



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance

Committee on HB 2001

Committee Name

Dated 7-17-19

Bill / Subject

I testify in support of HB 2001.

When we moved here in 2005, we had only planned to stay a few years for grad school, but the community in Fairbanks + the State as a whole has been so enriched by the diversity of UAF, that we decided to invest in this place + call it home. In order to keep a vibrant community + economy we must keep a thriving educational institution. As a small business owner, this proposed budget would be devastating because it is going to force people to leave in huge masses. This will force so many of us to leave - removing spending power in the Alaska + local economy. I have NO desire for a dividend. I do have a desire for a thriving economy + education so that we can attract + retain quality citizens. There are other options for revenue like every other state in the country has figured out. Please save Alaska Economy by passing HB 2001.

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Dear members of the House Finance Committee

My name is Valerie Wassor and I am a grad student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

I am here to advocate for supplemental funding for the University of Alaska. The focus of my research are volcanoes here in Alaska. Alaska has more volcanoes than any other state in the US, and more than 50 volcanoes have been active in historical times.

Because of that, the volcanology program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks has developed to become one of the best in the US. Volcanic eruptions do not only pose a hazard to local communities but can also have a huge negative impact on Alaska's economy as well as the air traffic connecting North America with Asia. Therefore, the study and monitoring of our volcanoes is of incredible importance. I am eager to advance our understanding of volcanic processes; however, I and so many other students and researchers depend on the Geophysical Institute, the Geoscience Department, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the UA system as an entity in order to provide Alaska with accurate hazard assessments of Aleutian volcanoes. While many of our studies bring money into the state of Alaska through grants, we depend on a functioning university. However, the current budget puts the existence of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the success of our research at risk.

Again, please provide supplemental funding for the university. Thank you

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I have ~~always~~ always been so grateful to ~~live~~ live in a place that ~~was~~ ~~provides~~ provides opportunities and resources to let me thrive and grow, learn and experience, ~~things~~ LIVE an ~~the~~ amazing life. I believe in the arts, the educational programs, the mentorship and strength that shape our youth, both myself and now my kids. We as Alaskans must continue to fund and support the arts, Early Headstart, services to keep our elderly and homeless safe. We must recognize the vital role that education for those of all ages plays for our state's future stability.

The PFD is an incredible ~~good~~ ~~thing~~ thing to have, but NOT at the expense of so much future! The budget cuts now are detrimental to every single Alaskan, and the effects will only grow over time. Please consider all of us as a whole, let's sort out what we all need, then accept and embrace what is possible and realistic as a PFD check for each of us. I do not want a "full" PFD at the expense of so many.

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I only want a Dividend when I know that the state is fulfilling its promises to our children, homeless, arts, elderly and college students. The state is not fulfilling these promises because of a made-up financial crisis and the assumption that the PFD is an entitlement, it is not. It is a gift when the state had more revenue than it could spend. The Permanent Fund was originally a Rainy Day Fund for when the state ran out of money, we are in need of these funds now to stabilize our states promises and, if budget cuts are necessary, to take a slow transition. The state should not pay a dividend for FY20, unless the state can fulfill its promises.

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HB 2000
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My Name is David Newman, I live in Fairbanks at 1585 Gonzaga Way, Fairbanks AK 99709. My Phone number is 907-388-9425. I am a faculty member at UAF in the Physics Department.

I am writing to urge you to pass HB2001 to restore as much as possible of the governors veto cuts to the University budget (and the other cuts) and have a smaller PFD.

Some of the arguments are below.

Alaskans are proud independent people who are known for helping each other and thinking not just about themselves but others and the State as a whole. This is why the Governors budget and insistence on a "full" PFD are so disappointing and un-Alaskan. The cuts and the demand for a "full" PFD dispersal are extraordinarily short sighted. Even before the Legislature has stoped trying to fix the situation, the ramifications are being felt. There are people I personally know who are halting home construction, putting off plans to make purchases, looking for jobs elsewhere (or actually already leaving) and even more disturbing choosing to send their children outside for schooling.

