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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 8, 2017**

**Fifty-first Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tom Matthews, Douglas Island Bible Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord:

I'm sure this can be a challenging time for these Senators. To be away from home, knowing their families need them, their businesses are trying to function without them, as they are instead fulfilling their commitment to the state of Alaska and its people. I would ask for your help in meeting the needs of their families and their businesses in their absence. Thank you for the expanding technology that helps them keep in communication, but we know that is really only a temporary help until they return.

Again, Lord, as they interact today, I know there are sensitive issues that need to be addressed. Things that everyone has their own opinions on, and that affect so many people in so many individual ways. Help these men and women not to lose the personal touch it takes to address these issues, not to get so caught

up on the business of the discussions, that they forget the individual lives that are affected by decisions that are made.

Lord, these Senators need wisdom. They need your wisdom. The book of James tells us, "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy." May your wisdom be evidenced in their lives today. In the name of Jesus Christ I lift this prayer today. Amen.

Senator Egan led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the forty-ninth and fiftieth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated March 6 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

#### **First Reading and Reference of House Bills**

##### **HB 8**

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 BY REPRESENTATIVES EDGMON, Kopp, Fansler, Parish, Kito, Gara, Tuck, Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to protective orders."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

**HB 24**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act classifying U-47700 as a schedule IA controlled substance; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HB 48**

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 BY REPRESENTATIVES KITO, Thompson, Gara, Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to the composition of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**Communications**

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Alaska Energy Authority  
Statistical Report of the Power Cost Equalization Program  
Fiscal Year 2016

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.  
2016 Annual Report

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 6 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Resources Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Big Game Commercial Services Board**

Adam Trombley – Anchorage

**Board of Game**

Ted Spraker – Soldotna

Lawrence Van Daele – Kodiak

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Hughes, Coghill, Meyer, Stedman.

Report dated March 7 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Transportation Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Board of Marine Pilots**

Ronald Ward II – Anchorage

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Stedman, Chair; Senators Egan, MacKinnon, Wilson, Bishop.

**SB 14**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 14 "An Act relating to transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 14(FIN) "An Act relating to transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator MacKinnon, Cochair. Signing no recommendation: Senator Hoffman, Cochair; Senators Bishop, von Imhof, Dunleavy, Olson, Micciche.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Administration

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 50**

The Transportation Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 50 "An Act relating to fees for the sale or installation of studded tires; and providing for an effective date." Signing amend: Senator Stedman, Chair; Senators MacKinnon, Bishop. Signing do not pass: Senator Wilson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Egan.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue  
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 64**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 64 "An Act adopting the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act; relating to environmental real property covenants and notices of activity and use limitation at contaminated sites to ensure the protection of human health, safety, and welfare, and the environment; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senator Hoffman. Signing no recommendation: Senators MacKinnon, Stedman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Environmental  
Conservation

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**SJR 1**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund, establishing the earnings reserve account, and relating to the permanent fund dividend. Signing no recommendation: Senator Dunleavy, Chair; Senators Egan, Giessel, Wilson. Signing do not pass: Senator Coghill.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions****SCR 7**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7 BY SENATOR STEVENS,

Expressing the strong support of the Alaska State Legislature for the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center; and urging the University of Alaska to maintain the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center as an important resource in the state.

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Labor and Commerce Committees.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 80**

SENATE BILL NO. 80 BY SENATOR COSTELLO, entitled:

"An Act relating to telecommunications services for certain disabled subscribers; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

#### **SB 81**

SENATE BILL NO. 81 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to criminal and civil history requirements and a registry regarding certain licenses, certifications, appeals, and authorizations by the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Public Safety

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 7:

Dear President Kelly:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the criminal history, civil history, and establishing a civil registry for certain individuals or entities that are licensed or certified by the Department of Health and Social Services.

