

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**June 25, 2021**

**Third Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 11:45 a.m.

Roll call showed 30 members present. Representatives Claman, Nelson, Patkotak, Tuck, Vance, and Zulkosky were excused from a call of the House today. Representative Schrage was absent.

Representative Hannan, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Fields, Rauscher, and Spohnholz be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Tarr. Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I invite you to a time of prayer and reflection:

Dear God,

Let us start this prayer with feelings of gratitude for the gift of waking up for another day. Thank you for the blessing of this job where we have the incredible opportunity to do good things for others each day. Help us to remember what a privilege it is to have this position, as representatives for the people, and please inspire us to do our very best.

We know there are those around us struggling, experiencing grief, and pain. Please wrap our indigenous brothers and sisters in love in the wake of the recent news of burial sites found at residential schools. Please help us to find ways for healing and to right these wrongs of the past.

Please send strength to those who are sick and to families caring for loved ones. Please provide divine guidance to those who have lost loved ones and are in need of a path forward.

Please protect from harm those that are serving our country and please send support to their families.

We are imperfect beings and we ask for forgiveness for our mistakes, and the courage to do better next time.

Across our state, our country, and the world, there are those who are far less fortunate than we are, so we ask that you please fill us with a generous spirit so we can give humbly to those in need.

We have come through a very hard time and it's not over yet and we ask for wisdom and guidance through every important decision. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Eastman.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Hannan moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the first and second legislative days of the Second Special Session be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Representative Hannan moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

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Representative Wool – from 8:00 a.m., July 22 to 8:00 a.m., July 30  
(amended from page 1339)

Representative Ortiz – from 6:30 p.m., June 28 to 10:00 p.m., July 8

Representative Hannan – from 11:00 a.m., July 8 to 7:15 p.m., July 12

Representative Josephson – from 6:00 a.m., July 4 to 11:00 p.m.,  
July 10

Representative Rasmussen – from 8:00 a.m., July 24 to 10:00 p.m.,  
August 7

Representative Spohnholz – from 6:00 a.m., July 15 to 10:00 p.m.,  
July 20

## ENROLLMENT

### HB 71

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 5:30 p.m., June 24 with a fiscal note packet and a Legislative Finance letter (page 1356):

#### CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 71

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making capital appropriations and supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

The following letter dated June 23 to Mr. Christopher Cooke, Chair, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, was transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:45 a.m., June 25.

"Dear Mr. Cooke:

Pursuant to the requirements of AS 37.14.005(c), this letter and the enclosed report describe the funding for FY22 Mental Health programs. The appropriations contained in HB 71 follow the FY22

Mental Health Trust Authority's funding recommendations for the State's integrated comprehensive mental health program. While the statute requires reporting only on general fund expenditures, information regarding expenditures of Authority receipts is also included in the attached report.

In HB 71 the Legislature appropriated all FY22 Mental Health Trust Authority recommendations. In addition to the Mental Health Trust Authority recommendations, HB 71 includes an FY21 supplemental appropriation for the Alaska Psychiatric Institute.

Below are the differences from HB 71 relative to the Governor's FY22 Mental Health Trust Authority budget proposal.

- Legislature replaced the Governor's use of MHT Reserve funds with GF/MH, consistent with the Trust's recommendation (\$1,147.5 Operating and \$3,150 Capital).
  - o Additional legislative fund changes related to the Governor's use of MHT Reserve funds include \$6,012.9 for API.
- Legislature changed \$2 million for Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants from unrestricted general funds to marijuana education and treatment funds (DGF).
- Legislature added \$1,250.0 (\$1 million UGF and \$250.0 marijuana education and treatment funds (DGF)) for Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants.
- Legislature increased \$4,344.9 of recidivism reduction funding (DGF) in DOC/Physical Health Care to supplant a shortfall of restorative justice funds (previously PFD Criminal funds). The Governor requested non-mental health UGF to address the shortfall.
- Legislature approved SB 55 (Ch. 9, SLA 2021), Employer Contributions to PERS, which increased MH funding by \$1,757.3 (\$1,370.4 UGF, \$9.8 DGF, and \$377.1 Other) across multiple agencies.
- Legislature removed \$500.0 of Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment and Prevention funding (ADTPF) for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Media Campaign Study from DOR/Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.
  - o The \$500.0 ADTPF was subsequently appropriated to DHSS/Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants to offset UGF.

The attached report provides a summary of FY22 Operating & Capital as well as FY21 Supplemental Mental Health appropriations included in HB 71. If you have questions regarding the enclosed reports, please contact Kelly Cunningham of the Legislative Finance Division at 465-3821.

Sincerely,

/s/

Representative Neal Foster  
Chair of House Finance

Senator Bert Stedman  
Chair of Senate Finance

Enclosures

1. FY22 Mental Health Appropriations Summary (HB 71)"

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Uniform Rule 23(d) is in effect.

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Finance Committee

CANCELED

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Hannan moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., June 28. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk