

From: Shelly Shupe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 11:32 AM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Budget & PFD

Good morning ladies and gentlemen,

Here we are again, for the 6th year in a row trying the same things and expecting different results.

It is way beyond time to reign in our state spending. There are the “must have” programs and there are the “wants and nice to have” programs. It is time to take a look at and eliminate or significantly reduce the “nice to have”.

It is also fair for the residents of Alaska to expect our legislature to spend within its means and to constantly put a focus on new and innovative ways to generate new revenues through our natural resources, tourism etc. That is what you are elected and hired to do. Over the last 6 years the only new and innovative ways to generate revenue has been to outright steal the peoples portion of the Permanent Fund. That is not an acceptable solution. Our PFD should NEVER have been made a budgetary item through our courts. What a sham.

Reign it in folks. We hired you to work out a balanced budget based on the revenues that are intended for state spending, NOT by blatantly stealing our share. Have you noticed that this particular solution hasn't really fixed anything? Do you realize that until you face the actual million pound gorilla in the room that nothing will get fixed?

You have stolen approximately \$15,000 from my household since this theft began. The only service that I can see that we are receiving in lieu of our money is plowed highways. We don't have children in our public school system or attending our university. We are not on Medicaid or welfare, we do not receive food stamps or housing assistance. We do not apply for or receive heating assistance. Literally the only service we received for that \$15,000 is plowed highways. I guarantee you that we haven't gotten OUR money's worth.

I would like to ask you all some questions; what are those family's that use their child's PFD to save for college doing now? What are you saying to those families when you continue to steal from their college savings? Perhaps that child isn't a scholarship candidate academically and their PFD is their best hope to attend. Do you realize what a profound and negative impact your actions are having on a lot of our Alaskan youth?

What about Pick-Click-Give? I would guess that program is suffering painfully through these cuts. I imagine that folks have had to tighten their belts quite a bit over the last 18 months and can't afford to give anything out of a \$525 joke of a PFD.

Alaska needs you all to come into this special session with your best and most serious resolve to finally make fundamental changes to the train wreck that has become our states economy. Give the people their FULL PFD and let us fix our own fiscal situations and our own local economies.

FOLLOW THE LAW ladies and gentlemen, and please, keep the weepy, whiny and condescending house floor speeches to a minimum. We are very, very tired of the theatrics and the drama involved with the peoples business lately.

That's all I have for the moment. I will do my best to call this evening. I work retail and am not off until 8:30pm, but I will call in then. Have a good and productive day for the good people that you represent.

-Shelly Shupe

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Paul Berry <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Alaska's financial future

Hello,

My name is Paul Berry and I live in Gustavus, Alaska. I am a lifelong resident of Alaska and I have received every permanent fund check since they started coming out in 1982. It was always my understanding that the permanent fund was to replace oil wealth once the oil wealth disappeared and we are pretty much getting there.

Unfortunately, over 30 years of receiving "free" money has made many Alaskans feel overly privileged. Like that the receiving of a PFD check is a right, but it is not a right. It is something that happened when the State was getting more money than it really knew what to do with so they spread it around, a good thing, but that spreading around also created a false notion.

The state of Alaska should adopt an income tax. The State needs more sources of revenue rather than cutting more services. The current governor has made a cruel sport of pitting Alaskans to choose PFD checks against state services. His anti-tax mindset will do the State great harm in the short and long run. We may hate paying taxes but we need state services and a functioning state government if we are to survive as a society.

It is fine with me if the PFD checks go away and just use the permanent fund earnings to fund state government.. I don't think it is bad to both have an income tax and a small PFD check as it will allow young people to build up savings (or buy new toys).

My priority is to see the legislature propose new revenue sources and for the governor to have the courage to let the new proposals see the light of day. If anything needs less of a subsidy from the state it is the oil industry. Climate change is hitting Alaska hard now and will hit us even harder in the years to come. The oil industry has done well from the oil of Alaska but the burning of that oil is going to hurt our way of life more and more as time progresses. People can be very near sighted but as legislators you have to take the long view, our collective future depends on it.

Sincerely,

Paul Berry

From: Linda Breiner <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony for putting the PFD into the Constitution

I would like the PFD to be permanently taken away from the legislature hands!

I own quite a bit of property and I want my share. It is not a give away, so stop using this money!!