There are hundreds of individuals and entities that provide medical assistance and other services to Alaskans in need through individual assistance or group living homes. Many of the people qualifying for assistance are ill, elderly, or disabled. We must make sure that those providing services to these individuals are qualified to do so; that qualification includes assurance that an individual's or entity's past background does not reveal behaviors inconsistent with the safe care of our vulnerable citizens. Recognizing this need, the Legislature enacted statutes (AS 47.05.310 - 47.05.390) in 2005 to centralize and formalize the process by which the Department of Health and Social Services (Department) conducts criminal background checks for entities and individuals who seek to be licensed providers or who are paid, in whole or in part, by the Department to provide services to individuals in the Department's care and custody. Additionally, the 2005 legislation authorized the Department to create a centralized registry (that my bill would rename the civil registry) so the State could rely on certain civil findings to bar persons from owning, operating, and being an administrator of certain licensed facilities. Over the ensuing years, certain gaps in the statutes have become apparent. This legislation is designed to clarify and amend current statutes to fix those gaps. The changes proposed by the bill ensure proper application and fairness under the system.

This bill would make amendments to the criminal background statute (AS 47.05.310), removing substantive references to the centralized civil registry under AS 47.05.330 to alleviate confusion, inconsistencies, and redundancy between the statutes. These amendments would further clarify that individuals as well as entities may request a criminal and civil history background check. These



amendments would also remove language that the Department of Health and Social Services is a criminal justice agency as unnecessary to accomplish the background checks needed.

The bill would add a new section to AS 47.05, establishing a civil history check statute that mirrors the criminal background check statute, primarily to clarify that the same individuals would be subject to review and possible bar, depending on the results of their background check under the centralized civil registry. This statute would further clarify what type of civil findings would prohibit an individual or entity from obtaining a license and would establish procedures for an individual or entity to request an exception or variance, or to request that incorrect information in a registry be addressed in a written finding.

To simplify and more accurately set out the centralized civil registry, the bill would repeal and reenact AS 47.05.330, providing for the identification of a civil registry. The Department would identify by regulation each register the Department would review to identify the names and certain civil events that would preclude someone from being allowed to own, operate, be employed by, or be paid by the State to provide medical assistance services.

The bill would add an important new provision as AS 47.05.360, establishing that a person could seek a variance from being allowed to own, operate, be employed by, or be paid by the State to provide services due to a condition identified as part of a criminal or civil history background check. If the request for a variance was denied, a person could seek review in superior court.

This bill makes amendments to AS 47.17.040, clarifying that the confidential child protection registry would contain substantiated findings of abuse or neglect. The amendment would further clarify that this information can be used for licensing both in and out of this state and confirms the due process protections before placement on the central registry.

Another gap addressed is to AS 47.32.090, allowing the Department to investigate an employee, contractor, or volunteer of a licensed entity and, if conduct that did not comply with licensing standard is

substantiated, place the employee, contractor, or volunteer on the civil registry. Currently State law only allows the Department to investigate and issue findings against an entity, not against individuals who work for the entity.

Additionally, changes were made to AS 47.32.150(b), allowing a person subject to a civil fine as an enforcement action to have the right to appeal the fine. The bill would allow the Department to share, on a confidential basis, licensing information with a law enforcement agency upon request, further strengthening protections for vulnerable citizens. The bill would also address limitations in current law that limit sharing and access to the Divisions of Public Health and Public Assistance by amending AS 47.32.190 to allow any division of the Department that is responsible for licensing to share and gather information in order to implement the protections of AS 47.32, centralized licensing. This change is needed because licensing is done by the Office of Children's Services, Division of Health Care Services, and Division of Public Assistance. This amendment simply allows those divisions who are responsible for licensing to share and access information to implement this chapter without reference to specific divisions. This provides the Department with flexibility to implement the chapter when they make organizational changes in the future.

