homes on the market, people not being able to afford so many things that keep our economy going. The recession that will follow would devastate individuals, communities, and the State of Alaska.

I urge you to **VOTE TO REJECT ALL THE LINE ITEM VETOES** to show you are pro-community, pro-opportunity, pro-future and a realist. Time to be leaders, not panderers.

The state must come to its senses, pull its head out of the sand and realize that the only way forward is a predictable, sustainable revenue source - an income tax. The State of Alaska had an income tax until 1980. That was short-sighted. An income tax is needed to maintain our quality of life for all of us and to prevent a total economic meltdown.

I urge you to and send a message to the community and the world that we care enough about what we have to support paying for the privilege of living in Alaska.

Regards,

Emily Creely

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From: Mary Sullivan <marycatherinesullivan@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:18 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore the cuts from the Gov vetoes

I'm writing as a lifelong, born and raised Alaskan. I remember the economic crash of the 80's. My dad was a builder and contractor here. His business had to close and he had to move out of state during that economic crash. The effects of that poor economy had lifelong impacts on our family. The decisions we are making today threaten to send us back to a devastated economic recession such as the one we barely survived in the 80's.

I'm asking that we reverse the Governor's vetoes in this funding bill, HB2001. Please preserve the budget originally sent to the governor – which had bipartisan support from both houses, and still was able to provide a PFD of 1600 for Alaskans.

I'm writing as a wife of a small business owner. I'm concerned the Governor's vetoes will have ripple effects into the infrastructure and development projects of Alaska, and into travel and tourism, they will impact transportation and many other sectors of our economy and send us into recession.

Additionally I'm concerned about access to quality education here at home. Being able to get my higher education here is a very large part of what has allowed me to keep my talents, treasures and skills in Alaska. Cuts to the university are short sighted. They undermine our ability to grow the workforce we need to address some of Alaska's biggest public safety and health concerns, as well as growing Alaska's STEM leadership for the oil and gas industry and others.

As a social worker I'm particularly concerned about how cuts will increase public health and safety problems such as: Behavioral health, Sexual abuse/violence trauma, Child abuse, Domestic violence, Mental health and youth suicide and homelessness services. These cuts will result in life changing and in some cases life ending impacts as services are severely limited or eliminated altogether.

For many of these problems we already lead the nation. Our existing "safety net" is already woefully inadequate to meet the need even before these draconian cuts. These cuts will have extremely real impacts to nonprofits providing these essential services, many of whom have already shared how entire programs and in some cases entire facilities will close as a result.

As a new mom I'm extremely concerned about cuts to early childhood programs. Access to safe and affordable child care and development programs are essential to supporting working mothers and

families. The science is irrefutable that access to these programs SIGNIFICANTLY improves the long term health and wellness of children. In a state with such HIGH adverse childhood experiences scores, these programs play an even more important role in helping to prevent the COSTLY and devastating impacts of trauma – a cost we ALL pay as a society through higher Medicaid utilization and more when children who need these services cannot access them. Most of all, I want to build an Alaska of abundance and opportunity for my son. These draconian cuts have no vision for an abundant future for Alaska. They are heartless and condemning and we as Alaskans are better than this.

We need to achieve a budget that lives within our means, absolutely. We as Alaskans need to find a way to do that without cutting of four nose to spite our face. We need to look at new sources of revenues, including taxes like every other state has, and we need to figure out how to best leverage our state dollars with available federal funding.

Please don't send us back into the economic crash of the 80s. Please reverse the Governor's vetoes and utilize the budget compromises and PFD levels that were supported by both parties and both houses prior to the vetoes. Thank you,

Sincerely, Mary Wagner

From: Alisha Phillips <redgreenup@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:13 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001 PFD Bill

Good afternoon,

I support a full PFD check. The most affected in cutting the check is the poor. The PFD's are used to heat houses in the winter, buy school clothes and supplies for the kids, pay for extracurricular sports activities that some afford without a second thought.

Small businesses throughout the state survive on people spending their PFD's in their shops. Parents save PFD's to send their kids to college when they wouldn't have been able to without it. Many facets in our state survive based on that once a year check. Don't take from the people's pockets. Fix the budget to live within our means like many of us Alaskans do in our own homes.

Thank you

Alisha Greenup

From: maryclaire bernstein <maryclairetb@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:25 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001

I am in full support of the legislature voting to restore all of the budget line items vetoed by the Governor. The legislature has worked hard across lines to be fiscally responsible in our state. I support their continued ethical and moral behavior. I don't like the cuts that they approved, but I can live with them. I cannot live with the vetoes of the Governor which would devastate our State and thus be irresponsible and impractical. Why would we want to destroy our ability to receive federal funds for the Arts, for Transportation, for the more vulnerable populations, etc. Why do we need to destroy all that we've worked to build in this State over the last 40 or 50 years?

The work of the legislature requires intelligence and courage at this time. Please live up to your sworn duties and act accordingly for the health of our state.