Linda Breiner

Talkeetna Resident : }

From: Leon J. <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 12:14 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Cc: Ellen Jaimes <ellenparryjaimes@gmail.com>
Subject: Feedback on Comprehensive Fiscal Plan Working Group

Hello,

Our family lives in University Area in Anchorage. We believe in protecting the Permanent Fund, even if that means reduced PFD from time to time. That said, it seems like reducing oil tax credits would make more sense as a first step. Prior strategies to increase revenue for the state by increasing credits have not worked out, so maybe we can cut our losses on that failed experiment. In addition, the PCE really should not be subject to being cut and that seems completely unfair to cut that funding, and it seems to be that it is being used for leverage. I think it is unconscionable that public utilities, which would affect personal safety of many Alaskans, would be used as leverage, and that would even be possible.

Thank you all for your hard work!

Warm regards,

Leon Jaimes [mobile]

From: James Ferguson <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 12:32 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Permanent Fund Dividend

Good afternoon all. Why is the Alaska State Legislature majority and their cronies trying to steal from what is truly all Alaskans gift? This Permanent Fund Dividend signed into law by the late Governor Hammond and Attorney General Avrom? Why are so many in your ranks trying so hard to pay back special interest groups and lobbyists?

While your arguments may hold some merit regarding the truly needy...paying the full dividend amount to the average family would increase their quality of life. Your decision and votes are being tracked more than ever. Your constituents are becoming more and more aware of the corruption that is rampant among both major parties. Your choices will not go unnoticed.

James Ferguson
Bethel, AK 99559-2014

From: Linda Hill <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. Mike Prax <Rep.Mike.Prax@akleg.gov>
Subject: Unpaid PFD

Linda & Dwight Hill

To: Anna McKinnon, Acting Director, Permanent Fund Division, Alaska Dept. of Revenue,
PO Box 110460 Juneau, AK 99811-0460

Re: Dividend underpayment for years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

My name is Dwight S. Hill

My mailing address is 12410 Hapa Circle, Anchorage, AK 99515

My email is Aktxhill@yahoo.com

My Phone is 907-301-6126

I am writing to notify you that I have not yet received the full amount of the permanent fund dividend I was eligible to receive for dividend years (circle those that apply) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021

As you know, an individual who complies with the stipulations of AS 43.23.005(a) is eligible to receive one permanent fund dividend in an amount to be determined under AS 43.23.025. I complied with the stipulations of AS 43.23.005 for years (circle 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019) (Electronic application forms attesting to these facts are on file with your office.) Therefore, to the best of my knowledge, I was eligible for and should have received the following payments:

\$2,085 for dividend year 2016, \$2,458 for dividend year 2017, \$2,924 for dividend year 2018, \$2,884 for dividend year 2019, \$2895 for dividend year 2020, and \$3687 for dividend year 2021

But I have only received the following payments:

\$1,022 in October of 2016, \$1,100 in October of 2017, \$1,600 in October of 2018, and \$1,606 in October of 2019 and 992 in 2020, and nothing for 2021

Based on the annual rate of return posted on line 1 column G of the June 30th reports by the APFC board of Trustees and the back owed balances, I am owed the unpaid balance, plus the earnings on that sum (circle one below).

Since 2016	Since 2017	Since 2018	Since 2019	Since 2020	Since 2021
\$13,564.60	\$11,746.18	\$9,650.96	\$7,806.31	\$6,131.59	\$3,687

If you wish, you may deposit the payment to the bank account I listed on the PFD application form I submitted for the 2021 dividend year. Otherwise, please mail the check to my mailing address on file at your office.

Signature Dwight S. Hill 8/2/2021

Email to fiscal.policy@akleg.gov cc rep.mike.prax@akleg.gov

To: Anna McKinnon, Acting Director, Permanent Fund Division, Alaska Dept. of Revenue,
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Signature L. L. Hill 8/2/2021

Email to anna.mckinnon@alaska.gov

From: mark schillzonts <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 1:01 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

Give the people the amount due or follow Dunleavy's plan. Cut spending, create Casinos, start a lottery. Many other ways to generate income. Stop taking from them people of Alaska.

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

From: Angel Seafler <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 1:06 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD!!!

Stop stealing from the PFD !!!!

Balance your budget properly! The PFD should have never been an option. That money belongs to the people.