Once again, the questions we need to ask "What kind of future do we want for our state? Do we want to move forward or backward?" Our kids, Kindergarten through Graduate School age, are our future. They are critical to our economic future as well as the health and safety of the people of our great state. Education is critical to their future and we have been doing great damage to our educational infrastructure and by extension to our children and therefore our states future.

The governor's veto simply highlights the stark choices that must be made about our future and make no mistake, from the Universities side, these cuts can not be absorbed, they will destroy the University and critically damage the future of Alaska.

At the bottom, I will include more information about the University that I have sent earlier in case it is useful in making your case or convincing those who might need convincing and while I am focusing on the University since it is a significant focus of the budget discussion because of the magnitude of the proposed budget cuts, but funding the rest of the Education infrastructure, Health, Arts, Safety and state services should not be forgotten.

What would the state lose with a degraded or destroyed University?

- 1) Most crucially to me is we will lose the ability to educate our own children. This will (and already is) lead to our kids going outside for their education with many not returning. This will naturally first effect our best students as they (and their parents) are particularly concerned with the highest quality education (which we currently offer), and they have many choices where they can go to school. Losing these people from our future workforce will be devastating to the state in

the long run. As two small side notes, two of my students came up to me after class on a Friday right after the Governors Budget proposal was released to discuss whether they should transfer outside to finish their engineering degrees, I could not give them a good answer. Also, over the last 2 years a couple of families that I was helping with recruiting, told me that they had decided to go outside because they were not convinced the University would maintain it's quality due to the continued funding cuts we have been experiencing.

- 2) Next and closely tied to the first, is the economic impact. As stated earlier, there is a direct research dollar multiplier which leads to 4-7 actual dollars coming to Alaska and being spent in our communities for every dollar we invest in research. Those would go away, but likely of far greater impact would be the loss of highly productive people both directly at the University and educated Alaskan citizens who go elsewhere for opportunity's they no longer have here.
- 3) For the entire state but particularly in the communities where campuses are located, the rich vibrant culture and quality of life will suffer. This is one of the difficult loses to quantify but will inevitably cause a cultural spiral in which more and more of the cultural influencers will leave as the situation gets worse and worse. The wonderful diverse community culture will dwindle and will take decades to restore.

The governors proposed funding level is so catastrophic that it would necessarily lead to either 1) the closing of UAA and UAS with devastating impacts in those communities, 2) the closing of UAF leading to even larger economic losses due to the external research dollars going away, the lose of our flagship research university and an even larger impact on the Fairbanks community, or 3) the downgrading of the entire system to small "Community College" status. Negotiating from the Governors proposed budget (with the Veto) is a pointless exercise since we have already been cut way too much and are in desperate need of growth to ensure/enable a bright future for our children and State. Those that say, it's okay, the University can sustain some further cuts are simply mistaken.

Once again, I therefore to urge you to pass HB2001 to restore as much as possible of the governors veto cuts to the University budget (and the other cuts) have a smaller PFD and if possible to restore some of the cuts which have been implemented over the past years.

Again, people are our biggest asset (human capital in economic talk). You can quickly fix broken or run down physical infrastructure (buildings, roads etc) when money is available but people are not so easy to get back. The people in question range from staff to faculty to students. When the human capital is lost, both the institutional memory of what works and the institutional reputation goes with it which then makes getting good replacements a daunting task which would take years to accomplish if possible at all.

The legislative budget with the much smaller cuts was nearly unsustainable already, with the governors veto, the demise of University education in Alaska would be all but assured. This is neither hyperbole nor exaggeration. With that destruction will come a flight of talent (young and more senior), a serious hit to the economy and a devastating impact on our social and cultural lives.

Simply saying don't make further cuts without a constructive solution is not fair. I strongly don't want the growth of the University to come at the expense of other areas in education (they too have been cut to the bone and must grow to ensure our future). Therefore I realize that to maintain or increase the education budgets and to meet budget constraints, new revenue sources (such as bringing back the state income tax and or reductions or elimination of the PFD) are likely needed. This is a small price to pay for the enormous benefits we can reap in the future. To paraphrase the old farm saying, we must preserve our seed corn. Investing in the University and education is our future and I strongly urge you to make it brighter.