Respectfully,

Mary-Claire Bernstein

Mary-Claire Bernstein

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From: Clyde Boyer and Vivian Finlay <vivandclyde@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:22 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001

We support any attempt to change the proposed \$3,000 PFD to anything less than \$3,000. We are also accepting of receiving NO PFD. However, we want the Governor's vetoes to be overturned or a new budget to be written that includes money for all the services to Seniors, the University of Alaska, the arts, etc. etc. that we Alaskans need and want in order for many of us to be able to live in our State. Clyde has lived in Alaska since 1964 and in the early years, there was an income tax here and as a CPA he has always wished we retained such a tax in this State. Vivian has lived here since 1983 and had her own business providing psychotherapy services. She believes the proposed cuts to services for the poor and needy are short sighted and will create massive problems for the State in the future. Both of us have regretted that the State "depends" upon oil revenues to balance our budget. We need more diversified income sources.

We don't want the focus to be on giving Alaskans PFDs., we want the focus of the legislature to be on creating more revenue so that necessary services can be retained.

Thank you.

Vivian Finlay and Clyde Boyer

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From: KAREN WEILAND <kbweiland@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:22 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Restoring Vetoed Budget Items

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I support HB 2001 to restore funding to the state services defunded by the governor's budget vetoes. I do not support a \$3,000 PFD given that it would cut vital services and lead to a recession. The PFD amount should be determined after services are funded. A \$1,000 or below PFD is acceptable. Legislators need to look at other revenue sources such as a small income tax. The oil tax credits need to be reevaluated.

Sincerely,

Karen Weiland

Anchorage

From: Eva Welch <evabelle47@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:22 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

Please do not fund a \$3,000 PFD. I am a life long Alaska, I raised two children on my own. One of my sons is currently a student at UAA, the other a graduate working for a non profit. We would love to each receive \$3,000 free money but it is greedy and we are not **entitled** to the big PFD. Saving our state's economy and future is more important. Fund a smaller PFD and restore the vetoes.

Yvette Miller

Anchorage, AK

From: Tobias Schwoerer <toschwo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:22 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: House Bill 2001: APPROP: ERA FOR PERMANENT FUND DIVIDENDS

To whom it may concern,

I am in support of this bill or any bill that will offer an even **smaller PFD dividend.**

A dividend capped at \$1000 and tied to the return of the fund as well as an income tax is the best way forward.

Once the PFD and the income tax are in place, let's talk about oil tax reform and bring your residents to the discussion table.

Tobias Schwoerer

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From: ignipar@aol.com <ignipar@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:21 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB2001

Greeting Alaska House Finance Committee Member,

My name is Mike Illg and I reside in Homer, Alaska. Thank you for bringing HB2001 forward as I would like to express my support for HB 2001. While I agree there is a need for reductions, these vetoes and cuts all at once is simply irresponsible and unacceptable. The immediate and long term impacts towards so many people and demographics of Alaskans will be truly detrimental to operations, culture and soul of Alaska. Let's back up, but politics and promise aside and be very realistic and methodical of where, when and how we can make reasonable reductions.

I also support the proposal of a \$1,600 PDF. Unless there is another source of revenue to help pay for state services, I support using PDF earnings to pay for services especially towards, K-12 education, mental health services, UAA and senior benefits.

Thank you for your time, service and commitment for serving all Alaskans,

Sincerely,

Mike Illg

From: Debra Whitecar <dwhitecar@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:24 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: North to the Future?

Elected people of my government,

are you listening? Do you hear the roar of the people, the voters? We are upset! We are not satisfied with your performance! We are concerned about your lack of backbone and lack of fighting spirit for the greater good. Do you know who you work for? It's not the oil industries. It's not Dunleavy. It's not Trump. It's us, the people, the voters, the children, and our future.

Tax the rich, tax the oil companies, tax me! But don't be ridiculous and slash funding to what's already been slashed to bare bones. Get out of your bubble and look for long-term solutions. A fix to Alaska's financial crisis will take years under the best circumstances, so be bold with your ideas! Cutting funding to much-needed programs is not the right thing to do — financially and socially and emotionally.

Talk to economists.

Look to Europe's Democratic Systems (no, democratic socialism is not a bad word).

Call on your empathy.

Have a vision for Alaska in our world economy! We could be like Iceland or like Norway!! Gee, it's not that difficult to imagine!

PS: I am an American citizen, born in Anchorage, Alaska. I grew up in Germany and lived there for 25 years. I know how a functioning democracy works where budgets for the essentials (health, education, social services, culture) are never underfunded. And THAT's how you become the best, the most advanced, the most reliable, the wealthiest country!! This can happen for the USA and for Alaska too! Imagine THAT kind of future!!!

Debbie

Debbie Whitecar
Talkeetna, Alaska

From: AK ANGELS Care Inc. <admin@angelscareinc.org>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:25 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: About the PFDs

Dear Alaska Legislature:



I do not, nor does any one I know, want a \$3K PFD for this year or past years at the sacrifice of the care of the vulnerable, needy and under-educated.