Thanks,
Angel Seafler

From: MaryBea Byrne <MaryBea.Byrne@akleg.gov>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 1:50 PM

To: Ryan Johnston <Ryan.Johnston@akleg.gov>

Subject: FW: SWSA-20-Final-WEB.pdf AK AUDIT.pdf

From: K, E, & E Martin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, August 01, 2021 7:53 AM

To: Sen. Lora Reinbold <Sen.Lora.Reinbold@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ronald Gillham <Rep.Ronald.Gillham@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mia Costello <Sen.Mia.Costello@akleg.gov>; Sen. Peter Micciche <Sen.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Gary Stevens <Sen.Gary.Stevens@akleg.gov>; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Rep. Steve Thompson <Rep.Steve.Thompson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Robert Myers <Senator.Robert.Myers@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; governor@alaska.gov; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>; Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>; Sen. Roger Holland <Senator.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov>; Sen. Scott Kawasaki <Sen.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>; Sen. Tom Begich <Sen.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov>

Subject: SWSA-20-Final-WEB.pdf AK AUDIT.pdf

My comments to the "Gang of 8 Wise Guys & Gals of our " Comprehensive Fiscal Working Group " Fix what is in this report first before you decide to steal more from the PEOPLES PFD's! Pay the full 1980 Statutory Amount !

Thank you, Ed & Kathleen Martin & Family

KEE Construction,

From: Support <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>
Cc: Laura Bonner <[REDACTED]>
Subject: comprehensive Fiscal Plan

Comprehensive Working Group members
Senator Josh Revak
Representative Laddie Shaw

Any comprehensive fiscal plan must include new revenue sources like a broad base tax (preferably an income tax and not sales tax), a revision of oil tax structure, school tax or a combination of all three. The ISER report to Finance Committees in March 2016 after Alaska lost billions of oil revenue dollars listed the impacts and we had significant negative impacts to capital budget cuts. There was a prediction of future adjustments that would have to be made including spending cuts, taxes and dividend cuts, and it was only a question of when. Those predictions are now facts. Our economy has weakened every year since that report came out and our savings accounts were almost completely depleted. We've lost jobs in both the private and public sectors, our University has cut many degree programs and lost much of the capacity for research data that support industries like fishing, oil and mining etc. The fiscal problems continue because the Legislature only focused on cuts and refused to implement a fiscally responsible plan.

The PFD is really important to many Alaskans but it isn't the most important for Alaska. An overdraw from the ERA is a really bad idea. The recent high gains in investments doesn't mean it should be spent on PFDs now. It is more fiscally responsible to allow that amount to continue to grow. A reasonable PFD amount is \$1000 or less. Any of the 50/50 plans I've seen proposed are all unsustainable. The constitutional amendments, especially those proposed by the Governor, would endanger the Permanent Fund corpus.

PCE should not be in the constitution but should remain until those areas of Alaska have an affordable alternative energy source. That was an agreement so those of us in south central Alaska and other area could benefit from hydro-power and the transmission lines investments.

My recommendations for you:

- Implement a broad-base tax and revisit the oil tax structure

- Reject all the Constitutional amendment proposals at this time
- Appropriate a \$1000 or less PFD
- Repeal the 1982 statute regarding PFD formula
- Pass the Reverse-Sweep to keep PCE, WAMI, Scholarship program and other important funds that Alaskans need

Do what is right to give some certainty in our economy so that young Alaskans and the best employees won't leave Alaska. Pass a comprehensive fiscal plan. Please don't treat the PFD as the most important part of it because it isn't.

Respectfully,
Laura Bonner
Anchorage, AK

From: LIO Fairbanks <Lio.Fairbanks@akleg.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 2:11 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Fiscal Policy Working Group

Good afternoon,

Please accept the emailed testimony below to the Alaska Legislature's Comprehensive Fiscal Plan Working Group.

Thanks,

Jennie Hafele

Fairbanks LIO

907-452-4448

From: Kathleen Sisson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2021 6:08 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Cc: LIO Fairbanks <Lio.Fairbanks@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fiscal Policy Working Group

I firmly believe the Permanent Fund Dividend should be the last amount considered when making financial commitments for the State.

Funding for public services, education at all levels, public safety, infrastructure and more should be the priority in financial planning.

The PFD is a bonus when the State's primary needs are taken care of. It should not be made a part of constitution because the finances of the State vary from year to year.

There should be no more cuts to education, public safety, medical needs, etc.

