



3/5/2022

Greetings House Finance Committee.

I am the owner of Bright Beginnings Early Learning Centers, which operates four childcare centers in Anchorage and Eagle River. We are licensed to care for 455 children. Our current enrollment is 287 children. Due to lack of funds, one of our centers is currently closed. Our hope is to reopen this spring, funding permitting. I have owned childcare centers for the past 40 years, 25 of these years in Alaska. I have never seen such difficult operating conditions.

Our centers have been operating at a substantial loss since the beginning of COVID. Operating costs are up approximately 25%, and this includes staff costs. Enrollment is also down. Before COVID, we were operating close to 100% capacity. Because of COVID, our enrollment dropped to approximately 40%. Enrollment is increasing, but not close to the 90% we need to break even. The difficulty of hiring qualified staff is limiting the number of children we can enroll. Nationwide childcare employment levels are 12.4% below pre-pandemic levels.

Quality childcare is vital for the economic recovery of our state. These difficult operating conditions have forced many childcare centers to close, including one of ours. We are thankful for funds made available from the PPP loans, a grant from the Anchorage Assembly, and CARES and ARPA funds. These will come to an end this summer. Without additional support, it is very likely that we will be forced to close our programs. This would be devastating for the 287 children and 80 staff members that are part of our Bright Beginnings family.

One way to assist childcare centers would be to substantially increase the amount of the childcare grant that the State of Alaska has generously provided to childcare providers for many years. This program is already in operation and has been of great support to Bright Beginnings for many years.

Thank you for everything you do to support quality childcare.

Susan DeLoach

Corporate Administrator

Bright Beginnings Early Learning Centers

907-715-0091

Brenda Moore

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, Alaska 99515
[REDACTED]

Alaska State Legislature
House Finance Committee Members

RE: HB 281 House Proposed FY23 Operating Budget

Dear Finance Committee Members

I am writing regarding budget items in the Health And Social Services operating budget. I am very appreciative of the work done by the House Health & Social Services subcommittee and their support of behavioral Health.

I am urging the committee to adopt the subcommittee recommendations to reject the Governor's original cut to the behavioral health treatment and recovery grants and to support the increase of \$959,520. The cut was justified by the Governor stating that the 1115 Waiver made up for the cut. This has not been the case for most providers, especially considering the impacts of developing mandated means to stand up new services, the pandemic and cyber-attack on the Department of Health & Social Services. These increased the cost of carrying out functions critical to providing behavioral health services not reimbursable by the 115 Waiver.

I ask the committee to support the increase of \$346,660 recommended by the Health & Social Services subcommittee for prevention and early intervention grants. Prevention and early intervention ensures Alaskans are served at the lowest level of care possible.

The General Relief rate was increased from \$70/day to \$104.30 by the subcommittee and I ask that you support that increase as the current rate was set in 2002 and has not been adjusted for inflation.

Thank you for your care for and service to Alaskans.

Brenda Moore

To: Alaska State House Finance Committee
Alaska State Senate Finance Committee
From: Alaska Trails Initiative, coalition of trails organizations and local governments

It's Time to Invest in Outdoor Recreation in Alaska: Support for Governor's Department of Natural Resources Budget

Alaska Trails, the statewide non-profit based in Anchorage, is writing to express our support for Governor Dunleavy's proposed **FY2023 capital and operating budgets for the AK Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**.

The DNR Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) needs an expanded operating and capital budget to maintain current facilities and meet growing outdoor recreation demands. To respond, the Governor has recommended three important solutions, which we strongly support:

- FY2023 OPERATING BUDGET FOR DNR: Increase the share of [Vehicle Rental Tax revenues](#) going to DPOR by \$1.3M
- FY2023 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR DNR: Provide \$650,000 for [electronic fee stations](#)
- FY2023 CAPITAL BUDGET FOR DNR: \$1.4M of DNR [sanitation funds for deferred maintenance](#)

Together, these actions will help provide clean accessible parks, create opportunities for Alaskans, and keep our state "open for business."