We do not want this current budget; We asked both of our representatives to go to Juneau and vote to override the Governor's vetoes (Stevens and Micciche). ***NEITHER OF THEM LISTENED TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS.***

This is NOT functioning government. The State Constitution mandates you meet in Juneau, this is NOT the kind of emergency that constitutes deviation.

The State Constitution mandates education and a care for the needy.

This Governor does not represent Alaska nor what Alaskans want. The voter turnout was quite low. He has broken all his promises and ***this promise about the PFD was never realistic! It was to get votes.***

Greed for the "fully funded PFD" without ALSO rescinding the OIL AND GAS CREDITS WILL DESTROY ALASKA.

COME TO YOUR SENSES!!! Get rid of the oil and gas credits and the entire budget problem goes away. And don't argue they will leave; they WILL NOT leave. You are COWARDS to not take this step.

Respectfully Submitted,

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From: Rob Lund <summersong@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:27 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Dividend amount

I am opposed to the \$3000 dividend; it should be limited to no more than \$1600.

Rob Lund
Homer

From: Emily Koehler-Platten <emilyjkoehlerplatten@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:28 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB 2001 Public Testimony

Dear Representatives,

As I am not able to attend the public meeting about HB 2001, I would like to submit my comments by email.

I have lived in Alaska since I was two years old. While I certainly appreciate the yearly Permanent Fund Dividend check, I am strongly in favor of approving a \$1600 dividend. A \$3000 dividend would temporarily help many people, but will not make up for the lack of investment in education, universities, health, benefits to vulnerable people, and other programs cut in the governor's ill-conceived budget.

Because of the cuts to the University of Alaska budget, my husband and I are both in danger of losing our jobs. Since there will be hundreds of former university employees entering the job market at the same time, chances are very slim of us finding new jobs in Fairbanks. There is a very good chance we will have to leave the state I deeply love. I desperately do not want that to happen; I have worked hard to build a life here, and the thought of being forced to leave is heartbreaking. And getting a \$3000 check in October will in no way make up for losing my job. In fact, I might have to use that money to finance our move out of state.

In terms of the state budget, a \$3000 dividend simply does not make sense. The legislature approved a reasonable budget with a surplus; in return Governor Dunleavy cut essential services and programs, with devastating effects on thousands of people, and those cuts won't even pay for the proposed \$3000 dividend. Why make these cuts if they won't even cover the cost of an increased dividend?

When I was a child in the mid-1990s, I remember receiving a PFD of about \$900 a year. No one I knew complained about the amount being too small. Over the years, the dividend amount has increased, and yet some people remained unsatisfied and keep demanding more money. While I understand that to many people the dividend is extremely helpful, receiving money from the state government is not a right. It is a nice perk of living in Alaska, but it is certainly not something we are entitled to. No other state in the country has this program, and somehow they have managed to thrive.

I would love to receive \$3000 a year, but I would much rather invest that money into building a strong state, with excellent schools, a robust pre-K system, a world-class university, decent health care, law enforcement in every community, reasonable assistance to seniors and others who need a hand, support for the most vulnerable among us, and an infrastructure that will benefit all Alaskans.

Please approve HB 2001 and vote for a reasonable dividend amount, not one that will bankrupt the state,

Thank you for your time,

-Emily Koehler-Platten

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From: Sol Neely <sol.neely@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:29 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support and Pass HB 2001

Hello, I am writing to support HB 2001.

I understand that the governor has put our state economy in dire straights, but we've got to quit pitting poor rural people against our state's urban centers. This is a culture war that is manufactured by a larger class war—a class war at least 40 years in the making for which Alaska has now become the front line (after Kansas, Wisconsin, and all the places where Donna Arduin has left her economic devastation).

At all points in this debate, we must remember that ***the governor's budget is not a budget by Alaskans, for Alaskans.*** It represents outside national and (radical) special interests such as the Koch Brothers and oil industry, and it is given specific shape by Donna Arduin. These special interests are waging class war against us, and we are losing. In our state, as is the case across our nation and this globe, there is no shortage of wealth or resources. It's simply that they are managed on behalf of private self-interests, who parade their needs as Alaska's public needs, with total indifference to the state and health of our communities.

I get that there are well-meaning and struggling people out there who rely on large pfd's to get by and who are advocating against HB 2001. These people's needs should not be forgotten—but, frankly, I don't think they understand the severity of the crisis looming on our horizon. The people who are struggling to make ends meet—the people who testified against HB 2001 today—these people are victims of class war too!

The question here doesn't need to be whether we support an inclusive and flourishing state economy or pay out \$3,000 or \$7,000 dividends. ***The question needs to be whether we continue to support \$1.2 billion in deductible oil tax credits at the expense of all us.*** The fact that we aren't debating *that* is precisely a symptom of the class war. It is disheartening to hear people who need full pfd's turn against their own state economy, with talking points distributed by the entrenched special interests, while failing to come to terms with the reality of these oil tax credits.

Our state can attend to the needs of everyone, but we've got to diversity of our economy and insist oil corporations contribute to higher standards of living as they extract our resources.

Please pass HB 2001 and restore vetoed state funding.