I am in favor of a low income tax and a low PFD. We had a tax at one time and it was cancelled when the Sate was doing well. I've heard no lawmaker suggest the possibility that a new tax might be cancelled when certain goals are met.

I believe that those who favor a large dividend are thinking of themselves and the next election first rather than the best interests of the State of Alaska.

Thank you for your efforts and best wishes for the outcome.

Kathleen W. Sisson

Ester, Alaska

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

From: Victors_Michael <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 2:48 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Dividend and our kids

Please vote to secure the full dividend for the people of Alaska as it was intended. Tomorrow I'm sending my son off to college with \$30,000 that we've saved mostly from dividend checks. I have another son starting middle school who we are scrambling to find ways to save up money for because our dividend checks have been slashed. Please think about the responsible adults who are actually doing the work to save the money for their kids. It's time to put the middle class first.

Michael Victors

Sent from my iPhone

From: Janet McCabe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony by Janet McCabe

Good evening! I am Janet McCabe, speaking for myself.

1. First and foremost, please protect POMV! Follow your 2018 statute that established this **spending cap** on annual draws from the Earnings Reserve Account. Breaking this spending cap affects revenue streams on an ongoing basis.
2. Breaking POMV would also affect Alaska's bond rating, making it more expensive for the state to finance much needed infrastructure improvements.
3. Regarding the Dividend, please continue to work together to take the issue out of politics.
4. If you decide to do this by making the Dividend part of the split of POMV revenue, by far the largest part should be for public services. **Fifty/fifty is too much for Dividends and not enough for services!**
5. Public services are already cut to the bone. With the vast distances between our communities, it is no surprise that public services are costly.
6. Finally, it is time to establish a substantial new source of state income – preferably a graduated income tax like before oil. This will capture revenue from people who earn in Alaska, benefit from our services, but live outside. **Alaska residents pay taxes to other states where they earn income, but currently, this is a one-way street.**

Thank you for this opportunity.

Janet

From: Kelly Nash <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 2:57 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: My PFD

My name is Kelly Nash. I testified in person on Saturday.

When I think about how hard the last year and half has been and that I was found non essential and been trying to work and keep myself above water and then this gets thrown at us. I wonder how I'm going to give my kids a decent Christmas. I wonder how I am going to go get an eye exam and glasses due to not having insurance.

We look forward to that money. Some of us take time to literally decided what each penny is going to go towards.

I just hope we can put this behind us and all of you can be responsible for normalcy and doing the right thing. This is monumental and we the voters will remember how this was handled.

Kelly Nash

Interior Patriots. us

From: Kaylea Knight <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:00 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD testimony

Hello:

My name is Kaylea Ben-Judah. I am a current resident of Wasilla with my husband Charles Ben-Judah. I was also raised in Wasilla. The PFD made college and college savings funds possible for me and my siblings growing up as we were low-middle income and there were six of us in the household. I expect the Full Statutory PFD and deposited in October this year. Please, don't deny the future of Alaska's children the opportunity my family was given through the PFD.

Thank you,

Kaylea Ben-Judah

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

From: Tiffany Damota <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:05 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: I want my full PFD

Hi I am writing on behalf of myself, my husband, and my children. We want a full statutory Pfd and our stolen money back. You had no right to steal from my family and we need the money now! We will not accept anything less and will help vote out anyone who is not doing their job. It's not ok to steal and you are not above the law! Nothing less then a full Pfd is acceptable! Balance your budget without stealing. If you can not do it then step down and let someone else represent Alaskans.

Tiffany DaMota Supplee

From: Fritz Gunlik <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:16 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: AK PFD

Growing up in bush Alaska, the PFD was always a booster and was disbursed at just the right times! With the cost of living going up and no PCE and very limited job opportunities in the Bush, we are going to need full PFD's this year and every year to come! Alaskans will spend their PFD's in the Alaskan economy for clothes, food, pay bills, heating fuel and machinery and parts to maintain our transportation. Our transportation provides us with subsistence food, and a lot of our lifestyle is ""do-it-yourself"" requiring use of our vehicles, like hauling a drum of stove oil from the station to pump it out ourselves. Don't be so insensitive and assume we could just get up and find a job or move to find a job, this is our home and the PFD is part of our life-line! SAVE THE PFD!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Puvurna power <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:30 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PCE and PFD FY2022

This is Roderick Phillip from Kongiganak, Alaska. I have been managing Puvurna Power Company for several years now.