Alaska has spectacular, world-class, outdoor recreation assets. While we already have impressive outdoor recreation opportunities (as the images show), ***for decades Alaska has invested much less than required to maintain and improve existing facilities and to create the new options needed to respond to ever growing demand.*** This lack of investment means we are missing the chance to grow much needed Alaska-based jobs and business, to build a more durable statewide economy, to open up new ways for Alaskans to be active, healthy and happy outside, and better celebrate and support our diverse cultural traditions.

To reach these goals, we ask for your support in approving Governor's amended FY2023 budget for DNR DPOR.

Thank you for your work for the State of Alaska!

Sincerely,

Alaska Trails

Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation

Anchorage Park Foundation

Interior Alaska Trails and Park Foundation

Denali Borough

Ground Truth Alaska

Sitka Trail Works

Juneau Trail Mix

Fairbanks Cycle Club

Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm

National Heritage Area (KMTA)



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PUBLIC TESTIMONY– House Finance Committee

32nd Alaska State Legislature – 2nd Regular Session

March 4, 2022

Trevor Storrs, President/CEO

Good afternoon. For the record, I'm Trevor Storrs, President/CEO of the Alaska Children's Trust. The Children's Trust is the statewide lead organization focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect - in other words, we work towards ensuring children, youth, and families thrive. While we support numerous appropriations in this year's operating and mental health budgets, I will use my time to address four in particular:

- First, we applaud the commitment shown in this year's budget to more effectively resource the Office of Children's Services, supporting front-line social workers, prevention programming, and foster care youth. Among US states, Alaska is ranked 43rd for child well-being by the national KIDS COUNT program. Each year, thousands of child abuse and neglect cases are substantiated by OCS. Front line social workers are just that – on the front line supporting our children and families in crisis. They help families on the brink step back, at times preventing child maltreatment before it occurs. OCS plays a significant role in keeping kids and families supported, connected, and safe and this year's budget takes a strong step towards ensuring their success.
- Second, we strongly support the increased funding to support the work of Alaska Native Tribes and Tribal organizations participating in Tribal Child Welfare Compacting. Alaska Native children make up 15% of the state's general population, but represent approximately 65% of kids in state custody. Compacting will ensure culturally-appropriate intervention and support for these children.
- Third, we are pleased to see K-12 education fully funded, and strongly support the \$50 million one-time increase to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) included in the recent CS.
- Finally, we strongly support the added funding for Pre-K grants to the Department of Education, and hope to see an increased commitment to early education as the session and budget process continue. The evidence is clear and consistent. Pre-K is known to improve educational outcomes for young children before entering the K-12 system, let alone helping address many of the social, physical, and behavioral ills impacting communities on a day-to-

day basis. In Alaska, less than 1/3 of all students demonstrate kindergarten readiness, and those are pre-pandemic numbers. If we truly want to see Alaska's children succeed in education, it's time to invest in Pre-K.

At a time when child and youth development is more critical than ever, we must invest in our kids and the families and agencies that care for them. Therefore, we thank the Governor and Legislature for this renewed commitment to adequately resourcing services across the Department of Health and Department of Family & Community Services, and for helping ensure Alaska's children, youth, and families thrive.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, March 05, 2022 8:52 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Operating Budget

Good evening,

I'm writing to ask you to increase the operating budget to support the very real costs of educating and supporting our children,

The Department of Labor tells us that Alaska does not have enough employees ready for the workforce. We need to be increasing (not flat funding -> decreasing) the budget for our schools and the other supports that our kids - and our economy - need to thrive.

We are at an especially important moment in time with kids bearing the heaviest burden of the past two years of isolation and fear. My son, who is in 8th grade, had two close friends in his class of 30 attempt suicide this fall. Our kids are in crisis and providing adequate mental health supports and safe, supportive, and engaging school environments can help.

You hold the purse strings; you have the power to make a difference.