Sol Neely, Ph.D.
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From: M M <sniper7stw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:33 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB2001

My name is Matt Morse from Kenai, I am representing myself.

Let me start by saying for those who are doing what they campaigned to do, thank you for having integrity.

I called in today and waited for over an hour to talk but then had to hang up for another engagement. You are public servants and when all of you were sworn in you took the oath of holding public office; to follow and comply with Federal and State laws. For those of you who complied with the special session being held in Wasilla- thank you for following the law. In every balanced budget you have spending and revenue, I find it interesting that the legislature is only talking about PFD money as the revenue side solution to our current budget. SB21 should be repealed immediately, it was overpromised by proponents as the answer to Alaska's future. Since then the amount of oil in the pipeline has dropped and many many people have lost their jobs (many almost immediately after SB21 was passed). We have a spending problem but the elephant in the room that none of you are acknowledging is our revenue problem. That problem will not be solved by continuing to live outside of our means with the PFD always looked at as the answer to the problem. We need to look at other ways to infuse new revenue. I want to return to the original PFD funding formula and repeal SB21. We all benefit from Alaska oil industry but that does not mean we need to give away our resources for less than what it is worth. We have 2 new MEGA oil reservoir finds on the North Slope and if SB21 is not repealed Alaska will not benefit at all from production on those resources as SB21 eliminates oil taxes on 'new oil,' if you want to do what's right- uphold the law, uphold the original funding formula for the PFD, and repeal SB21!!!

Thank you for considering my input,

Regards,

Matt

From: Indi Walter <iawalter@alaska.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:34 PM
To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>
Subject: Written testimony

Hello

I wanted to submit a written testimony. I live in Fairbanks. I am unsure what exactly to write here, but I need to say something.

I am a university graduate student in Fine Arts, focusing in sculpture. I am a research assistant for Native Arts and work as a drawing teacher during the semester.

When the budget cut was first announced in February, we were already getting questions about scholarships and funding. When it was reintroduced this summer, largely unchanged, I was very concerned about the scholarships that allowed students to attend classes. Last semester, one of my students had their funding delayed and had difficulty affording materials not only for my class, but books for their other classes.

The majority of my students were not art majors; they were in the sciences or were already working professionals seeking a safe creative space at least, and a thorough lesson in observation at most. The drawing classes helped them approach solutions creatively, slowing them down and making their methods more meticulous. Things they had seen every day all their lives were suddenly interesting and challenging again in a different way. A simple egg became a strenuous thought exercise, and it taught them to really observe what they were seeing, not just record it.

I was a biology student for most of my academic career, and my methods focused greatly on faithful representation of observations. I strongly believe that creative ability and accurate interpretation are incredibly important to being effective in any field. It prevents stagnation of ideas and methods in an ever-changing environment.

Yesterday I received news that the Arts Council would be closing permanently. Fairbanks has a strong art community, one unlike any I've seen in my travels around the US and the world. The first Fridays are a big event; people make real plans around these days. It isn't a secret that we will be the only state without an arts council. I am afraid that the community will fall apart, and people may stop supporting local artists who no longer have exposure.

In addition, the impact of such a large cut is already affecting state programs. Homeless shelters and domestic violence aid, for instance, are integral to the health of the community. The crime rate is already incredibly high. Lack of support for victims of extenuating circumstances such as these will cause a drop in productivity, as people with the means to move will do so.

Educators are already leaving. Enrollment will drop because of the lack of funding.

I strongly encourage support for public programs and the university, as hubs of safety and development for all members of the community. Mr. Dunleavy is already being criticized worldwide for what he has done (Australia, France, and Germany are examples I've come across without algorithmic help) .

We will remember this in the upcoming elections.

Thank you for your time.

-Indi

From: Amanda Hansen <jumpingchoy@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 3:41 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Public Testimony

My name is Amanda Hansen and I recently graduated with my Bachelor of Social Work at the University of Alaska Anchorage. I enjoyed my education at UAA so much so that I decided to apply to the dual Masters of Public Health and Social Work program. The cuts from Governor Dunleavy will be catastrophic to this University and the effects will ripple throughout this state for many years to come. I have spent the last two weeks in the middle of finals week crying myself to sleep. I have considered every day for the last week if I want to sell my house and move to a different state. This has added a tremendous amount of stress in my own life and I am only a student. I am not a senior who has lost all of my financial security or a homeless person who will now be turned down because there aren't enough beds or a vulnerable child who now has no chance to develop protective factors at an early age. These people matter, these people are the people of Alaska and it is our moral obligation to care for them. The cuts Dunleavy made will destroy lives and quite frankly they are morally wrong, unjust, and a violation of human rights.

I am no stranger to using the PFD to survive. When I first started school I made less than \$15,000. I scraped by every year and the PFD allowed me to survive and better my life through gaining an education. I have used the PFD to pay my mortgage, pay for heat and fill my freezer with food. Losing the full amount would be catastrophic for my life and I know I share that with many others. However, if the argument is for me to take my own personal PFD or jeopardize so many people's lives, I choose social justice. I don't believe this is a fair position the Alaskan government has placed the people in. I need the PFD but not in exchange for human health services. I am still not sure why the 1.2 billion in deductible oil taxes went untouched in Dunleavy's vetoes. The cuts Dunleavy made are a violation of

human rights and will destroy this state. Please make the right choice for the health of our state and the future.

