

From: [Bruce Van Dusen](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Community Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery (CBHTR)
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 1:53:00 PM

Greetings,

Please continue to support the funding of the CBHTR grants. These grants allow us to provide meaningful supports and services that give opportunity for Alaskans living in poverty. These funds support recovery for persons with behavioral health diagnosis by participation in meaningful activity.

At Polaris House meaningful work, and meaningful relationships instill self worth and a sense of purpose. And, there is no out of pocket expense, or expensive billing to Medicaid for anyone who receives our services.

Our Evidenced Based Practice, the clubhouse model, is a cost saver to the community. Our member employment supports the purchase of local goods and services, and adds to tax revenues. Our efforts reduce costs to law enforcement, reduces use of emergency rooms, and greatly reduces inpatient psychiatric admissions. Our members are much more likely to attend primary care appointments, keep appointments for other agency care, such as group therapy, and are more likely to adhere to medication regimens.

During the pandemic, through the use of stringent mitigation, no Polaris House member contracted the virus. It seems we are not done yet. The virus is still there, and our community needs our support more than ever.

On behalf of the Polaris House community, we thank you for your diligent efforts to lead our great State. With your support, we can continue to provide Juneau, Alaska with services and supports congruent with international efforts to improve and sustain quality lives for persons living with behavioral health diagnosis.

Sincerely,
Polaris House

Bruce Van Dusen
Executive Director
Polaris House, Inc.
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From: [Ronald Johnson](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Cc: [Richard Seifert](#); [Cindy spanyers](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Jeff Stepp](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [John Davies](#); [Dermot Cole](#); [Sen. Jesse Kieh](#)
Subject: Comprehensive fiscal plan testimony
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 4:10:13 PM

I look forward to seeing your long-range plan re a sustainable budget before the legislature meets in August. I think a 5% [or close to 5 %] POMV draw should be a crucial part of this. If you propose budget cuts, and or revenue enhancements, be specific. One may get lots of support from the public by saying, for example, that we will cut the UGF spending by ,say, 10 %. This support would diminish if a community realized its public safety response, for example, would be diminished.

AD-HOC draws, like the \$ 3B one the governor proposed, can lead to a continuation of a slippery slope that, in the past, resulted in the CBR being reduced from \$ 16 B or so to around \$ 1B.

One idea that I like re the PFD is to give each of us a sustainable amount like \$ 500 and use the money saved from a larger amount to increase HESS funding to help those who are in real need. At least half of us will survive just fine with \$ 500. This is especially true this and next FY with all the CARES related federal funding. I'd rather see my share of a personal income or sales tax used this way rather than to have me pay, say, a \$ 2000 income tax one day, and then, in return, get a \$ 2000 PFD.

Re the POMV split, I would like to see a serious discussion about splits other than 50/50 such as 75/25. Is there some magic about 50/50? I'm very concerned about putting a large PFD guarantee in the constitution. Does that mean that if the POMV amount [based on a 5 yr average] falls a lot, we all get a PFD but we eliminate much of public safety and education. I don't think

you want that.

In your discussions , I'd like to see more said about the fact that the premise under which the 1980 [statutory PFD] formula was enacted is no longer valid. Then, none of our government was funded by the PF earnings. We could have given it all as PFDs and our government would have been fine. The opposite is true now with 2/3 of our UGF revenue coming from the PF earnings. Talking more about this would help the legislature and the public better understand the issues.

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Ron Johnson

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Fairbanks, AK 99709

From: [Michael Wise](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Divided
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 8:02:05 AM

The divided should be paid out with the existing formula that is supposed to be used. All the politicians that are robbing the citizens of the state of Alaska should not be paid and should be in session until they can get along, do their job, pass a budget on time, eliminate the excessive handouts, stop catering to the commercial fishermen- returning the abilities for citizens to subsistence fish, eliminate the waste and abuse of tax dollars, tax the oil companies with a realistic fair tax, eliminating tax subsidizing tho companies that profit in the millions of dollars. All of the above are common sense ideas that would put this state back on track.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kelvin Gurney](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Full PFD pay out with income tax, set in the constitution
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 1:19:55 PM

I support a full PFD pay out and income tax. With the formula set in the constitution.

Taking the PFD to pay for government is a regressive tax. It takes an equal amount from the poor & rich. The poor who need it to pay for food & fuel. And the rich who are happy they don't have to pay their fair share through an income tax.

Thank you,
Kelvin Gurney

From: [Shelly Shupe](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: FULL PFD WITH BACK PAY
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:09:05 PM

Good evening ladies and gentlemen,

I am emailing to express my thoughts on our PFD, our state spending, and moving forward.

The moment that our state spending truly became egregious was the moment that our courts ruled that our legislature could steal monies from the peoples rightful PFD to fund said spending. That never, ever, should have occurred. Our legislature receives the share of the earnings intended for state spending and that is what you all have in your account. That's what you get to spend or throw your account into overdraft status for insufficient funds. That's how it work's in households around the world. When the state began to come up short, our legislature should have focused on reigning in our spending and coming up with ideas for new revenues. Instead, with aid the direction of our governor at that time, the courts ruled that the peoples PFD could be used by the legislature to maintain spending as they saw fit. Everything about this is wrong and illegal.

Since that moment our legislature has continued to boldly and unlawfully steal the peoples share, year over year, to continue to fund our bloated state spending. ENOUGH.

It is unbelievable to me that the people in charge of proposing and writing our state laws continue to break the law by way of outright theft. You have the power to change the law if it does not work and yet you disregard this obvious fact. It is incredible.

Another fact that I would like to point out; what are you telling yourselves about those Alaskan families that their only means of saving for college is through their child's PFD? The PFD is the best hope for a lot of our Alaska youth to get to college. What do you tell yourselves when you lay your heads down at night?

Another fact; Pick-Click-Give must be suffering terribly. Those folks that used to give generously of their PFD to support local non-profits. You know, the non-profits that help the people down on their luck. The same people that maybe, just maybe, could get themselves un-stuck with a full and statutory PFD.

The affects to our local and personal economy of our legislature stealing our share of our mineral wealth is vast. I could go on and on.

FULL PFD WITH BACK PAY.

That's what the good people of Alaska deserve. That is what our legislature owes the good people of Alaska. Let us fix our own economy and control our own recovery from the last 18 months of covid with our full and statutory PFD.

Have a good and productive day working together for the good of the Alaskan people.

Until next time,

Shelly Shupe

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Moose Creek, Alaska 99705

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [kent.smith](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Full PFD
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 2:02:34 PM

Please don't be foolish and give us our full PFD as in the constitution. Thank you, I can't wait to vote.

Fisherman

From: [Diane Ivy Dahlin](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Fund full PFD
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 3:10:19 PM

Greetings.

I am a long time Alaskan, wanting retire on an extremely limited budget.(Under\$900) month.

The PFD has been paid to legitimate Alaskans for almost 40 years.

While there is some abuse most Alaskans use this money to supplement in their small communities to purchase, fuel, food, transportation, housing, repairs, clothing, Medical and so much more.
It wasn't until six years ago that the theft Of taking the Alaskans PFD began.

This set a poor example and has developed a never ending fight between the legislatures and citizens.

I believe had the PFD never been touched I don't think it would take over a month for your legislatures to select a speaker, wasting millions of dollars and precious time in just trying to make a decision on who is going to be the leader hand down the gavel.

I have watched so much waste and hate on the floor since this illegal process began.

Do not touch the PFD anymore.

Pay the full amount per the statute and formula and pay back the past or credit Alaskans with the difference with either giving us land that we can develop with low interest taxes or pay back full amount past due amounts.

You have stolen money From every eligible Alaskan, from the small child to the oldest.

I fully support 100% either letting Alaska's vote and decide this once and for all or get your act together and pay out the PFT as statute.