- Emily Ferry

[REDACTED]
Juneau AK, 99801

From: mayorphillips@pelicancity.org
Sent: Sunday, March 06, 2022 4:06 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Operating budget comment

I support:

- 100% school bond debt reimbursement
- Community Assistance being fully funded
- PMV Permanent Fund calculations
- Fully fund AMHS operation
- fund public radio - its essential for public safety announcements
- fund Alaska library network - it's Pelican's only public internet source
- fund Village Safe Water program for rural communities without tribal funds for match requirements
- fund ADFG operations
- fund deferred DOT & PF maintenance projects

thank you,

Mayor Patricia Phillips

Pelican, AK

From: Bradley Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 1:44 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Newly flush coffers

Bank most of the savings for the next rainy day

From: David Carter [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 5:08 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: jbrooks@adn.com; Dermot Cole; Marge Stoneking; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Mark Schreiber; John C. Wendlandt; LaFrance, Suzanne; John Weddleton; Susan Orlansky; David; Les Gara; Brad Keithley; jeff@alaskalandmine.com; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Adam Wool
Subject: Additional information needed by legislators re future budgets and revenue

Hello. I understand this is an opportunity for Alaskans to suggest some budget ideas to our legislators.

It appears that legislators will spend some \$800 million of Alaskan's public funds for an "energy check" due to very high oil prices. Of course some of those funds could be moved into the corpus of the Permanent Fund, as suggested by the March 6, 2022 ADN editorial. That is a good idea. As noted in the editorial, when the Legislature moves money into the corpus, it is available for future generations.

Also, while legislators will apparently agree to spend over \$800 million of the public's money, due to increased oil revenues, this year, there is another very important and very small expense to help legislators avoid this annual effort to base current year budgets on current oil prices. We need an oil fiscal system which helps restore some of the balance to our fiscal policies. As the price of our oil, and our oil wealth, changes, we can share the ups and downs with our producers and those in the oil industry.

As we know from our Alaska Department of Revenue Fall 2021 Revenue Sources Book, the cost to Alaskans of maintaining barrel subsidies for ANS production by essentially just ConocoPhillips, Exxon, and Hilcorp, given their almost total share of that production, is more than \$1.2 billion a year for both FY22 and FY23. Page 108, line 41. This is public data. It is not "made up in someone's office." This is what our own Department of Revenue is telling legislators about the public cost of these subsidies. See page 109, line 63 for the FY23 forecast of \$1.247 billion for these subsidies—at an estimated annual price of \$71. Line 45.

Our own Department of Revenue is also telling legislators that the forecast gross value of ANS production is over \$26 billion, just for FY22 and FY23. Page 108, line 24; Page 109, line 46. These forecasts are based on annual values of 75.72 for FY22, page 108, line 23, and \$71 in FY23, page 109, line 45. The costs to transport a barrel of ANS oil from the slope to west coast refineries is forecast as \$33.48 for FY22 and 34.61 for FY23. Page 108, lines 30, 34; page 109, lines 52, 56. This information is not "irrelevant" to the proper management of our oil fiscal policies.

Some might note that these figures only relate to production tax estimates, and that producers have other payments to the state. That would be correct. Those other payments, which are factored into whether Alaska is a profitable place to do business now, in the short term, and in the medium and long term, are found on page 36 of our Fall 2021 Revenue Sources Book. The other payments are for royalties, property tax and corporate income taxes.

For this fiscal year, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, the “total petroleum revenue” forecast from all of petroleum revenue sources, is \$2.732 billion. Page 36, line 15. As a percentage of the \$13.4 gross value forecast, page 108, line 24, this is only 20%— for Alaska’s “total petroleum revenue”. (There are some relatively minor payments to boroughs not included on this page. But as a percentage of the gross value, they are minor.)

The same is true with the FY23 numbers, \$2.6 billion total petroleum revenue to Alaska out of \$13.0 billion gross. Page 36, line 15; page 109, line 46. As producers themselves tell legislators, constituents, and investors, our legacy oil is “low cost”. One of the main reasons for this is we only receive a 12.5% royalty, while many competitors are paid 20-25% of the gross value, just for royalties. Which is why production tax subsidies are important to Alaska’s future. Are they really necessary? Or are they an unnecessary cost to Alaska without any comparable “return” in terms of increased revenue, employment, or any other return? Currently, there are no legislative guardrails to keep the additional subsidy revenues in our state economy. Producers are free to use them for things that do not seem to contribute to our economy. These are the types of things well respected oil and gas consultants, other than just one, can and should comment on.

Combined with our remaining 7-8% of gross (on top of these lowest royalties of 12.5%) we have some of the lowest costs anywhere with our total of 21%. Our producer partners never want to go back to Texas and tell their management that Alaskans are considering restoring some of their former Prudhoe Bay production revenue share by eliminating or reducing special subsidies for Prudhoe Bay. But there is no good reliable evidence which tells legislators that producers would do anything differently if those subsidies went away. Short term, medium term or long term. Prudhoe Bay is about 60% of current ANS production. It is forecast to remain a substantial portion of our ANS production for as long as producers and our DOR forecast—10 years. In our Fall 2021 Revenue Sources Book, on page 104, lines 1,2,3, and 12, our low cost Prudhoe Bay Unit is expected to remain about 42% of total ANS production, in 2031. (245,000 daily barrels out of 586,000 daily ANS barrels, in 2031.). Oil production will be with Alaskans for many years. The new issues seem to be more focused on whether Alaskans should continue to shift/transfer so much of our former Prudhoe Bay share in the hopes of providing for the new arctic oil which Gaffney Cline tells us the banks do not believe is an appropriate investment. For several good reasons.

When SB21’s production revenue cuts were enacted into Alaska law in 2013, the federal government’s share, via the corporate tax rate, was 35%. In 2017, that share went down by fourteen percentage points to 21%. So we get 20-21% total petroleum revenue, and the federal government gets a max of 21%. It does seem that good management of Alaska’s oil fiscal policies would necessarily include a thorough review, by appropriate experts, of whether this 14 percentage point reduction can be shared with Alaskans and our economy, while still being fair and reasonable to producers. While they can expect to say they want to keep all of it, that is what they do. But, it is a windfall to them. Certainly not expected when SB21 was moved through our legislature. Can it be shared with Alaskans? Perhaps by removing subsidies just for our Prudhoe Bay Unit production? Another question for the experts.

With the public data noted above, here is the suggestion by and on behalf of seniors, schools, teachers, supporters of public education—and supporters of our oil industry: just reserve one or two million dollars for public funding. Funding for what? Funding for the basic due diligence all parties expect to confirm Alaska’s future oil fiscal policies are appropriate. For producers and for Alaskans. Everyone knows things change over time. Everyone should expect a thorough vetting of our oil fiscal policies every few years—to confirm that things are going as expected, planned, promised. Oil markets are always changing to some degree.

One of these “developments” is Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, which has pushed oil to \$120 currently. But there is no reason to believe oil prices will go below \$80 to \$100 anytime soon. Upstream operators have announced new operations policies. They keep production steady, regardless of price. Their shareholders want the profits returned to them. In share buybacks, early debt payoffs, increased dividends, all of which have been explained and reported in annual reports. And in interviews with oil company executives. It is not about increasing production. It is about managing returns.

United States producers could increase supply in the lower 48. Some of that supply is profitable below \$40. But additional supply reduces the price. Oil producers have decided to control supply. That is a logical business decision for them. And it is one of those things which well respected oil and gas consultants—if asked the proper questions—might agree justifies eliminating some of our subsidies. It may not make sense to subsidize new production which may not occur. If Gaffney Cline just told legislators that new arctic oil is not a fiscally responsible thing to wish for now, because of ESG issues and because banks won’t finance it because they recognize it is not a good investment, maybe there are some other things we should focus on. Like our legacy oil subsidies.

And even if our ANS pricing settles in around the \$60 to \$80 range, we know those prices provide for substantial profits for our producer partners, from the public data we do have from ConocoPhillips’ annual reports. Talk about needing to return to triple digit oil prices to make Alaska oil profitable is simply not true. With one exception (2020), ConocoPhillips reported net income over one billion dollars a year from their Alaska operations, from 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2021 annual reports. At annual average ANS pricing between \$53 to \$71. And, at forecast pricing of 76 and 71 dollars for FY22 and FY23, they will do well for six out of seven years from 2017-23. Part of this is due to the fact that Alaskans only receive 20% of the total for royalties, production, property and corporate taxes.

We have not had a thorough review and vetting of our SB21 barrel and other subsidies for Prudhoe Bay production since they became law in 2014. We have had choreographed work by selected oil and gas consultants. Most recently, that was Gaffney Cline’s \$180,000 publicly funded contract for last week’s presentations to this and other committees. But no set aside for any second opinions, or even vetting of GC’s work. Gaffney Cline personnel would not deter legislators from obtaining more information. From them, and from other well respected oil and gas consultants. Gaffney Cline understands that no one consulting firm has all of the information relevant to proper management of questions about Alaska’s possible adjustments to its current oil fiscal policies. They agree that things can be complex. The way to reduce that complexity is with additional information from them and other respected consultants.

No single group of people have all of the relevant data, at this point, to assess what Gaffney Cline’s presentations last week, might mean for the proper management of Alaska’s fiscal future with the oil industry. Their presentation is informational only. It is just part of the process of looking at issues. And developing additional questions for Gaffney Cline and other well respected consultants. No legislative committee, or any group from the public, has all of the relevant data to properly manage our future oil fiscal policies with just the work done by Gaffney Cline or other consultants hired by the Legislature. Or with just those questions put to those consultants by legislators. Some issues and questions are necessarily left out. There is only so much one can obtain with just \$180,000 of work done by any consultant. More data points and sources are essential to the proper management of our still massive in value legacy oil fields. Owned in common by all Alaskans via our statehood compact. And, we have a state constitutional obligation to ensure that these resources are properly managed for “the people” which is Alaskans.

Legislators should set aside just one or two million dollars of our public funds, out of the \$800 million plus, of our public funds legislators appear to be on the precipice of spending for another “rescue” payment. They should not expect the public to keep paying for this work out of their own private funds. This is what the Legislature is for. It has the money. Good, basic due diligence, and due process, tells us that legislators need more data and information to properly manage this huge source of our public wealth. Avoiding this information is not good for anyone. Please don’t treat Alaskans like Russians are being treated by their elected officials.

And, remember, this is not even about any changes to our oil fiscal policies. It is just about getting more information. Which might support leaving things as they are. But we won’t know if our legacy oil subsidies can be adjusted if legislators will not set aside a small amount of funding for further review of the issues. We also know nothing will happen until July 1, 2023, at the earliest, as a practical matter. These things take time. They take advance planning. That starts with budgeting, this session, for these second opinion funds, to be available to various legislative committees, to do their own research and vetting of these matters.

Thank you. Best wishes to all.

David Carter
Retired Attorney
Anchorage, Alaska

From: Canfield, Andrea N. [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 6:10 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: RE: Department of Public Safety – CDVSA budget

Dear Finance Committee members,

I am writing in support of the proposed budget for the Department of Public Safety, CDVSA. I am a board member of Abused Women's Aid In Crisis (AWAIC) in Anchorage and as a female and life-long Alaskan I am very interested in continuing the fight to intervene in the cycle of domestic violence.

CDVSA's funding supports AWAIC's 67 bed shelter. This critical funding supported 405 women, men, and children with emergency shelter, safety planning, crisis intervention, and case management last year. Another 177 were assisted through nonresidential support receiving case management, resources and referrals, and personal support. AWAIC is the only emergency domestic violence shelter in Anchorage and is uniquely equipped to support victims in crisis.

I sincerely appreciate your support of CDVSA and victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Thanks,
Andrea

Andrea N. Canfield, Attorney
[REDACTED]

Please excuse any brevity or typos
Sent from my iPhone

From: Peggy and Alex <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 9:01 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Finance Committee Budget Proposal

We support the House Finance Committee Budget proposal. It provides critical funding for public education, including pre-K. It revitalizes the WWAMI program, the School Bond debt reimbursement, and restores some funding for the University of Alaska and badly-needed social services. It provides an adequate dividend, supplemented with the energy add-on, to bridge the gap to a sustainable revenue strategy for the State of Alaska. Thank you for your hard work and foresight in developing this budget.

Sincerely,
Alex and Margaret Wertheimer
[REDACTED]
Juneau, AK 99801

From: Aaron Donham <[REDACTED]>
[REDACTED] March 08, 2022 2:10 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: energy relief check

All I have to say is whatever our Alaska state legislature can do to help Alaskan citizens....it needs to do!!!