Thank you for your time,

Amanda Hansen

Wasilla 99623 resident

From: brleonard <beth.leonard@fulbrightmail.org>

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 11:58 AM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Subject: Restore Funding Cut Through Governor's Veto

I watched in disbelief as Governor Dunleavy unveiled his short-sighted and possibly illegal budget cuts, while the state continues to provide immense tax breaks to oil companies, potentially waste resources on special sessions outside of Juneau, etc. etc. As Alaskans, we have not 'paid our way' for a long time in terms of a state income tax. Without an income tax, out-of-state workers don't contribute to our state either. A \$3000 permanent fund will not sustain many Alaskans beyond a month or two. And, if any of us need to use an emergency room, this amount of money will not even come close to paying that bill, especially for the most vulnerable who depend on Medicaid. Medicaid is essential for their well being, and the well being of the many other Alaskans. Many of us have 'paid and contributed' to this state in multiple ways over numerous decades, and we should continue to support our vulnerable populations.

As a UAF alum, I writing to express my support for the University of Alaska, and concern regarding the numbers provided to legislators by the OMB. Please see instead the attached document with key indicators for each of the campuses in FY18. Overall, the UA system contributes in significant ways to the well-being of the state of Alaska as documented in previous reports by ISER and Foraker. The governor's cuts will contribute to further 'brain drain' as our best faculty, staff, and students leave the state to pursue a decent education and/or living elsewhere.

Consider reducing 'corporate welfare' (e.g. massive oil company tax breaks) and other options for generating state revenue towards the goal of balancing the state budget. No matter where you lie on the political spectrum, these cuts make no sense except to the absolute wealthy and those outside special interests, sourced by Koch brothers and shaped by Donna Arduin, who support and endorse the governor's budget decisions.

Please, for now, preserve the budget you already drafted and sent—a budget by, for, and of Alaska.

Respectfully,

Beth Leonard

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<div> <div>Key Indicator Comparisons by UA Campus FY18</div> <div> <div>Compiled and presented by</div> <div>UAA Offices of Institutional Research & Institutional Effectiveness, Engagement & Academic Support</div> </div> </div>																			
	FY18			FY18 CERTIFICATES & AWARDS								FY18 REVENUE <i>(in thousands)</i>			FY18 EXPENDITURES <i>(in thousands)</i>		FY18 COST PER CREDIT HOUR*		
	Annual Headcount	FTE	Student Credit Hours	Certificates	Associates	OECs	Bachelors	Masters	Licensure/ Grad Certificate	Doctorates	TOTAL AWARDS	State Appropriations	State Appropriations as % of Total Expenditures	University Generated Revenue (UGR)	Total Expenditures	Instructional Expenditures	Total State Appropriations Per Credit Hour	Total Expenditures Per Credit Hour	Total Instructional Expenditures Per Credit Hour
UAA	24,688	10,872	320,857	64	773	60	1,209	247	89	2	2,444	\$ 115,709	39%	\$ 179,586	\$ 296,405	\$ 107,994	\$ 361	\$ 924	\$ 337
UAF	12,799	5,247	153,314	186	281	157	533	191	39	55	1,442	\$ 158,933	38%	\$ 221,616	\$ 422,208	\$ 72,830	\$ 1,037	\$ 2,754	\$ 475
UAS	4,192	1,437	41,619	45	97	190	134	123	79	0	668	\$ 24,232	50%	\$ 24,223	\$ 48,862	\$ 17,369	\$ 582	\$ 1,174	\$ 417
URBAN CAMPUSES																			
Anchorage	19,345	8,622	253,565	44	521	40	1,209	247	89	2	2,152	\$ 98,445	38%	\$ 159,721	\$ 259,930	\$ 92,823	\$ 388	\$ 1,025	\$ 366
Fairbanks	7,602	3,616	104,642	0	0	3	515	191	39	55	803	\$ 120,593	47%	\$ 204,596	\$ 255,615	\$ 52,331	\$ 1,152	\$ 2,443	\$ 500
Juneau	2,592	920	26,130	19	75	55	134	123	79	0	485	\$ 19,459	52%	\$ 18,158	\$ 37,677	\$ 10,939	\$ 745	\$ 1,442	\$ 419
TYPE A CAMPUS**																			
Kenai	4,433	952	28,400	18	109	0	0	0	0	0	127	\$ 6,462	47%	\$ 8,411	\$ 13,838	\$ 6,965	\$ 228	\$ 487	\$ 245
Matanuska-Susitna	2,568	837	25,119	2	101	14	0	0	0	0	117	\$ 4,714	47%	\$ 6,816	\$ 10,071	\$ 4,468	\$ 188	\$ 401	\$ 178
UAF CTC	4,020	909	27,260	136	199	111	1	0	0	0	447	\$ 4,876	45%	\$ 6,418	\$ 10,899	\$ 8,315	\$ 179	\$ 400	\$ 305
TYPE B CAMPUS**																			
Bristol Bay	971	92	2,730	2	4	20	1	0	0	0	27	\$ 1,257	35%	\$ 2,394	\$ 3,641	\$ 2,323	\$ 460	\$ 1,334	\$ 851
Chukchi	273	39	1,047	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	\$ 849	82%	\$ 235	\$ 1,030	\$ 348	\$ 811	\$ 984	\$ 332
Interior-Aleutians	950	122	3,649	23	50	23	2	0	0	0	98	\$ 1,436	37%	\$ 2,452	\$ 3,885	\$ 2,893	\$ 394	\$ 1,065	\$ 793
Ketchikan	1,113	213	6,398	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	7	\$ 2,167	45%	\$ 2,449	\$ 4,842	\$ 2,959	\$ 339	\$ 757	\$ 462
Kodiak	1,438	247	7,390	0	26	4	0	0	0	0	30	\$ 2,366	55%	\$ 1,833	\$ 4,285	\$ 2,071	\$ 320	\$ 580	\$ 280
Kuskokwim	1,057	173	5,184	21	23	0	0	0	0	0	44	\$ 2,670	53%	\$ 2,246	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,434	\$ 515	\$ 965	\$ 470
Northwest	649	64	1,885	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	\$ 1,292	69%	\$ 504	\$ 1,869	\$ 791	\$ 685	\$ 992	\$ 420
Prince William Sound	2,170	214	6,384	0	16	2	0	0	0	0	18	\$ 2,762	52%	\$ 2,805	\$ 5,277	\$ 1,667	\$ 433	\$ 827	\$ 261
Rural and Community College	1,327	233	6,917	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	\$ 4,096	62%	\$ 2,771	\$ 6,646	\$ 3,393	\$ 592	\$ 961	\$ 491
Sitka	1,559	303	9,091	25	17	134	0	0	0	0	176	\$ 2,606	41%	\$ 3,615	\$ 6,343	\$ 3,471	\$ 287	\$ 698	\$ 382

