

**House Joint Resolution 23
Governor's Budget
Submission Requirements**

Constitutional Requirements (Art. IX, Sec. 12)

- Submit a budget for the next fiscal year
- Include all proposed expenditures
- Include anticipated income
- Submit a general appropriation bill
- Submit revenue bill(s) for new or additional revenue
- Submit at the time fixed by law

Statutory Timing Requirements (AS 37.07.020(a))

- Budget released publicly by December 15
- Transmitted to Legislature on December 15
- Bills delivered before the 4th legislative day

Required Bill Separation (AS 37.07.020(a))

- Mental health appropriation bill
- Operating budget (non-mental health)
- Capital budget (non-mental health)
- Revenue measures (if needed)

Balanced Budget Requirement (AS 37.07.020(c))

- Proposed expenditures may not exceed estimated revenue

Long-Range Planning (AS 37.07.020(b))

- Six-year capital improvements program
- Ten-year fiscal plan projections

Format & Supporting Information (AS 37.07.050)

- Expenditures by agency
- Program objectives
- Prior-year comparisons
- Supporting financial data

Amendments & Supplemental Budgets (AS 37.07.020(d); AS 37.07.080)

- Governor may submit amendments after initial submission
- Governor may submit supplemental appropriations

HJR 23 – What does it do?

- HJR 23 adds a new subsection to Article IX, section 12 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska
- The added provision requires that when the Executive branch submits a budget as instructed under subsection (a), the expenditures may not exceed the anticipated revenue, and
- The anticipated revenue does not include money in the budget reserve fund under section 17 (CBR)

In Closing

- The current system begins with numbers.
- It should begin with a plan.
- HJR 23 asks the Legislature to lead — and the people to decide — whether a stronger constitutional structure will improve fiscal discipline.

A yes vote moves Alaska toward:

Predictability

Accountability

Long-term planning

HJR 23 does not dictate policy.

It strengthens the framework within which
policy is made.

Thank you and please support passage of
House Joint Resolution 23