Some information and misconceptions about the University:

First it's important to recognize the UAF is a very good university, not just "a good University for Alaska", but a good university compared to other state universities around the United States. Some of our programs are world class while many others are very good, nationally competitive, programs. Most importantly UAF has a full range of academic and non-academic programs, allowing our students to get the broad multi-disciplinary education demanded of a world class University. Please understand that I am not in any way criticizing UAA or UAS, I'm simply stating the situation as it is and as it was originally set up. The state has one full service research University and is not likely to be able to support more than one, though the other campuses serve valuable roles in education. We do ourselves and our state a great disservice when we don't recognize our own strengths.

Much of the justification given for the budget cuts are based on misconceptions about the University that I think need to be corrected as they are helping to fuel the current fiscal plans which have already been so harmful and will lead to irreparable harm if the current budget cuts go forward.

- 1) Misconception: We can find programs or parts of the University which are not obviously in line with immediate needs or are less productive.

A university is more than the sum of its parts. In order to foster the best programs and to provide high quality overall education opportunities it needs all of its pieces. Without these pieces, the quality of the University will degrade, we will not be able to maintain a high standard of education for our students, the best research programs will wilt and die and the state will suffer for this long into the future since programs are easy to kill but very difficult to restore. Though it may not be obvious, a strong science and engineering program require arts and

humanities to thrive. A university without a literature or philosophy program is not really a university and will have difficulty attracting and retaining the best faculty and students. The ongoing cuts are already being felt and more cuts threaten the very existence of the university as a true higher education institution.

- 2) Misconception: There is great waste in the education system overall and the University in particular.

This is simply incorrect. Over the past decade of cuts, a system that was already lean has been cut far past the point of even perceived improvement. Degradation of the services the university provides to our students and to the state are already visible as the ongoing cuts mean fewer people are asked to do more and more with less and less. This makes the system less efficient not more. Many people are already working 60 hours or more a week and expecting even more is both unreasonable and counterproductive. For example, there are many departments who share administrative assistants leading to reduced service for the students and faculty members who are spending their time on additional jobs, leaving less time for the students and research that they are hired to do.

- 3) Misconception: Research is either self supporting or not relevant to the state.

In fact, much research performed at the University is directly relevant to the state, from climate and climate impacts to health and education research and on to resource identification and extraction. But equally important is the synergy between the directly state related research and the research of broader national and international interest. Each strengthens the other in a way that amplifies the quality and importance of both. It has often been correctly stated that for every research dollar the state spends on research at UAF there is a multiplier of 4-7 in terms of the additional research dollars brought in to the state from other sources. This is, in and of itself an economic driver for the state but must not be misunderstood as a free lunch. If the state funding for research is cut, the external funding too will dwindle. To use a business analogy (though a business model is a terrible model for a university), no sensible business person would say, "I'm making money so I will not invest in my inventory". They would realize that without the restocking of the inventory (or hiring staff or maintaining the facilities) the business will simply wither and die. The same is true for university research and the university in general. Furthermore, the research itself plays a very important role in the education of our students.

- 4) Misconception: We are doing fine with the budget as it is despite years of cuts.

There is already a loss in quality for the students. Since fewer and fewer people are doing more and more, more and more things are not being done, or being done less carefully or completely. This ranges from student services where getting issues dealt with takes more time or repeated attempts to maintenance of the buildings where broken bathroom fixtures can take much longer to be repaired and small repairs are simply left undone. It should be stressed that this is not because student support staff and the maintenance personnel are not working hard, rather it's because there are too few of them; they are working too hard and are simply unable to get everything done. As mentioned earlier, at the

faculty level there are a number of people working extremely long hours with much time spent on tasks that are perhaps necessary for the university but are not directly needed for the teaching and research. This of course means that the teaching and research, which the faculty were hired to do, suffers. At some point the moral starts to seriously degrade from the constant overwork and people start to leave. This is already happening and people (our human capital) are easy to lose and very hard to replace. The reputation we have as a great place to live and work with excellent people, once lost, will take decades and large expenses to recover (much more than would be saved by the initial cuts).