SOURCES: *UA in Review 2018* tables, FY19 Operating & Capital Budget (Yellow Book), and UA Statewide Institutional Research DSD data systems.

* Expenditures per credit hour based on annual SCH.

** Campus types designated by UA IR in *University of Alaska Peer Groups, June 2017*. https://www.alaska.edu/files/ir/data/University_of_Alaska_Peer_Groups_June2017.pdf

NOTES: Student headcount includes credit and auditors. Credit hours excludes audits. Percent Generated Revenue equals the percent of University-generated revenue to total expenditures.

March 2019

Campus	Full Time Equivalent Students 2018 (FTE)	Unrestricted General Funds 2018 (UGF) (\$1,000)	UGF/FTE	% change in UGF from 2014-2018
Anchorage	8,622	\$99,483	\$11,538	-14.30%
Kenai	952	\$6,455	\$6,780	-18.30%
Kodiak	247	\$2,359	\$9,551	-20.10%
Mat-Su	837	\$4,708	\$5,625	-6.60%
PWSC	214	\$2,706	\$12,645	-21.70%
Fairbanks	3,616	\$142,293	\$39,351	-4.10%
Bristol Bay	92	\$1,100	\$11,957	-31.20%
Chukchi	39	\$758	\$19,436	-30.70%
Interior Alaska	122	\$1,295	\$10,615	-34.50%
Kuskokwim	173	\$2,425	\$14,017	-31.40%
Northwest	64	\$1,212	\$18,938	-34.60%
Rural College	233	\$4,286	\$18,395	-33.70%
UAF CTC (Tana Valley)	909	\$4,836	\$5,320	-25.30%
Juneau	920	\$19,331	\$21,012	-17.30%
Ketchikan	213	\$2,167	\$10,174	-22.30%
Sitka	303	\$2,606	\$8,601	-28.70%
UA Anchorage	10,872	\$115,765	\$10,648	-14.60%
UA Fairbanks	5,247	\$158,204	\$30,151	-10.40%
UA Southeast	1,437	\$24,104	\$16,774	-19.10%
UA Statewide	0	\$17,882		-39.20%

FTE Data for 2018: <https://www.alaska.edu/files/ir/reporting/1-UA-Enrollment-2018-11-01.pdf>

Budget Data for 2018: <https://www.alaska.edu/files/ir/7-Finance-2018-05-09.pdf>

AN OPEN LETTER FROM ALASKA BUSINESS LEADERS:

As leaders representing diverse industries that provide thousands of jobs and billions of dollars of investment across the state, we ask all of our elected officials to think about Alaska's economic future and its long-term quality of life. We are concerned about the impasse over the operating budget and size of the Permanent Fund dividend. Until we can solve these standoffs, our state's long-term fiscal and political stability is at risk.