Sincerely
Lorraine Ivy Dahlin
[REDACTED]
Seward Alaska. 99664
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susie Dotson](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Fw: Fiscal working group
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 3:59:41 PM

Susan Dotson

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Ketchikan, AK. 99901

From: Susie Dotson
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Senator.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov <Senator.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Representative.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov <Representative.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>; Senator.Shelley.Hughes@akleg.gov <Senator.Shelley.Hughes@akleg.gov>; Senator.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov <Senator.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>; Senator.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov <Senator.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>; Representative.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov <Representative.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov>; Representative.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov <Representative.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Representative.Kevin.McCabe@akleg.gov <Representative.Kevin.McCabe@akleg.gov>; Senator.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov <Senator.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov>; Senator.Mike.Shower@akleg.gov <Senator.Mike.Shower@akleg.gov>; Representative.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov <Representative.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Representative.Mike.Prax@akleg.gov <Representative.Mike.Prax@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fiscal working group

Dear Fiscal Policy Working Group members, I write to you, as an Alaskan of 65 lifelong years.

As you deliberate and work to formulate a just PFD for the over 600,000 eligible Alaskans, please remember that 130,000 Alaskans are Senior citizens, as I am. Thirty percent (30%) of Senior households have incomes of below \$30,000 per year. My income from SSA is only \$13,000 a year. I always used my PFD for property tax, winter heating bills, and general living expenses. Over the last 6 years, the Legislature has taken from me and all Alaskans over \$10,000.

Your recommendations and agreement on the 2021 PFD will have a dramatic effect on 30,000 plus Seniors, in addition to all other Alaskans. To put that into perspective, legislators will be receiving over \$36,000 tax-free per diem payments for a mere 4 months of living expenses.

While a few Alaskans may not "need" the PFD, they are certainly entitled to it by the 1982 statutory formula for the PFD. It wasn't until SB26 was passed in 2015 that the confiscation of the PFD began. This confiscation needs to end.

A constitutional amendment for the PFD will protect it permanently! I support passing a PFD resolution now, with no more paid out for government than for Alaskans. It is time to take the PFD off the table, so the Legislature can do the job they were elected to do, instead of wasting your time fighting over Alaskans rightfully owned Permanent Fund and PFD.

Thank you for your time.

Susan Dotson

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Ketchikan, AK. 99901

From: [Mary Ann Borchert](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Fwd: Alaska budgeting
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 11:02:55 AM

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Subject: Alaska budgeting

Thank you to the bipartisan task force for trying to find solutions to our budget problems! My biggest concern is that we're not considering the fact that our economy has changed a lot over the last 50 years and we need to change our thinking.

As a retiree with limited income from pension and savings, with my own budgeting I know I have to change my approach to spending over time.

We are lucky to have had the oil income and the PFD, but as individuals we should be responsible for our own income.

Capping the PFD would help balancing the budget by eliminating the moving target of a bouncing PFD. I believe I should contribute to the state for the services I receive, and I would be willing to consider an income tax as we paid 50 years ago when I first arrived in Alaska. It just makes sense, though I know other considerations would have to be added.

Mary Ann Borchert
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From: [Bruce Gordon](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: hearings on budget items
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 9:35:28 PM

Tax the foreign oil companies as well as the least intrusive tax on Alaskans. You the legislature and especially the administration have made the PFD a bribe and abused it to benefit political aims. A formula could eliminate some of that bribery. We should not go into debt for a PFD. You have been favoring large corporations instead of the constitutionally mandated "people of the state". Please stop that.

Allowing legislators that work for oil companies' to vote on relevant laws is a major ethics problem/;/

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Jessica Wesley](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 3:54:23 PM

It's not right you people are stealing our pfd. That money belongs to Alaskans.

From: [Rick Oldham](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 11:34:44 AM

Please restore the original PFD
Richard Oldham.