PCE: Power cost equalization program has been an important role in our company and community to alleviate the cost of electricity. The average customer that consumes 500 kwh per month gets a bill of \$325 but PCE deducts their bill by \$147 in which after pce the customer gets a bill of \$178. Rural Alaskan residents pay half or more of their income towards energy which is the highest in United States.

PFD: Permanent Fund Dividend has played a major role in Alaska. It boosts the economy in Alaskan businesses. It also helps Alaskan to catch up on bills that have been piling up during the year. Without the PFD rural Alaskan who have the highest cost of living in the United States will suffer the most. Much of rural Alaska depends on this to get the much needed supplies for the harsh winter ahead.

Overall these two programs are the biggest help to all Alaskans and businesses. Without these 2 programs our economy in Alaska will crumble. Many Alaskans will not be happy in Alaska who highly depend on these programs to survive financially in Alaska with the high cost of living. During the pandemic these 2 programs are a must!!! With the cost of living skyrocketing already due to the pandemic is already a chaos for rural Alaskans already. Adding salt to the wound is not a good idea at the time. If PCE and PFD are not funded this would be a political suicide for all politicians.

Roderick Phillip

PPC Manager
[REDACTED]

From: Sheylyn Cato <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:34 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Stop the Steal!

Good afternoon,

I am a life long Alaskan residing in Eagle River. I respectfully request that the PFD be dispersed with the original calculations, to include the payback of the last few years stolen/confiscated dividends and no more stealing Alaskan's PFDs for frivolous State spending! Such a waste. Not that it's your business how we spend OUR money, but our family doesn't go out and buy big screen tvs or a bunch of junk...we catch up on outrageous electric and heating bills throughout the winter and keep food in our young children's bellies. How about you (our bloated government) makes some serious cuts before taking the people's funds and taxing us to death.

Sheylyn Cato

From: Jessica Darrington <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:35 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject:

The Permanent Fund Dividend was never intended to fund government spending. The dividend was intended for the Alaskan people, to help boost our local economy. As a lifelong Alaskan, I am appalled that our elective officials have been stealing money from the people for as long as they have. We need to either return to the original formula, or vote to approve a new one (a vote by the people, NOT the legislature). We, the people, should not merely be grateful for whatever the powers that be are gracious enough to give us. We, the people, should be outraged (as many of us are) that our elected officials are not listening to the majority, and are hiding out in Juneau. Please make your votes count for the people. Let our voices be heard. Government spending NEEDS to be reigned in. Our state needs to diversify its income. Oil & tourism are wonderful, when outside factors do not inhibit them.

Thank you for your time & consideration. Your neighbors are counting on you!

Sincerely,

Jessica Darrington

Wasilla, AK

From: Kaitlyn Norris <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:43 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Testimony Regarding PFD

Hello,

My name is Kaitlyn Norris. I have been a resident of this state for over 15 years. In the last several years, legislators have spent a massive amount in special sessions, regarding PFD amounts. Each year, residents of Alaska are continually impacted by a lower PFD, as our legislators continue to provide oil companies millions (this coming year 1 billion) in tax credits. I am so beyond frustrated that our representatives are not standing up for what Alaskan residents have been begging for, the full statutory PFD.

The oil companies are not hurting, however your constituents are, especially after a pandemic. Create a brighter future for our state! Please make the change that Alaska needs and implement a full statutory PFD!

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn Norris

From: Tonya Fiori <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:44 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: The pfd aug 2nd special session

I was born and raised in Alaska, and I've stayed here in my adult hood. Because Alaska is a beautiful state, and its my home. My state in its wisdom created the permanent fund and the pfd to ensure the children and citizens of Alaska would have an equal share of our natural resources. The PFD gives children a choice on their future, pursue college, technical career, open a business or just follow a dream. It ensures new snow gear, or paying off taxes or bills before winter strikes. I don't think you realize how much the pfd helps the little guys of Alaska, the every day people of Alaska. We use this money that is ours to fuel the economy, and taking it away is wrong.

I demand as an Alaskan born and raised, with 2 children of my own being raised here. Restore and back pay the Full CONSTITUTIONAL AMOUNT OF OUR PFDs. Thank you

August 2, 2021

Dear Fiscal Working Group Legislators (Fiscal.policy@akleg.gov):

(SENT VIA EMAIL)

Thank you for working diligently and in a bi-partisan manner to come up with proposed solutions to Alaska's continued budget crisis. Your work as a committee is a crucial first step toward moving Alaska away from what has become an annual political mess, with any type of "resolution" seemingly dependent on the current price of oil, as well as which group of constituents and lobbyists shout the loudest—about taxes, the size of the PFD, and which services should or should not be funded.