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When ~~we~~ I moved here in 2005 we were only going to stay for 3 years, but stayed because of the University and the vibrant community that has a high quality university w/ many programs and focuses like no other in the country. Please keep the community pillar and help fund ~~the~~ the whole University. I fear that we will lose our kids futures and have a complete brain-drain from our state.

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I Support HB 2001

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Committee on HB 2001/Veto ^{Governor Lieberman} Committee Name Dated 7-17-19
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Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule.

This past week I sent a letter to my thirty student athletes & their families telling them the fate of their educational opportunities hangs in the balance of 60 people who they have never met. 60 people who have the influence to decide if their dreams of receiving a quality education while playing intercollegiate athletics will be over. 60 people who need to find a way to work together ~~to restore~~ ^{to restore} the Governor's cuts. Our Alumni have come from all parts of the globe, educated at the University & decided to stay in this great state. The University brings so much to AK from world class Arctic research, to educating our students for Alaskan jobs in business, engineering, mining, education, healthcare, & providing cultural & athletic pursuits for our community. If you don't refund this cut to UA our state will be economically, culturally & socially damaged to an unimaginable & unprecedented degree. If you don't restore this funding you are losing out on

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our 130 student athletes who will invest their time & resources into the state of AK.

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July 17, 2019

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First, thank you for accepting the call to public service.

Alaskans recognize that we are facing an unprecedented time of challenging and difficult decisions. You are on the front lines and we have placed our faith in you.

We are grateful that your diligence has moved us forward to schedule this meeting to address the Committee Substitute for House Bill 2001, which allows us the opportunity to provide further input regarding the devastating veto results.

Hopefully, funding for the Alaska State Council on the Arts and other equally important agencies will be able to be restored.

We cannot, in good conscience, allow for such devastating actions to continue storming through our communities in order to maintain an unrealistic dollar amount for the PFD. How did we ever get to this point?

This meeting of the House Finance Committee gives me opportunity for renewed faith in the integrity of public action and I thank you for your arduous efforts to seek a central position of support for the worthy efforts of the myriad of organizations and individuals, without whose programs and efforts we will most definitely be poorer.

Sincerely,

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I support HB 2001 Restoring the Vetoed funds to The Operating Budget. To have removed 130 Million from the University Budget is Horrible. This is seed money. The University is the second largest Employer in the Fairbanks Area, after the military, and statistics show that for every dollar the state puts into the University, 6 times that amount of money is brought into the community through Grants, etc. This is an 780 Million Hit to The Alaska economy. Imagine 1,300 people trying to sell their houses at the same time and leave Crashing the Housing Market. It will be like the 1980's, all over again.

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I am a local Fairbanksan born and raised, educated, and employed in the community. I have no intentions of residing anywhere else. From my birth at FMH, to K-12, and UAF CTC, I have received all of my education, job technical training, and healthcare here in Fairbanks. Many of my educators, health care providers, and employers were born here or are permanent transplants.

Because of the rich, and unique opportunities made available here, people are able to stay in the community and build lives, in turn helping others to build lives. In order to continue this cycle of prosperity we need a government that supports strong public institutions. Although institutions such as schools, universities, and Federally matched healthcare plans, are expensive, they are the foundation for a thriving and prosperous community. Without them our state is broken.

Please ~~Front~~^{Pass} HB 2001, it is essential to the survival of Alaska as we know it.

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Hello members of the House Finance Committee, thank you for hearing testimony and the opportunity to write today. My name is Camille Heninger and I am a Fairbanks resident. I ask you to support HB 2001 and restore supplemental funding to the University. The University of Alaska brought my parents to this state in the 80's and has been a fundamental community for me here and many young people like me who are the future of our beloved state. The consequences of the University disappearing would be disastrous. Educated people who contribute to our vibrant community and economy would flee the state. A \$3,000 PFD is unnecessary and irresponsible - it always has ups and downs but I don't remember it ever being that high. Services for our vulnerable citizens must take priority over such a high check. Such an amount is unsustainable. Again, I urge you to support HB 2001. Thank you.