WE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Legislators need to convene in a single location so that all 60 members can vote Gov. Mike Dunleavy's budget vetoes up or down. Every legislator owes it to the public to go on the record on this important vote.
2. Lawmakers need to adopt and adhere to a new Permanent Fund dividend formula that will not draw down unsustainable amounts from the fund's earnings reserve this year, next year or in any future year.
3. The governor's more than \$400 million in budget vetoes, when combined with the \$190 million already cut out of the budget by the Legislature this year, go too far, too fast. Cuts of that size will eliminate critical public services and result in the loss of thousands of jobs, likely pushing Alaska into recession. The public wants a responsible, sustainable budget for years to come.
4. The current stalemate is bad for business and for a healthy Alaska where Alaskans want to live and work. The public needs decisions now, not later. And we need decisions that look long term, overlooking short-term politics. Nobody benefits from repeating this debate a year from now.

SIGNED:

Alaska Bankers Association

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July 15, 2019



Alaska Legislature
House Finance Committee
Honorable Jennifer Johnston, Co-Chair
Honorable Neal Foster, Co Chair
Housefinance@akleg.gov

Re: HB2001

Dear Representatives Johnston and Foster, and Committee Members:

Thank you for your considered deliberations in developing HB 2001 utilizing the “surplus dividend” option presented to the PFD working groups before this special session began. This represents a prudent starting point in a realistic process that might yet get Alaska to the point where we’re envisioning a livable future.

I’m writing as the Executive Director of a statewide nonprofit that primarily serves individuals living with dementia, their families and the workforce that provides their care. Alzheimer’s Resource of Alaska, through its care coordination program, also serves other individuals living with disabilities who are on Home and Community Based Medicaid waivers. We know our clients, their families and their circumstances intimately. As a result, we know the impacts that the Governor’s budget would have had on them would that be the endpoint.

This impasse is going to break the safety net. At the moment, our compassionate staff are filling gaps where they can – bringing surplus foods to clients whose senior benefits have been eliminated, for example. They’re attempting to present calm assurance and de-escalate the rampant fear that grips those like the family caregiver for a spouse experiencing Alzheimer’s who just learned that there isn’t any money for respite care just yet. But I see how our staff are experiencing heightened stress and anxiety derived solely from the uncertainty. It frankly has me wondering whether more of them will leave the state to conduct their work in other places where the support for safety net services is not so hostile.

During the regular session, I spoke with many legislators and agreed with them when they opined that the Governor’s original budget led to meaningful conversations about Alaska’s direction. The conversations that resulted in the budgets that were passed reflected careful consideration that we were going to see changes that took into account the impacts of budget cuts. Now it’s apparent that the conversations were intramural only. Addressing the PFD through HB2001 would seem to be the avenue to having these conversations with the executive branch as well.

Thank you for your considerable efforts. Thank you for keeping Alaska’s seniors and those living with disabilities in mind as you listen this week to Alaskans describe the values they hope to see reflected in final bill.

Sincerely,

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**TESTIMONY TO HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF ALASKA LEGISLATURE
ON THE 2019 PFD PAYOUT – HB2001A (Amended)
July 15, 2019**

To: House Finance Committee

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Good afternoon members of the House Finance Committee. My name is William Topel from Anchorage and I'm representing myself. I came to Alaska in 1966 and remember the days of the formation of both the Permanent Fund and the PFD by bipartisan legislative members of the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, and the Libertarian Party, and Gov. Jay Hammond. I'm a Senior Citizen living on a fixed small Social Security income and occasional part-time or seasonal work. I'm also a four-time UAA graduate. I am NOT a public employee union member. I am NOT representing a state-subsidized non-profit organization. I support a full PFD and the back capped PFD payouts. Regarding HB2001A (as amended), I do NOT support it, but support a FULL STATUTORY PAYOUT as per A.S. 37.13.140 (b), not what the legislators want to arbitrarily give us Alaskans as per SB 26.

As envisioned by its Founders, the PFD belongs to the people, not state government, and it benefits EVERY Alaskan, not just certain special interest groups or government contractors, so every time the legislature tries to tamper with the traditional PFD formula, it makes matters worse. Until recently, Alaskans believed that the PFD was not a part of the state budget but just a transfer. That is because the PFD was a part of the DGF (Designated General Fund) portion of the budget, just like where incoming federal monies are placed that cannot be manipulated by the Legislature. However, under the leadership of the Finance Committees in 2017, the Legislative Finance Division placed our PFD payouts into the UGF (Undesignated General Fund) portion of the budget, so that, when coupled with SB 26 and continued overspending, the PFDs now have to compete with other state funded services and subject to legislative manipulation. It does not have to remain this way. This discussion should NOT be the PFD vs. state services. Quit tampering with our PFD. Quit capping our PFD. Quit stealing our PFD. Honor the time-tested traditional statutory PFD payout formula and pay us Alaskans the FULL PFD AMOUNT, which is estimated to be about \$3,000 this year.