From: [Patricia Chesbro](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: My Thoughts
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 11:24:15 AM

I know that Alaska's fiscal situation is precarious. I know that it is expensive to live here and support Alaska's people. I also know that we are a relatively new state and suffer from the lack of centuries of infrastructure development. I also know that, though we pride ourselves on self-sufficiency, we appear unwilling to pay for the services we and others need.

I suggest we use information from our researchers to make the decision. I also think our legislature needs to make the decision to move us forward. People will not vote to tax themselves.

A Feb. 2017 research paper from the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) is titled *Effect of Alaska Fiscal Options on Children and Families*

Cutting the PFD is most costly to families with children, especially to single parent families. A graduated income tax is the least costly revenue generating option for the single parent family. (it is the most costly for households without children, while their PFD cut is less costly).

In that paper, the authors also explore other options. Perhaps we need a tax package, rather than just a tax.

In May 2019, ISER presented a paper titled, *What do we know about the effects of the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend?* Clearly, it is important in Alaska and probably should remain in some form.

Some of the main findings to consider include:

- Alaskans spend more on non-durables (e.g. food, fuel, clothing) in the first quarter after the dividend payment
- the PFD has a small, but positive effect on birth weight and childhood obesity, especially for low income mothers
- the PFD has resulted in substantial poverty reductions for rural Alaska Natives, especially the elderly
- The PFD increases income inequality (probably because there is no

income requirement.)

Thanks for the work you are doing.

Pat Chesbro

From: [John Dittrich](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: No taxes for a dividend!
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 12:54:13 PM

The dividend should only be paid if our current revenue steams exceed our expenditures. If there are “profits” remaining those should be divided up among the residents. If not, no dividend.

Creating a new branch of state government (which will obviously add more cost) simply to collect taxes to then take and distribute back as a dividend is utter nonsense!

Further the dividend is taxable. Why should we on average give 20% of the states money to the federal government? If this money was instead retained by the state and used for the public good the state has access to 100% of it!

Stop the madness and end the dividend unless there are truly profits remaining!

Thank you,

John Dittrich
Anchorage
District 25

From: [Randall Hughes](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Permanent Fund issue
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 9:31:10 AM

Good morning,

I can't make Thursday nights open house but I felt I should voice my concerns. The State is stealing the pfd from the residents of this great state. It is not our faults that those in Juneau can't balance a budget. Taking the pfd is not a solution. Just like Alaska residents shouldn't use the pfd in their yearly budget, neither should the State.

The pfd was started for the residents of this state, not the government. Taking half of the pfd was meant with opposition. We were told it was only going to happen once. But it happened 3 times. Then we voted in people promising to return our pfd, that hasn't happened. The formula was working fine until the State got greedy and can't control their spending.

Give the pfd, all the pfd, back to the residents of Alaska or give one big pay out, based on how long people have lived here, and end it after that.

Thank you,

Randy Hughes

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Dawn Maness](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: PFD AND AK BUDGET
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 7:28:29 PM

Representatives, Alaska residents should get the full PFD. Follow the law. Make it part of the constitution. No Reverse Sweep.

Do not fund those programs. Cut the budget!! I know you love big government, But Alaskan citizens do not! Do your job! Marxist Democrats and squishy Republicans Will be replaced. America First! Dawn Maness

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Duane Bannock](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Cc: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Rep. Ronald Gillham](#)
Subject: PFD Change suggestion
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 1:42:52 PM
Attachments: [The Bannock PFD Plan.docx](#)

Member of the Fiscal Policy Working Group:

Thank you for taking the time to read my idea. It is based on past and even present state and federal government funding programs. The goal of my plan is avoid paying a PFD to ALL while collecting back a portion from SOME. It will NOT be popular....

In simple summary:

The PFD would be converted to an age & needs based test

If you're still reading, here are the particulars, corresponding history associated and net fiscal affect

1. Only those age 18 and over will qualify to receive the divided
2. Only those with income less than \$61,000* annually will qualify

*this amount is suggested based on average wage data provided by SoA DoL. The plan is not limited to this amount and, if the means testing standard of annual wage were to be used, it would need to be adjusted annually as well for dividend application purposes.