I've been an Alaska resident for thirty five years, raised both my children here, and have no plans to leave. I believe our state is at a critical juncture, and I write today with a sense of dismay and growing dread. I do not support further cuts to state services. The level of reductions made the past few years, particularly to Alaska's University system and our Alaska Marine Highway is shameful. It is time we stop pretending that the price of oil is going to magically save us—that goose stopped laying solid gold eggs years ago. The good news—the incredibly good news—is that earlier Alaskans were prescient and developed the Permanent Fund so that when oil was no longer sufficient to fund state services, we'd have the ability to not just exist, but to thrive as a state. Indeed, we are in the enviable position of having a sovereign wealth fund that topped \$80 billion in May of this year. Wow!

The Permanent Fund's Board of Trustees has been advising for several years to adopt a POMV approach to funding state services/the dividend, and has more than once raised the alarm bell about drawing down our reserves to unsustainable levels. I do not support putting the PFD in the state Constitution. I do not, nor have I ever, seen the dividend I receive each year, as a right. Instead, I see it as a privilege and an added benefit of living in an incredibly beautiful and culturally rich land. I would like to see the annual dividend checks stop being politicized—it has become to many an entitlement, which I'm afraid has only fueled these annual cries for larger dividends and more cuts to state services.

The old dividend formula is no longer feasible. I'd like to see the PFD capped at somewhere between \$500-\$750, or, perhaps more critically, become a means tested program. This would ensure that those who absolutely require the dividend receive it. For too long, legislators have used the amount of the PFD as a slogan or talking point, and it's time to stop dividing ourselves against one another. Let us instead think about investing in Alaska's future. Consider strengthening our University nursing/health programs in order to attract out of state students; diversify our tourism market and our attraction to those who enjoy hunting, fishing and outdoor activities. This may allow us to attract the increasing number of workers who are not tied to a desk, but can work remotely from anywhere. Why not Alaska?

We absolutely must raise revenue in a variety of ways. I do not support requiring a vote of the people prior to raising taxes. This isn't rocket science—services that we all rely on are not free. Alaska has one of the lowest tax burdens in the country and it's time we begin investing in the future of Alaska, rather than clinging to the past. Each of us must have a stake in the services that many take for granted: education, public safety, social services, safe roads and bridges, an Alaska Marine highway system that is fully functional. Whichever solutions you adopt should consider senior citizens on a fixed income, young families, and our graduates trying to venture out on their own. Toward that end, I would like any/all revenue considerations to be as progressive and fair as possible, so that the burden of paying for services fall as equally among all Alaskans as possible. I do not support stripping away Medicaid funding or other services for needy Alaskans.

Revenue enhancements that I would support include a payroll tax (which would ensure we raise funds from workers who don't live here), some form of an income tax, and higher taxes on oil companies and corporations. While I'm not opposed to a state sales tax, if this is seriously considered, I would like to request that these discussions include the Alaska Municipal League to ensure that local governments are not disproportionately impacted. Other possibilities are increasing the gasoline tax, and imposing a tax on vaping products. The responsibility for our great state is a shared one, during both good times and bad.

Thank you for encouraging public testimony on these important issues. Please, please, do not continue to put off these tough decisions. Thank you for your hard work and service to our great state.

Sincerely,

Patty Ware

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Juneau, AK 99801

From: Justin ross <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:52 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Justin Ross

81.5 billion In the fund, I urge you to pay out the full statutory PFD formula and back pay what is owed to all Alaskans before winter comes. Over the last year many people have gone into debt and are on the edge of losing everything. As our elected leaders that work for us I urge you to do the right thing and pay back what is owed to Alaskans before you have a homeless pandemic!