This bill will improve the background check process and protect our vulnerable citizens. Additionally, it will add the necessary safeguards to allow persons to challenge or request a variance from the provisions that would otherwise bar individuals from certain employment. In order to protect vulnerable Alaskans yet offer due process and confidentiality protections to individuals, I am transmitting this bill and urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Bill Walker  
Governor

**SB 82**

SENATE BILL NO. 82 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act authorizing the Department of Public Safety to enter into agreements with nonprofit regional corporations and federal, tribal, and local government agencies to provide law enforcement services; authorizing the Department of Public Safety to collect fees for certain law enforcement services; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 7:

Dear President Kelly:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill authorizing the Department of Public Safety to enter into agreements with and collect fees from nonprofit regional corporations and federal, tribal, and local government agencies to provide law enforcement services.

The State's current fiscal crisis has forced many agencies to reevaluate how they allocate their limited resources. In particular, the Department of Public Safety has been forced to reduce its Trooper presence in some areas. Under current law, the Department of Public Safety does not have the ability to enter into contractual agreements with communities to provide continued law enforcement services. This requires many of these areas to consider procuring alternate law enforcement services. The bill would allow nonprofit regional corporations and governmental agencies to contract with the Department of Public Safety and pay for Trooper presence in their area. This will not only have a positive effect on public safety in those local areas, but will also allow the Department to better allocate resources in order to continue to provide basic law enforcement services statewide. This bill would limit contracts to communities that currently lack an organized police force.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Bill Walker  
Governor

**SB 83**

SENATE BILL NO. 83 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the protection of vulnerable  
adults and residents of long term care facilities."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services  
and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services  
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 7:

Dear President Kelly:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska  
Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the protection of  
vulnerable adults and residents of long term care facilities.

This bill would amend provisions of AS 47.62, Office of the Long  
Term Care Ombudsman, to ensure alignment with 42 U.S.C. 3058(g)  
(Older Americans Act of 1965), as amended by S. 192, P.L. 114-144,  
(Older Americans Act Reauthorization Act of 2016), and  
implementing regulations, 45 C.F.R. Part 1327. The bill would also  
amend certain provisions of AS 47.24 (protection of vulnerable  
adults).

Under current State law, if a report of abuse or neglect of an older  
Alaskan is made directly to the Office of the Long Term Care  
Ombudsman, the Ombudsman is required to provide the report and the

results of the Office's investigation to the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS). This mandate potentially conflicts with federal requirements precluding the Ombudsman from disclosing the report unless there is consent; this bill would clarify that the Ombudsman may provide a report of abuse to DHSS, but only if the vulnerable adult provides consent to do so. The bill also would clarify that DHSS has the responsibility to investigate all reports of harm it receives regarding vulnerable adults and that DHSS may transfer reports to the Ombudsman for additional assistance in resolving any issues for residents in long term care facilities. The Ombudsman also would have discretion to investigate and resolve complaints for residents of facilities who are younger than 60 years of age, consistent with federal law.

Under current law, the Ombudsman may not disclose the person's identity without the consent of the identified person or the person's legal guardian, unless required by court order. Amendments, consistent with federal law, would allow the Ombudsman to disclose the person's identity for purposes of making a referral to an agency if the person or the resident representative is unable to provide consent and if certain other conditions are met. The bill includes a definition of "resident representative" consistent with federal regulations.

This bill also amends AS 47.24 as it relates to the Department of Health and Social Services' handling of reports of harm to older Alaskans and the investigation of the reports. Additionally, it clarifies where reports of harm are to be lodged within DHSS.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Bill Walker  
Governor

**SB 84**

SENATE BILL NO. 84 BY SENATOR DUNLEAVY, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the earnings of the permanent fund; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citations be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **Special Order of Business**

Honoring - Sitka High School Drama, Debate & Forensics Team  
Representative(s) Kreiss-Tomkins

Senator(s) Stedman, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Honoring - Francine Lastufka Taylor

Senator(s) Gardner, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### **SCR 7**

Senators Begich, Stedman, Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7 Expressing the strong support of the Alaska

State Legislature for the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center; and urging the University of Alaska to maintain the Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center as an important resource in the state. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 2:00 p.m. plane time, March 29 through 1:00 p.m. plane time, March 31. Without objection, Senator Stevens was excused.