Historical correlation:

In 2003, then-Governor Frank Murkowski authored a plan to radically alter the Longevity Bonus. As a reminder, the original Longevity Bonus was based only on 2 factors: age and time of residency in Alaska.

After much hue and cry, we have a program today that remains age based, yet adds an element of need. The wealthiest Alaskan's regardless of age or time of residency do not qualify for the program any longer.

Also, the recent federal stimulus and aid checks have been age and income based. It's true that children were included in one round of payments, but at a reduced rate and paid directly to the parents.

Still reading?

The original statutory formula must be amended or deleted rather than just being ignored as is the case now. Attached is my commentary and a specific proposal using estimates for discussion purposes. (I have the privilege of hosting radio station KSRM's "Sound Off" call-in talk show; this was originally promoted there)

Thank you for reading

Duane Bannock

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Kenai, AK 99611

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From: [judy saylor](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: PFD,
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 2:50:06 PM

Just a personal thought on this subject:

I don't think the legislature will listen to the people at all. I believe they want access to the entire permanent fund and will spend it until it's gone as well as every other savings account they have available. They're already considering more accounts for their shell game.

If the people could get the statutory amount for their PFD, our economy would prosper but our legislature wants to keep those funds out of this states economy. It's impossible to fix stupid, so here we are and here we'll stay!

Chuck Saylor
Ninilchick, AK 99639

From: [Christa McMaster](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: PFD
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 1:36:21 PM

- We, the people of Alaska, have had our rightful PFDs incrementally stolen from us for 6 years now, as of July 1, 2021.
- The narrative of “It’s either government services or a bigger PFD” is FALSE because the recent Legislatures, using SB 26, ignored the traditional statutory formula laws with a 50/50 split between the people’s PFDs and distributed revenue for state government.
- Alaskans, particularly those in the private sector and low- and middle-income families are hurting, while the state government twiddles its thumbs, sitting atop all of this potential PFD payout monies, while no state government employees have lost their jobs during this Covid-19 pandemic.
- There is money to pay a full statutory PFD this year and to balance the budget if the Legislature uses the traditional statutory PFD formula laws from the ERA and a 50/50 split.
- ALL of the current proposed constitutional amendments using a POMV scrap the ERA and end the successful PFD program in place from 1982 to 2015. ALL of these are continued efforts to steal our rightful PFD monies.*
- We could support an amended SJR6 proposed constitutional amendment, if these are included:
 - (1) Repeal of SB 26 (found in Chapter 16 SLA 18);
 - (2) Retention of the traditional statutory PFD formula laws;
 - (3) Retention of the ERA so as to allow any unencumbered amounts AFTER PFD distribution and matching revenue for state government;
 - (4) and putting the PCE program into this amended SJR6.
- The Legislature should pass this amended SJR6, so that Gov. Dunleavy can sign it, and so that Alaskan voters can vote on it!

Christa McMaster
Juneau, AK

From: [Greg Pike](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: PFD
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 3:32:45 PM

Please go back to constitutional PFD. Pass pfd formula with no less than 50/50 split

Regards

Greg Pike

[REDACTED]

Wasilla, AK 99623

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From: [Carol Kilvrow](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Pfd
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 11:23:01 AM

In response to your session on Thursday

The 50 50 by gov os great idea. Controls should be put on legislators who havent been able to do their job. Pfd shouldn't be a honeypot at the expense of Alaskans! Carylee Kilgrow [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [Kylie Briles](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Please help support a constitutional pfd
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 5:42:23 PM

Hi I was emailing in to ask the legislators help to support a constitutional pfd. I am a born and raised Alaskan and it's has helped my family and my children's family. To watch what has happened since Walker allowed the raid, it's just unacceptable. The fact that it continues to happen is unacceptable. By supporting a constitutional pfd it makes that not allowed any longer. The only thing it's hurting is the hard working people of Alaska like myself. I worked in the restaurant industry making great money until the pandemic and lost my job. Even with the help I was making more money before. Trying to catch back up a \$2,350 pfd would help me achieve that and I know many many Alaskans would agree. There are many who lost jobs but also business who sunk that they don't ever get back. So please help to make the pfd safe and not allowed to be raided any longer. It's just hurting the Alaskans which is who it was created for. Thank you!