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Hello members of the House Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak/write today. My name is Cole Richards and I live in Senate District B - House District 4 here in Fairbanks. My Senator and Rep. are John Coghill and Grier Hopkins. I am here today to ask you to provide supplemental funding for the University.

I chose to attend UAF for graduate school over all other schools because of the strong reputation of Geophysical Institute. The graduate students and teaching faculty in the GI are apart of the college of Natural Sciences and Mathematics here at UAF. The current and future stability of our college is crucial to remaining a target destination for top level students and established research scientists. This stability can only be achieved with proper funding and support. The budget cuts for the upcoming year are LEAGUES away from adequate and will cause inexplicable damage to the reputation and ability of UAF as a world leader in arctic, earth, and natural sciences. Alaska and its earthquakes, volcanoes, glaciers, permafrost, oceans, fish, and all other natural phenomena need scientific study of the highest quality in order to ensure safety, preservation, and education for both Alaskans today and Alaskans of the future. Please provide supplemental funding to the university.

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I support the bill to restore the Budget.
Thru different routes we have found ourselves
in the place Kansas has been. They cut Taxes
and failed to see the promised growth -
reduced the oil revenue and have lost sign-
ificantly income. Almost 10 years later Kansans
have concluded that the cut revenue & cut
budgets esp. education budgets is the road to
total failure and collapse! Let's take care of this
now with HB 2001. I wish to add that
for 10 years I have supported an income tax
and restructuring the PT D and I vote for
Thank You Individuals not pay line!

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As a young Alaskan that grew up in Fairbanks & returned from college in the Lower 48 with the hopes of spending the rest of my life here, I urge you to PASS HB 2001 and prevent Gov. Dunleavy's vetoes from foreclosing on the future of my generation.

Many of the Governor's vetoes directly & detrimentally impact the core services that have made Fairbanks a vibrant place to live. Access to education, healthcare, services for vulnerable communities, public broadcasting, the arts, & the many other public expenditures cut back — THESE are the resources that make communities strong, equal, & places where economic diversification and empowerment are broadly possible.

Moreover, this whole crisis is predicated on our extreme dependency on oil taxes, and our willingness to continue to subsidize over \$1 billion in oil tax credits implies that we hope oil will return to save us, when we have to face up to the reality that petroleum is on a long-term decline. Repeal the oil tax credits so we can instead place that money into priorities that help us move toward our future economy. Doing this will also help us ensure a strong PFD in addition to well-funded services, when paired with other broad-based revenue, like a progressive income tax.

We need this to happen — failing to restore our services will not only devastate our communities & economy (disproportionately hurting Rural Alaska, the poor, & other vulnerable communities) it forecloses opportunities for my generation to help us move forward w/economic diversification or address the many other crises our communities face — climate change, public health, social challenges. Thank you.

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My name is Jamshid Moshrefzadeh and I live in representative Adam Wool's district here in Fairbanks, and I have come to ask you to provide supplemental funding to the University.

I moved to Fairbanks from Minnesota last year with the sole purpose of pursuing my education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Currently working towards a master's degree and eventually a PhD in volcanology and igneous petrology, the Geophysical Institute, partnered with the Advanced Instrumentation Laboratory, provide me with exceptional resources that set UAF apart from other institutions. As a globally renowned center for research and education, UAF is the best fit location for up and coming scientists, such as myself, to receive the education needed to grow and thrive academically, and within our future careers. It is through the success of its faculty and students that the University achieves its goal of developing new scientists and enhancing education for all. However, without the appropriate funding and support, this awe-inspiring institution will fail to accomplish its goal, and the entire state and all other national and international partners to the University will suffer because of it. It is for these reasons and more that I ask you to provide the university with the supplemental funding that it requires.

Thank you.

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To: House Finance Committee

Re: HB2001

Thank you legislators for taking time to hear our testimony. Thank you for your leadership. Thank you for showing us you care to hear the voices of the people. Thank you for going to Juneau to do the hard work for our state rather than playing political grandstanding games outside of the capital.