Senator Dunleavy moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 10 through evening plane time, March 12. Without objection, Senator Dunleavy was excused.

### **HB 16**

Senators Giessel, Micciche, Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 16 "An Act relating to training regarding disabilities for police officers, probation officers, parole officers, correctional officers, and village public safety officers; relating to guidelines for drivers when encountering or being stopped by a peace officer; relating to driver's license examinations; and relating to a voluntary disability designation on a state identification card and a driver's license." Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Enrollment**

### **SCR 3**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Joint Resolution No. 5, urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development;

urging the United States Department of the Interior to recognize the private property rights of owners of land in and adjacent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; relating to oil and gas exploration, development, production, and royalties; and relating to renewable and alternative energy technologies, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 9:25 a.m., March 8, 2017.

Legislative Resolve No. 3

### **Engrossment and Enrollment**

#### **SR 3**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 Proclaiming February 2017 as Black History Month, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 9:25 a.m., March 8, 2017

Senate Resolve No. 4

### **Adjournment**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., March 10, 2017. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate



**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference  
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Mar 09 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Mar 08 Wednesday Capitol 106 8:00 AM**  
 Joint with House Education  
 + Microsoft Imagine Academy  
 Joel Lathrop, Microsoft  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 10 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 += SB 66 ST. COUNCIL ON THE ARTS: PUBLIC CORP.  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 17 STEVENS/INOUE UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROG.  
 -- Public Testimony --

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**FINANCE**

**Mar 08 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 21 PERMANENT FUND: INCOME; POMV; DIVIDENDS  
 += SB 26 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS  
 += SB 70 APPROP. LIMIT/BUDGET PROCESS/PERM FUND  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 09 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 22 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
 += SB 24 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET  
 += SB 21 PERMANENT FUND: INCOME; POMV; DIVIDENDS  
 += SB 26 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS  
 += SB 70 APPROP. LIMIT/BUDGET PROCESS/PERM FUND  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 10 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 21 PERMANENT FUND: INCOME; POMV; DIVIDENDS  
 += SB 26 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS  
 += SB 70 APPROP. LIMIT/BUDGET PROCESS/PERM FUND  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Presentation: Alaska Opioid Policy Task Force

**Mar 10 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 08 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Confirmation Hearings:  
 Attorney General, Jahna Lindemuth  
 Department of Public Safety, Walt Monegan  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SB 54 CRIME AND SENTENCING

**Mar 10 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + HB 77 2017 REVISOR'S BILL  
 + HB 104 REPEAL COLLECTION OF CIVIL LITIG. INFO  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Mar 09 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
+ Governor Boards And Commissions Appointments:  
Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy  
Fisherman's Fund Advisory & Appeals Council  
Board of Pharmacy  
Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers  
State Board of Registration for Architects,  
Engineers, and Land Surveyors  
+ SB 56 PRODUCT WARRANTIES & REQUIRED UPDATES  
-- Public Testimony --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
-- Public Testimony --

**RESOURCES**

**Mar 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ Overview of State Litigation on Federal Issues:  
Department of Law  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 10 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:  
- Hollis French  
- Dan Seamount  
-- Public Testimony on Appointees --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 09 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ HB 16 DRIV. LICENSE REQ;DISABILITY:ID &TRAINING  
-- Public Testimony --  
+ SCR 4 TASK FORCE ON UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS  
-- Public Testimony --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 09**      **Thursday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATION**

**Mar 08**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --

**Mar 14**      **Tuesday**                              **Butrovich 205**              **8:30 AM**  
 -- Time & Date Change --  
 Budget Subcommittee Close-Out

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**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

**Mar 14**      **Tuesday**                              **Senate Finance 532**              **8:20 AM**  
 Close-out

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**CORRECTIONS**

**Mar 10**      **Friday**                              **Senate Finance 532**              **11:00 AM**  
 + Budget Close-Out