From: [Glenn Cravez](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: public comment on Alaska's need for a long range fiscal plan
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 2:02:32 PM

Thank you for working with each other to develop a comprehensive long range fiscal plan for Alaska. No longer can we afford to “kick the can down the road.”

To me it is more important to fund essential government services than it is to fund large PFD checks. We have to be adults and recognize that the free ride is over. Nor can we “cut the budget” to close the fiscal gap. The budget has been cut substantially already. To the point where essential services are not being adequately funded.

We are the only state in the country that doesn't have a broad based tax (sales tax or income tax). And we hand out PFD checks. I've lived here 40 years, and yes, that's been nice, but it wasn't supposed to last forever. Now is the time of reckoning. If we want Alaska to be the sort of place that attracts businesses and employees, we have to adequately fund k-12, pre-k, higher education, health and social services, transportation (including ferries for our coastal communities), public safety, and more. We can't have a bright future, and compete for these businesses and employees with other communities, if we aren't committed to paying for these essential services. Please work together to ensure that Alaska is an attractive place to live, work, and play for the next generation and the generation after that.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Glenn Cravez. 2810 Kingfisher Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99502.

Law Office of Glenn E. Cravez, Inc.

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From: [Me](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Public input on budget
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:52:16 AM

Overdrawing the Permanent Fund would be a continuation of kicking the can down the road. Beyond that, doing so is horribly irresponsible to our future.

The 50/50 plan requires us to create new revenue. So it's counter-productive. Corporations do not pay dividends on money they haven't yet made.

If we are concerned about people dropping into poverty if they don't receive a PFD, then the PFD can be made needs-based.

Minors' PFDs should be placed in an interest-bearing trust, unless the family lives below the poverty line.

If the "oil belongs to all of us, so we each deserve a piece", then we each deserve a piece of minerals, salmon, timber, tourist revenue, etc. This kind of thinking generally repulses the majority of Alaskans as being "socialism".

I prefer to see a budget that prioritizes the needy and helps create a more desirable environment for a diversified economy. If this requires taxation, then I'm ok with that, as long as SB21 is revoked. The PFD can be a tax credit.

Thank you,

Jennifer Huvar
Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

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I'll be off the grid and unable to call in. Please fwd to whoever is collecting responses for the committee...

Income Tax Revenue

We need an income tax. We've had a 40 year tax holiday and it's time for it to end. If we'd collected a modest income tax the past 40 years, we'd have much better problems right now. Pull the lever.

Forgone Oil Revenue

We need to reconsider revenues we forgo from our oil. That money would be better spent on incentivizing new energy sources and networks. For example, a clean hydrogen AMHS. Pull the lever.

PFD Spending

We needs to develop a more moderate PFD formula that we can actually follow without breaking the bank. It's a tradeoff I don't like making but it's part of an all-in solution and one lever we've already pulled.

Government Spending

We have already made deep cuts to services and the University. The legislature should continue their ongoing annual evaluation of spending priorities but shouldn't cut any deeper here until the other levers get pulled.

Those are the big four.

Pat Race
Juneau, AK

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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July 26, 2021



Alaskans invited to testify on proposals to solve the State's financial challenges
Comprehensive Fiscal Plan Working Group to hold a series of hearings to receive input from Alaskans ahead of upcoming special session

ANCHORAGE – The Comprehensive Fiscal Plan Working Group, formed ahead of an upcoming special session to propose solutions to the state's financial problems, announced a series of opportunities for public testimony.