A USA Today article¹ dated July 13, 2019, lists how the economies of all 50 US states rank. Alaska rates 49th on the list... just above West Virginia. The states at the bottom of the list are mostly resource extraction states. What is the common denominator for the top 10 economies? A well-educated work-force and technology development.

How do we envision our future? I see two camps: those who thinking about "their" future in terms of what their jobs or retirement years might look like, and those who think about the future we are passing to our children. I'm in the latter camp. I think about my two children and what their future will be.

My vision for this state is one that supports our most vulnerable: the education of our children and youth through K-12 and the University, programs that give shelter to the homeless, senior benefits programs, the public defenders, and so on.

- I support restoring Operating Budget funding to pre-veto levels adopted by the legislature.
- I support restoring funding to the Mental Health Trust Budget.
- I support all funding to the pre-veto Capital budget adopted by the legislature.
- I support sweeps and reverse sweeps per historical usages and in support of other budgets.
- I support using the Permanent Fund to support these services and using the remainder for the dividends.
- I support the amount available for payment of PFDs based on "surplus revenues" (the amount of funds left over after accommodating other institutional obligations and necessities).

A \$3000 PFD will be virtually meaningless if we live in an economy that cannot support our jobs and turns us back into a resource extraction colony. And when we pay more in tax credits to the oil companies than we get in return, that's bad policy and bad math.

While I agree that cutting the PFD is a regressive tax, these proposed cuts will harm us far more than \$3000 in everyone's pocket will ever help us.

Alternatively, I urge you to consider giving a FULL PFD if it's coupled with a statewide income tax.

Budgets represent our values. And I support HB2001.

Bruno Grunau,
Fairbanks, AK





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I do not support Governor Dunleavy's line-item veto. I do not support the Bill as presently proposed. I support giving the Governor nothing, -0- for the PFD until he shows he is willing to negotiate. I support funding the Capital Budget at the minimum amount to maintaining the federal match grants. It is impossible for the Legislature to negotiate with someone, like the Governor, who won't talk.

You folks must protect your power of the purse. The only way to do so is to force the Governor to talk. You produced a reasonable compromise Budget. Protect your position as a co-equal branch of Government. Don't allow yourself to be bullied! Push back!

Keep up the good work! Thanks for your hard work!

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I wholeheartedly support HB 2001.
I do not want our state to fall
into another recession.

I do not want the University of Alaska
to be changed from a high quality
university to a backwater shell of
its former self.

I do not want social services to
be cut, causing hunger and death.
I do not want to lose arts support.

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Lake Williams

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I support HB 2001. We must restore the Gov. ~~the~~ Vetoes and fund our University system, the Capital Budget, our Local Communities, and the budget sweeps. This is a manufactured crisis by the Governor and the political gamesmanship needs to stop. I can't believe there are people that are advocating these cuts, but also advocate buying bonds to pay oil tax credits. By the way I'm not against that, but at the same time where are your priorities? For gods sake keep our promisses to our children & our communities before big corporations & the Koch brothers

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I support HB 2001.

Anyone supporting a fully funded PFD at this point is being shortsighted: stealing Alaska's future by wrecking our economy, our university, & the health & well being of our citizens for a minor payout today.

ITS TIME to get realistic and have serious conversations about how to pay for the services we all need and use. IT needs to include use of PFD funds, income tax, & sales tax. It needs to include taxes on industry that is making money off of Alaska's resources.

IF using Permanent Fund money to support the state while we figure out realistic cuts and sort out revenue sources (including taxing oil) then that is what we need to do.

These reckless budget cuts will devastate our state for years to come. Please be responsible and save our state.

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I would like to know how one unelected person in the office of Budget & Mgmt as a Temporary Director is able to come up here and practically singlehandedly destroy our state's economy. That is just wrong. The meanness of Arduin & Co. is seen in black and white on the state's own website, regarding the now-defunct AK Senior Benefits Program: "This program is being eliminated to contain costs and reduce dependence of individuals on state funds. [dhss.alaska.gov] These 'individuals' are often those who helped grow our state and its government! Good Grief. Repeat the reverse vetoes!

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