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Thank you,

Aaron Donham

From: Munro Nancy <n[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2022 8:20 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Energy Relief Checks

Dear Legislators,

If the purpose of the “energy relief” checks is to help people due to the high prices for gas and oil, it should be needs based. Frankly, it feels more like a bribe by politicians to buy votes. Let’s not go down that hole - let’s save money for a rainy day!

Thank you for considering these comments,

Nancy Munro

From: Bryan Haugstad <b[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2022 9:44 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Department of Public Safety – CDVSA budget

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Sincerely,

Bryan D. Haugstad
Haugstad Advocacy & Litigation Office, LLC

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From: Mitchell Hansen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2022 1:15 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: RE: Department of Public Safety – CDVSA budget

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Sincerely,

Mitchell Hansen

From: Mitchell Hansen <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2022 1:15 PM
To: House Finance
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Sincerely,

Mitchell Hansen

From: Mariyam Medovaya <mariyam.medovaya@alaska-trails.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 10:59 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Support for Governor's Department of Natural Resources Budget
Attachments: LETTER TO FINANCE COMMITTEES - SUPPORT FOR DNR BUDGET FY2023.pdf

Dear members of the Alaska House Finance Committee:

Alaska Trails and our partners, the Alaska Trails Initiative (a coalition of trails organizations, nonprofits, and local governments), is expressing our support for the Governor's proposed FY2023 capital and operating budgets for the AK Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

Please see the attached letter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alaska Trails Initiative



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From: [REDACTED] t
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 10:24 PM
To: House Finance; 'Steve McCombs'
Cc: Mindy Eggleston
Subject: Letter to Finance Committee
Attachments: LETTER TO FINANCE COMMITTEES - SUPPORT FOR DNR BUDGET FY2023.docx

See Attached
Thank You

*Melinda "Mindy" Eggleston, President
Delta Junction Trails Association*

[REDACTED]
Delta Junction, Alaska 99737



From: Lisa Parker <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2022 4:33 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 281
Attachments: Furie House letter 21122.pdf

Attached please find a letter in support of making a supplemental appropriation for FY22 oil and gas tax credits.

Thank you.

Lisa Parker
Parker Horn Company
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Patricia Moulton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2022 9:09 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: Energy Relief for Alaskans!

Right now is the time to help Alaskans with the critical high inflation that is escalating every day!!! Alaskans can't wait until October!! The \$'s are there to help right NOW and again in October!! This is certainly a travesty that this Administration has put us all in and is beyond inhumane!! You all have the opportunity right now to give relief to the Alaskan People; you all work for the People and they voted for you; do the right thing and help them. Alaskans are struggling!!! Thank you- Patricia Moulton, Petersburg, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone

From: Justin Holvoet [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 2:48 PM
To: Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Sen. Bill Wielechowski
Cc: House Finance
Subject: Dividends & Energy Relief

Rep Spohnholz and Sen Wielechowski,

The rise in oil prices comes with pros and cons; more financial benefits for the State of Alaska, but also higher fuel prices for residents. Forgoing energy relief payments is the financially responsible thing to do, despite the uncomfortable situation we are in. Even with this unexpected increase in revenue we are still facing a budget that doesn't appear to be sustainable.

The rise in fuel costs, for transportation and heating, will be a hardship for some people; especially those living remotely. Considered alongside the fact that fuel costs are a more discretionary expense for the bulk of Alaskans, I think a more targeted approach to energy relief is called for. Perhaps rebates on purchases of heating fuels in certain communities, or other efforts along those lines would help us direct energy relief funds to where it's really needed?

We have been presented with an opportunity to improve our financial situation, and I would like to see us make the most of it. My personal point of view is that folks living remotely have made that decision knowing the risks and hardships that it comes with, and energy relief shouldn't be considered at all. Recognizing that there may be impacts beyond what I've considered, I fully support a more targeted approach to providing energy relief.

When it comes to the dividend, I'm still of the opinion that we should withhold all payments until the State of Alaska is able to fund State Government as well as pay our historic dividend. A few years of pain can lead to many years of bounty.

Thank you for your time, and for your service representing your constituents.

Thanks,
Justin Holvoet
[REDACTED]