



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
Committee name
Committee on HB 2001, dated July 16, 2019
Bill/Subject

I am in favor of HB 2001.

Please reinstate all Dunleavy budget cuts.

- Put PCE fund in a protected endowment
- Reinststate individual income tax (NEVER should've gone away)
- TAX OUR OIL NOW!
- Implement a Carbon Tax w/ consumer dividend
- Fully fund university system to pre-K
- Fully fund Medicaid

Signed: Constance Fredenberg
Testifier

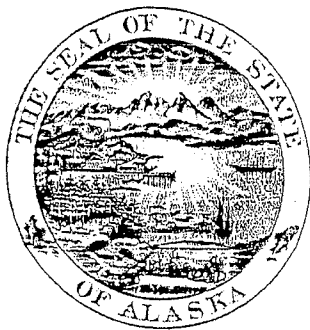
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My name is Emily Ramirez. I am a teacher in the Mat-Su Borough. My husband is a business owner in Wasilla. I support house bill 2001.

I support overriding the governor's 188 vetoes. Our state deserves a decent University system, K-12 education and early learning programs. Also the most vulnerable among us deserve a safety net to help when they find themselves in difficult circumstances. I am happy to receive a lower PFD or no PFD if necessary to fund essential state services. I am a 4th generation Alaskan, and I am raising 4 fifth generation Alaskans. We are here for the long haul. Don't trade it all in for a 1-time \$3,000 check.

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Committee on Bill No. 2001, dated 7/16/19
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The governor's budget shows a shocking lack of empathy. His budget would hurt the most vulnerable in our community, and I consider that unacceptable. I understand the need for a budget, but maybe we should evaluate the need for an income tax, and for getting rid of oil tax credits. Please don't hurt seniors, the poor, and UAA students by keeping the governor's budget. Pass bill 2001 for all of our sakes. The only argument against appropriating funds for these programs is that you want your free money, and don't care about your neighbors. Thank you.

Signed: _____

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House Bill 2001 is vital to ensuring the health and economy of Alaska. Without this bill, the UA system will falter, and potential students will leave Alaska. For Alaska to continue to be economically viable, young people need the opportunities of the UA system. Though this is the most important thing to be funded to me, this bill also addresses other items vetoed by the governor such as funds to protect elders and the homeless. I urge the finance committee to pass this bill.

Signed: Adrian Baer, Adri Baer

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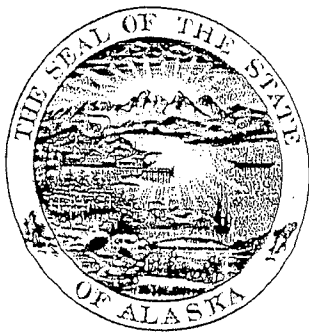
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I am a five year Alaskan and hope to live here for 100+ more. I am seeking to
st down roots and raise a family. I am TERRIFIED for the future of our state.
Who are we and what have we become? What will our identity become?
Are we SO selfish that we won't spare a few dollars in our own interest?

I am most concerned about the loss of dental for medicare recipients. As
a former care giver for folks with developmental disabilities. This is a death
sentence. Imagine a 40 year old non-verbal man experiencing Down Syndrome unable
to communicate the pain of abscesses and sores in his mouth. Without dental, he
will storne to death.

It is unfair to put our budget as a binary choice, Tax the oil
companies justly. ~~What~~ ^{What} have we become to treat oil companies better than
our most vulnerable ~~citizens~~ ^{citizens}. We don't need to pick between a liveable
State and bonus cash in our pockets. We can do better.
Override the vetos.

Signed: Samantha Russell
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I strongly support ~~HB 2001~~ restoring budget cuts using the reserves that the state of Alaska has. ~~in the form of~~ The reserve fund ~~that is~~ ^{are} intended for ~~the~~ times like these - we absolutely need the education opportunities for our children's future. The university system cuts, as well as K-12 and Health/Elder care, are so short-sighted.

In the long run, our state needs to have an income tax. We cannot count on oil \$ in the long run.

~~We~~ We cannot sustain the entitlement mentality of PFD. I cannot use my PFD to provide what are basic needs - education, healthcare, infrastructure, etc through charity. That needs to be funded by the government. Do not destroy our children's future.

Please Overturn the governor's budget cuts.

Signed: W. R. Olson
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Committee on Bill No. 2001 (FIN), dated 7/16/19

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I feel that this Bill should be passed in order to restore the cuts to the different Social Service programs. I feel it is extremely important that these Social Service programs receive the State funding that was allocated to them prior to the Governor's veto. I work for the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition, which is a collaboration of individuals, community stakeholders, public and not-for-profit agencies, faith-based and business partners who are dedicated to promoting public safety by identifying and implementing strategies that increase former prisoners' well-being within the community and reduce the likelihood of their return to prison through recidivating. We do this through providing needed services that we will not be able to provide unless this ~~be~~ Bill is passed.