From: Cheryl Kajdan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Alaska PFD

TO: The Fiscal Plan Working Committee at fiscal.policy@akleg.gov

RE: The Alaska Permanent Fund Payment to Citizens of Alaska

Pay the full PFD to the citizens of Alaska. This program was instituted at the inception of the Permanent Dividend Fund to insure that the legislators didn't fritter away all the wealth that would come down the oil pipeline without benefiting the people of this state. I've been a resident of Alaska since 1977 and must express my dismay that the Alaska Legislature could not develop a budget within the means of our state of Alaska once again during the regular legislative session, even with two extended sessions. We have been living beyond our means since at least 2013 without taking rational steps to insure our fiscal integrity. As a result of this lack of action our economic future and those of our children are in peril. And the only action you can agree on is to take the PFD from the people of Alaska? Or perhaps taxes? There is a saying, where there is no vision the people will perish, and that's where we appear to be today.

What rational steps could be taken to find a solution? What should the state be responsible for and what is personal responsibility? Some choices may include having an independent audit to find out areas to reduce or cut. If there is no agreement on areas to cut, cut programs, operating expenses etc across the board the same per cent. It would soon become apparent what is essential and what isn't. Cut out anything absolutely necessary. And for future years try zero based budgeting.

As a rural resident of Alaska for many years I have seen the PFD buy snowsuits, mittens, boots and other items needed by neighbors and to dig water wells in an area without such conveniences. The PFDs of our children was save to help fund their college educations and help build our home. I know folks who have used them to help build their businesses and provide services in a remote area of the state. Pay the full PFD to the citizens of Alaska.

Cheryl R Kajdan

[REDACTED]

Palmer, AK 99645

crk@mtaonline.net

From: Niki Curnow <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 4:03 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Stealing our PFD

Stop this illegal stealing of our PFD. Follow the law. The \$14,000. you have kept illegally is more than one and a half times what my yearly income is.

Niki J Hawkins

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 4:14 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Cc: Rep. Mike Prax <Rep.Mike.Prax@akleg.gov>

Subject: Follow the statutory PFD law

Follow the law!

Follow the statutory PFD law and give us the PFD that has been stolen from us over the past six years. This theft is particularly hurtful to those of lower income, the retired, the unemployed, the disabled, and the children who will not have college funds.

Cut the budget equally across the board until the state can make ends meet... it's the only fair way to reduce spending. You can't spend what you don't have... how hard is that to understand?

Put our PFD up for a Constitutional vote of the people so we don't have this clown show every year. The legislature accomplishes nothing by bickering over the PFD (it's *NOT* their money) which only wastes money, month after month.

Please see attached my request for my delinquent PFD in the amount of \$13,564.60.

Loretta Horvath
Fairbanks, Alaska resident since 1998

From: KKH Admin Assistant <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 4:32 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: PFD

To whom it may concern!

Please distribute PFD's like you do yearly and not use it for anything else! It is for the people and not any other stuff that you are planning to use it on. Whatever it is that you are trying to use it on, you can use your bonus on! It is hard enough living in our part of rural Alaska! Come and live here and see how it is without your bonus! See how long you will last here without any assistance! Our people are hurting enough! The PFD money belongs to Alaskans and Alaskans only!

Kongiganak Traditional Council

[REDACTED]

Kongiganak, Ak 99545

[REDACTED]

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

From: Cort McCotter <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 4:31 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Follow the statutory PFD Law and Payback everything you have stolen

Follow the statutory PFD Law and Payback everything you have stolen. We voters are watching and paying attention. This years profits have more then doubled the amount it would take to payback what has been stolen and what is owed for this year. Do what is right and follow the law and stop playing games.

Thank you

To: Anna McKinnon, Acting Director, Permanent Fund Division, Alaska Dept. of Revenue,
PO Box 110460 Juneau, AK 99811-0460

Re: Dividend underpayment for years 2016 thru 2021

My name is Maurice C. Mills

My mailing address is 6824 Markgraf Street Soldotna Alaska

My email is morym@alaska.net

My Phone is 907-460-0772

I am writing to notify you that I have not yet received the full amount of the permanent fund dividend I was eligible to receive for dividend years (circle those that apply) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021

As you know, an individual who complies with the stipulations of AS 43.23.005(a) is eligible to receive one permanent fund dividend in an amount to be determined under AS 43.23.025. I complied with the stipulations of AS 43.23.005 for years (circle) 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. (Electronic application forms attesting to these facts are on file with your office.) Therefore, to the best of my knowledge, I was eligible for and should have received the following payments:

\$2,085 for dividend year 2016, \$2,458 for dividend year 2017, \$2,924 for dividend year 2018, \$2,884 for dividend year 2019, \$2895 for dividend year 2020, and \$3687 for dividend year 2021

But I have only received the following payments:

\$1,022 in October of 2016, \$1,100 in October of 2017, \$1,600 in October of 2018, and \$1,606 in October of 2019 and 992 in 2020, and nothing for 2021

Based on the annual rate of return posted on line 1 column G of the June 30th reports by the APFC board of Trustees and the back owed balances, I am owed the unpaid balance, plus the earnings on that sum (circle one below).