Alaskans are encouraged to share their perspectives with lawmakers on the issues raised during the working group's hearings so far, namely: the State's financial outlook, how to solve the structural budget deficit, options to protect the Permanent Fund and the Dividend Program, and potential new revenues and spending reductions.

Testimony will be heard at the following places and times:

- **ANCHORAGE** – Thursday, July 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office at 1500 W Benson Boulevard, Anchorage, AK 99503. *Livestream on [AKL.tv](#).*
- **WASILLA** – Friday, July 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Mat-Su Legislative Information Office at 600 Railroad Avenue #1, Wasilla, AK 99654. *Audio only on [AKL.tv](#).*
- **FAIRBANKS** – Saturday, July 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fairbanks Legislative Information Office at 1292 Sadler Way #308, Fairbanks, AK 99701. *Audio only on [AKL.tv](#).*
- **JUNEAU** – Monday, August 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Alaska State Capitol

Senate Finance Committee Room 532. Streamed live on [AKL.tv](#).

Individuals who are unavailable to testify in person will have the opportunity to participate during the Juneau hearing on Monday, August 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. During that hearing, Juneau residents can call 907-586-9085, Anchorage residents can call 907-563-9085, and other Alaskans can call 844-586-9085 anywhere else.



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From: [Courtney King](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Restore our PFD
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 12:12:24 PM

I am emailing to stress my complete support of the constitutional PFD. As an Alaskan, I really care about our PFD and the opportunities it provides for us and our younger generations. The PFD is owed to us and we should receive every penny of what is owed to us. It should not be budgeted down.

Courtney King

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Fairbanks, AK 99709

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From: [Ina Smith](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Save my PFD and Pass a Sustainable Budget
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 1:54:36 PM

Please PASS a PFD formula in the Constitution with no less than 50/50 split for Alaskans who own the Fund. And it's time to pass a sustainable budget plan. Let the People vote on the PFD and Fund! It's time and the people of Alaska are rising up. We are getting fed up with all the stealing you have done. We have just come out of a pandemic and most of you could care less. Governor asked for a economic dividend to be paid to us and again you were heartless. It's time to right every Alaskan. Pay us our full and back PFD's. Get the budget under control, quit giving into your Special Interest groups b4 everybody. They should be last.

Ina Smith


Soldotna, AK 99669

40 year Alaskan Resident!

Sent from my iPad

From: [terrance coe](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Save the PFD
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 11:48:21 AM

That money belongs to Alaskans. It is not the governments to money to take. We are not going to let Alaska be stolen from us like they are trying to do to our country. These politicians need to be held accountable for theft! Thank you to those who are fighting for Alaskans. Let's clean house and get rid of the scum!

Sincerely
Terry Coe, Kodiak

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Kylie Briles](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Support a Constitutional PFD
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 5:35:00 PM

Hello,

I was contacting you to ask for your support for a constitutional pfd. Not just for my family and I but for the rest of the Alaskans who rightfully deserve it. It seems as if some of the legislators who are not supporting this haven't been hit by the financial down fall that so many have over the last year but also the last handful of years where are kids, families and communities were hoping for our full pfd's. Please support a constitutional pfd so that this raiding that in my opinion should never have been allowed doesn't happen anymore. Protect the pfd but most importantly please protect the people of Alaska who are giving you a job. Thank you!

From: [Jeremy Kylie Briles](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Support Constitutional PFD
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 5:29:41 PM

To whom it may concern,

I'm a born and raised Alaska , my Grandparents and parents on both sides have been here since the early 1950's and we are now raising my children here. The PFD has helped my family since I can remember year after year and in my case with my college. For my young family, especially recently it helps allow my kids to play sports, feed them, allow us to get to enjoy our beautiful state with camping and fishing, pay for utilities and help just get us through our daily lives. I know not just my family got hit hard with the pandemic and now our taxes and child tax credit money is on hold due to the pandemic also so it would help us out tremendously to get a pfd that isn't even the full pfd but a good portion to get us through but also to protect it by putting it in the constitution. Please do right by Alaskans and future Alaskans I know we are all counting on you all to do so. Thank you!