Signed: Barbara A. Mongar *Barbara A. Mongar*
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~~My name is Linda F. Strade.~~

Honorable Members, my name is Linda F. Strade.
I am a ^{25yr.} AK resident and voter. I want to
share my thoughts w. you concerning Gov.
Dunleavy's \$444 million budget cuts. It's
wrong. It's unreasonable. Also, you are
not doing your job when you refuse to
get together to override by veto the
governor's \$444 million in budget cuts. We
Alaskans, we seniors, we retired teachers
are telling you - **DO YOUR JOB!**
Stop playing hooky. Restore the vetoed
funds. Support AK's children. Support AK's education.
of you again. Thank you for being here. Make us proud

Signed:

Linda F. Strade

Testifier

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Thank you for providing Alaskans a viable path forward with this legislation. I support the funding of: Dental Program through Medicaid, AK State Council on the Arts, Early Learning in Education, Library networks Senior Benefits Program, full payment at 100% of all Medicaid services, full funding of AK Courts, full funding for U of A

Use the P.F. to support these programs & reduce the P.F.D. payment. Thank you for coming to Wasilla for this hearing!

Signed: Cynthia Farrens
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Comments of Ashley Peltier, Director of Health Promotions American Lung Association in Alaska

On House Bill 2001 before House Finance Committee
July 16, 2019
Wasilla, AK

Thank you for taking the time for this hearing today and for providing an opportunity to testify on behalf of our Medicaid population suffering with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other lung disease. I am Ashley Peltier, Director of Health Promotions for the American Lung Association in Alaska. My comments today are on behalf of the American Lung Association.

The mission of the Lung Association is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease. Access to good, quality health care is vital for all Alaskans, especially our most vulnerable citizens.

As an organization, we are deeply concerned with the \$50 million cut to Alaska's Medicaid program. Twenty-nine percent of Alaskans are served by Medicaid. My mother is one of those Alaskans. She works a full-time job yet does not have access to affordable health care through her employer. Through Medicaid expansion she has been able to receive basic health care. The veto of this funding takes away the basic medical, dental and vision benefits that she has utilized to be a healthy, happy and productive member of the workforce.

Like my mother, many Alaskans, including 46 percent of children, rely on Medicaid for access to care – their health and in many cases, their lives, are tied to the medical care they receive through this vital program.



We urge you to prioritize the health of our most vulnerable by supporting House Bill 2001 and restore the funding cuts to the Medicaid program.

Thank you.



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I have been in Alaska resident since 1949. Times have certainly changed, but those of us who really care about Alaska and the future of our children and grandchildren oppose the veto by Hon. Dunbar to the budget passed by the Legislature. We need to provide good education, from K-12 and in a good university.

It is so short sighted to insist on a \$3000 PFD while cutting necessary services. Lots of people use a PFD for laptops, vacations, etc. It is frivolous. The legislators did their job - don't let the voters stand because someone made unreasonable campaign promises.

Signed: Rose Ann Thornton
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Representatives —

I have two school aged children. Their education is important every year. The uncertainty of funding gives them uncertainty each year in completing what's so very important to continue building their foundation to adulthood. Funding for universities instills their confidence in the future. And proper fundings to help our most vulnerable citizens, our homeless and elders, concerns them and their peers in everyday life.

Please work on a compromise that funds the programs our communities need and allows for a PFD that is responsible to our budgetary needs.

Thank you! Courtney Eyer

Signed: Courtney Eyer
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Dear Representatives -

Around 50 yrs ago an egologist named
Gorrett Hardin described what he called "The
Tragedy of the Commons." The idea that when many
individuals act in their own self interest w/o
regard for society the effects can be catastrophic.
Examples of this include the Grand Banks fisheries,
passenger pigeons + modern day traffic congestion.

I see a similar situation unfolding here.

I know you are under tremendous pressure to
provide for a super sized PFD. But, by doing so,
we are threatening future PFD's and the economic

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Good afternoon, my name is Terry Snyder and as AARP Alaska's volunteer state president I have the privilege of representing well over 80-thousand older adults across our state. While each person is unique, we are all alike in that we are all aging.

AARP *remains* committed to fighting for a strong safety net of services and supports for older adults. We know that *any* of one of us – at a *moment's* notice – could face a serious injury or illness, a financial setback or the need to care for a family member.

One part of Alaska's safety net is the Senior Benefits Program which serves older Alaskans who are economically poor and don't have a well-organized constituency with people who will speak out for them. AARP Alaska is proud to speak on behalf of the 11,000 older Alaskans whose lives and health are made more secure and independent by the Senior Benefits Program. I ask you to restore the funding for this important program that helps older Alaskans avoid a move to a much-costlier track of dependent care. This legislature came together during the session to approve a bi-partisan budget that included funding for this program.

Two other extremely important components of Alaska's safety net are the Alaska Legal Services Corporation and the Medicaid Adult Dental program. Again, I ask you to restore the funding for these key programs to the levels that were in the budget that the legislature passed on a bi-partisan basis just a few short weeks ago.

AARP will be holding legislators accountable for their vote on Senior Benefits, Alaska Legal Services Corporation and Medicaid Adult Dental programs.

I ask you to honor the hard work and time that the legislature did to offer funding solutions that were supported on a bi-partisan basis for these three key programs.

Please restore the funding for these critical safety net programs that support our elders.



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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.
Both the House and Senate need to
work with the Governor. I have seen
nothing that proves this legislature
could spend my PFD wisely. Our current
Speakers of the House and Senate are
very polarizing. I hope they try working
together and not punishing fellow legislators.
Thank you.

JoAnn Utt

Signed:

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