Since 2016	Since 2017	Since 2018	Since 2019	Since 2020	Since 2021
\$13,564.60	\$11,746.18	\$9,650.96	\$7,806.31	\$6,131.59	\$3,687

If you wish, you may deposit the payment to the bank account I listed on the PFD application form I submitted for the 2021 dividend year. Otherwise, please mail the check to my mailing address on file at your office.

Signature Maurice C Mills

Email to fiscal.policy@akleg.gov cc rep.mike.prax@akleg.gov

From: Konnie Osborne <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: SAVE MY PFD

I am a constituent in Mat-Su valley, and want you all to know this is "Alaskan residents money" and not at your disposal for use for out of control spending, budgets, special interests pet projects. The past few years you keep coming up with reasons to take more and more away. My husband is disabled, lung cancer, yet he works part time for our livelihood. He worked through this entire plandemic. I can't get SS until nex year. He needs hearing aids, medicare doesn't pay for this. We supplement our needs on PFD to buy extras. Do not steal from us. Current balance owed to each resident is \$10,800. I expect you to savoure your time as a representative for me. I am watching closely.

Respectfully submitted,

Konnie Osborne

[REDACTED]

Wasilla, Alaska 99654

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy , an AT&T LTE smartphone

From: Amy Lujan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 4:57 PM
To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony to Committee - August 2, 2021

Fiscal Policy Working Group members,

Thank you for your important work on this committee. Over the past few days, I have read and heard testimony from many Alaskans that is focused on just one element of Alaska's fiscal puzzle: the PFD. Many Alaskans seem to want nothing more than to get their hands on as much cash as possible, without a true understanding of the "big picture" of Alaska's financial health.

I would like to encourage you, in your role as legislators with a position on this committee, to step back to focus on the big picture, rather than satisfying just one vocal constituency. I appreciate the time that this committee has taken to review current data and to attempt to reach a common understanding of the data.

I have followed Alaska's fiscal saga for nearly three decades now and reviewed countless documents and presentations. As a financial professional and an Alaskan who is deeply concerned about the future of this state, I have reached the following conclusions:

- The 5% POMV draw is a fair and sustainable way to support state services. The fund should not be overdrawn "just this once" to pay a bigger dividend, but instead allowed to grow to sustain us into the future.
- The "old" formula for calculating the dividend needs to be replaced, so that there is no conflict in statute regarding the Permanent Fund and the annual dividend.
- We will need additional revenue from taxes to support the needs of our state going forward. Without investment in education, public safety and other basic services, the needs of Alaskans cannot be met. I support an income tax, leaving sales taxes to support local governments.
- Having lived in rural Alaska for 15 years, I understand that the very idea of pulling PCE funding at the 11th hour is cruel and unprecedented. Anyone contemplating this shows very little understanding of our state.
- The constitutional amendments that the Governor has proposed are short-sighted. They would tie the hands of those in state government in the future to make the best decisions for each new situation. One need only look at California for examples of how this can play out.

Again, I thank you for the careful work you are doing to confront Alaska's fiscal issues and set us on a new path.

Amy Lujan

Juneau

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

From: Dixie D. Banner <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 5:02 PM

To: Fiscal Policy <fiscal.policy@akleg.gov>

Subject: Cut the budget and down size the Government/Quit messing with our PFD!

End the reindeer games!

Listen to us - we know you are not deaf and we are sheep 🐑!

Cut the budget and down size the Government Court Reform We demand respect vs having to tell you over and over! Also, we are tired and fed up with non professionalism that demonstrated in Juneau!

Employment is a must or economy will crash come this winter! People are leaving and prices of food is increasing daily!

Get a grip or leave - we are fed up with incompetent leadership! Yes Natasha needs to go!

Bottom line manage the state in a fiscal manner or leave Juneau! Lastly, No more predieum - heck the the Feds only are offered GSA rates which is a 2/3 less than what you are currently making!

V/r

Dixie

Sent from my iPhone