From: [Britta Johnson](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTIONAL PFD
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:44:14 PM

I SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTIONAL PFD.

I ask you to PASS a PFD formula in the Constitution with no less than 50/50 split for Alaskans who own the Fund.

Pass a sustainable budget plan

Let the People vote on the PFD and Fund!

Restore the PFD.

Britta Johnson



Fairbanks 99701

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: [Ginterak](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: Tax Now
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 3:02:59 PM

Dear Legislators,

I have been asking House Democrats to look at a real progressive income tax NOT coupled to federal tax liability that would generate almost \$2B/year for years. I couldn't even get a pulse from the entire crew :-)

In the meantime the legislature has been unable to protect workers comp med benefits, unable to reign in AKDOT or AKDPS at all with respect to their war on pedestrians and bicyclists, unable to address a viable criminal justice system, etc.

I understand a lot of the dysfunction is due to a few delusion legislators, but I don't see the rest of you taking aggressive stands against this disease, and some of our most effective legislators have been unseated because they were not sufficiently insane.

This is a statewide public health issue, and the mental disease of our legislators must come before a fiscal plan. Once we can be certain that those suffering from syphilis or other disease are addressed, the first order of business should be to zero out all PFDs until a progressive income tax not linked to federal returns is adopted such that it produces at a minimum \$1.5M net annually.

Few Alaskans made any net payment for any state or local service from 1985 to 2015. It's high time Alaskans paid their own way instead of wasting our sovereign wealth corpus.

Then we need to terminate ALL oil subsidies and credits. If no one wants to use the Pipeline they had best pop for the 8 billion they have been sitting for R&R right away. Alaska was fine before oil, and it will be fine after oil. Otherwise BigOil needs to be paying a HUGE premium for producing oil in a place where there is no live fire. Nobody need be a petrosurf.

Third, we need to turn the Governor's Mansion into a museum celebrating Dunleavy Budget Cuts. The Governor, being a good hustler of dark money, can find a place to live on his own. Call it HillCorpHouse... and maybe we can build it close to a correctional center so his appointees find it convenient.

Fourth, so many Alaskans are covered by government funded health insurance that we need a transparent and universal front end run by the State. This would save us millions in hidden costs, loss of work, and administrative overhead and produce a healthy Alaska.

There.

All solved.

Marc Grober.

From: [Peter Katsur](#)
To: [Fiscal Policy](#)
Subject: The Permanent Fund's Future, From An Alaskan
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 1:36:17 PM

Dear Representatives, as an Alaskan I am concerned for Alaska's future. As we all know the state is at a crossroads regarding how to handle the Permanent Fund, given the current and future economic climate. While it is tempting to spend the fund now to stimulate the market (whether the money would even stay in Alaska or spent elsewhere is debatable), this is likely kicking the can down the road for a much bigger issue whose outlook is becoming more certain by the day. Alaska is unfortunately a one trick pony when it comes to revenue, and it's future is rapidly becoming clearer. Alaska's oil output is a quarter of its peak in the 1980s and falling lower every year. If we're being realistic then it's safe to say ANWR is unlikely to ever be developed, and other large projects such as the Willow are becoming questionable, oil companies don't have the money for big investments like they use to especially when the politics and courts are preventing development. The ANWR lease sale outcome is another example of this reality.

The Permanent Fund is Alaska's only future if we invest it right to generate revenue, to replace oil. We should be thankful that the fund is nearly large enough to generate enough to fund the state government, and hopefully avoid significant taxes on sales/income. The PFD was great for the days when oil could be developed and Alaska's economy could be sustained by that industry, but the writing is on the wall that those days are numbered and we only have one real solution.

Please consider Alaska's long-term economic reality when discussing changes to the Permanent Fund. The pandemic will be over eventually and we do not want to be trading the Permanent fund, and Alaska's future, for potential short-term gains.

Thank you
Peter Katsur