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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 09**      **Thursday**                              **Butrovich 205**              **7:15 AM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 Continuing Overview of the Governor's Proposed  
 FY18 Budget  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Commissioner Michael Johnson  
 - Update on Federal Every Student Succeeds  
 Act (ESSA) and Budget Impacts  
 - Innovative Best Practice Initiative  
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Commissions & Boards

- Professional Teaching Practices Commission by Jim Seitz, Executive Director
- Alaska State Council on the Arts by Andrea Noble-Pelant, Executive Director
- Teaching & Learning Support
- Pre-Kindergarten Grants by Early Learning Coordinator, Anji Gallanos
- Best Beginnings by Abbe Hensley, Executive Director
- Parents as Teachers - Drew Hansen, RurAL CAP PAT Program Manager

**Mar 13      Monday                      Butrovich 205              12:45 PM**  
 Budget Subcommittee Close-out

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Mar 09      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              8:30 AM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 + FY18 Subcommittee Budget Close-out

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**FISH & GAME**

**Mar 14      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532              8:00 AM**  
 Close-out

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 09      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              1:30 PM**  
 Medicaid Rates

**Mar 14      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532              1:30 PM**  
 Agenda to Follow

**Mar 16      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              1:30 PM**  
 If Needed

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 10**      **Friday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **3:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Department Overview Continued  
 Review of House Changes  
 Possible Close-out if Needed

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**LAW**

**Mar 08**      **Wednesday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **5:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --

**Mar 13**      **Monday**                              **Butrovich 205**              **5:15 PM**  
 Budget Subcommittee Close-Out

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Mar 10**      **Friday**                              **Senate Finance 532**              **8:00 AM**  
 Close-out

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Mar 09**      **Thursday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **3:30 PM**  
 Department Overview

**Mar 11**      **Saturday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **10:00 AM**  
 House Changes / Amendments

**Mar 14**      **Tuesday**                              **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **5:00 PM**  
 Close-out

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Mar 08**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **3:45 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --

**Mar 13**      **Monday**                                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **4:00 PM**  
 Close-out

**REVENUE**

**Mar 09**      **Thursday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **8:00 AM**  
 + Budget Close-out

**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Mar 08**      **Wednesday**                                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **3:30 PM**  
 Department Overview

**Mar 10**      **Friday**    **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **3:30 PM**  
 House Changes / Amendments

**Mar 14**      **Tuesday**    **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **5:00 PM**  
 Close-out

**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

**Mar 09**      **Thursday**    **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **11:15 AM**  
 + UA Faculty Testimony  
 - Professor Tim Jester  
 - Professor Forrest Nabors  
 Continued Overview of Governor's FY18 Budget  
 - Miles Baker

**Mar 13**      **Monday**    **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **8:00 AM**  
 -- Time & Date Change --  
 + FY18 Subcommittee Budget Close-out

**JOINT COMMITTEES****ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Mar 23**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **11:30 AM**  
 +              Briefings by:  
                  Lieutenant General Kenneth S. Wilsbach  
                  - Commander, Alaskan North American Aerospace  
                  Command Region  
                  - Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern  
                  Command  
                  - Commander, Eleventh Air Force  
                  Major General Bryan R. Owens  
                  - Commanding General, U.S. Army AK  
                  Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister  
                  - Commander, Seventeenth U.S. Coast Guard  
                  District  
                  Major General Laurel J. Hummel  
                  - The Adjutant General, AK National Guard  
                  - Commissioner, AK Dept. of Military & Veterans'  
                  Affairs

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Mar 10**      **Friday**                              **Senate Finance 532**              **12:00 PM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 Approval of Agenda  
 Approval of February 23, 2017 Minutes  
 Contract Amendments - Executive Session

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Mar 08**      **Wednesday**                      **Barnes 124**                      **8:00 AM**  
 +              Per Diem Subcommittee:  
                  Per Diem Rates

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn		
	Alaska Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention		
	Sponsored by Senator Hoffman		