Also, this bill was not introduced legally under the proper venue in Wasilla according to the Governor's 2nd Special Session Proclamation, but was first introduced

by the House Rules Committee on July 8, according to the Legislature's website (<http://www.akleg.gov/PDF/31/Bills/HB2001A.PDF>) . This bill being considered now is another example of some legislators trying to muck things up badly. I would suggest that those legislators who remained in Juneau illegally and unconstitutionally join their fellow legislators in Wasilla to conduct the people's business and to negotiate with Gov. Mike Dunleavy to resolve many of these problems that many of you have created over the years.

In conclusion, I support the FULL TRADITIONAL STATUTORY PFD payout, not your arbitrary half-funded, capped theft. Also, repeal SB 26, restore our PFD payouts to DGF budget status, and let Alaskans have a vote on a Constitutional Amendment to put the traditional PFD into our state constitution. Thank you for your time and this opportunity to testify.



July 15, 2019

To: House – Finance Committee

From: Wayne Aderhold (representing myself, resident of AK since 1974)

Re: HB-2001 – CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2001(FIN) ... **in SUPPORT**

Co-Chairs Foster and Wilson, and Members of the Committee

I support the Committee Substitute for HB 2001.

This bill appears to be the most pragmatic solution to the current mess we are in.

I have followed most actions on the budget this session, starting with Senate Finance in February, and have never supported the Governor's misguided efforts to "gut" our great State via a contrived "emergency". I believe we have a revenue problem; NOT a spending problem ... and it will take courage to achieve a lasting solution.

I agree with the "Business Leaders" position: the Governor's vetoes should be overridden and replaced with the Legislature's proposed budget.

I will support a PFD of \$1600 or less. I also support reducing the oil tax credits. Neither of these items are constitutionally mandated (but the services being cut by the Governor's vetoes are generally constitutionally mandated).

Please pass this bill (and then be prepared to override the expected veto).

Sincerely,

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Wayne Aderhold

Homer, AK

July 14, 2019

Alaska Legislature
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RE: Budget and Permanent Fund, HB2001

Honorable Committee Members,

I am contacting you regarding the referenced topics as I am unsure if I will be able to attend your legislative hearings in person. I understand that I may call in as well, but I have tried on several other hearings only to remain on hold and to not have my voice be heard.

I am a disabled veteran, single mother, and a very small business owner. I have been a resident of this great state for forty-five years. My father, a Vietnam veteran, brought us here in 1974 while active duty in the United States Air Force. I am the second generation to call Alaska my home and am raising the third generation to hopefully be strong and independent Alaskans.

Firstly, I was able to visit the legislature's second special session the past week and I must say it was disappointing to see many of you not in attendance. This was a travesty to Alaskans and only solidified Alaskans' perception that, regardless of Alaska's Constitution and Laws, you are reprehensible.

Secondly, I support a full payment by the statutory calculation. A full payment bolsters the economy and will help restore faith you all as legislators. The full payment will assist that "vulnerable population" that so many testimonials are so concerned about. You nor these people should not be allowed to speak for the rest of Alaskans. We Alaskans pride ourselves for our perseverance and independence. No one has the right to dictate how they choose to use their DIVIDEND. It is a DIVIDEND—not "free money." Not a hand out. Not a social or welfare program as many of you would like to call it.

This money is invested for the people of Alaska and payable as a **dividend** to its investors. Much like your investment portfolio or your retirement. How would you like if I told you that you needed to donate your investments or retirement for the good of your constituents??

This house bill or any derivation of it from the statutory calculation and its intended purpose since the Permanent Fund was created, is an abomination when the money is taken from the people to fund the government. It's not just robbery, or an easy alternative for your budget ailments. Let's just call it what it is: SOCIALISM.

Individuals have a right to choose how to use their dividend as they see fit. For anyone denigrating its use, you are part of the problem. If individuals want their PFD used for others, there are several options available to them:

- 1) They could opt out from applying.
- 2) They can donate through Pick. Click. Give.
- 3) They could privately donate their money to an organization of their choice.

Our state budget has been bloated and largely overfunded for some time. This was not created overnight. This was created from you and your predecessors kicking the proverbial can down the road over several administrations. As Representatives you not only have a constitutional duty, but a moral duty to limit our finances and expenditures. The Legislative Branch is responsible and entrusted with fiduciary responsibility and being the stewards of Alaska's money and you should be treating this with the EXACT same regard as you would as your own personal budget. We the people are your auditors for accountability!

Alaska cannot afford to continue to support EVERYONE. Do not confuse me as someone who is heartless or lacks empathy with certain social service programs. I would love to help everyone in need, but my personal budget will not allow it and neither does Alaska's! Charitable giving should always be private—not government funded. I understand Alaska has its challenges, geographically and logistically, but many people make a concerted CHOICE to live here in Alaska, in rural areas and therefore should be accountable for their choices.

In closing, fund the PFD as the statute provides and figure out this budget. Realize that it's crunch time. EVERYONE will need to feel the crunch as no one group is more important than another, especially those special interest groups. Alaska will not meet its apocalypse. We will not die and we will not die stupid as many would like us to believe. It is necessary to balance the budget, because out here in the private sector, we've been dealing with the "more with less" its time you do too.

Sincerely,

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SueLynn Hight