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From: Tisha Shepersky <tshepersky@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 5:29 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Increase Funding for Public Educatoon

Senate Finance Committee:

I'm a parent in Anchorage whose only child is about to go into kindergarten in the fall. We live two blocks from an elementary school, and due to cuts last year, it ceased serving as a neighborhood school. Now, the school district had to close 3 more schools due to the massive budget deficit they're facing.

Inflation that the country is experiencing is not reflected in the funding that school districts are receiving from the state. Education of children should be a primary focus. As the school district is forced to lay off staff, the kids will suffer.

I am anxious in sending my child to school knowing that finances are on everyone's mind. There is less staff, and the staff remaining have to do more. Please fund public education and support school districts to be able to do what is expected for public education of our children!

Thank you,
Tisha Shepersky

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From: Zaira Barajas <zairabarajas1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 9:08 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Student's mom

Dear Senate Finance Committee.
Please prioritize full funding for our public schools so our kids can thrive

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From: Jessika Aldridge <aldridgejessika@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 2:20 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Urgent Request to Support Campbell STEM Elementary

Hello,

I am writing as a parent of two young boys who currently attend Campbell STEM Elementary, and as a proud alumna of Campbell Elementary myself (1994–2001). My younger brother attended in the 2000s, and even my uncles were students there in the late 1980s. This school has served generations of my family and remains a cornerstone of our community.

Beyond the deep personal connection, I am profoundly grateful that my children have the opportunity to attend a school so intentionally focused on STEM enrichment and real-world application. Campbell STEM Elementary provides an educational model that prepares students not only academically, but practically - equipping them with problem-solving skills, collaboration experience, and critical thinking abilities that will serve them throughout their lives.

As the only STEM-focused elementary school in our state, Campbell STEM fulfills a unique and essential role. Closing it would be a short-sighted decision with lasting consequences - not only for current students, but for the long-term vitality of our local economy and workforce. Strong, forward-thinking STEM programs are not luxuries; they are investments in our state's future competitiveness and innovation capacity.

Campbell STEM serves students who may not always thrive in traditional classroom environments. It fosters curiosity, creativity, collaboration, and empathy at a time when many children struggle with disengagement. The school has built more than a curriculum - it has built a culture. Students are not treated as data points or budget line items. They are known and valued. Dr. Whitt and the dedicated faculty understand each child's strengths and challenges and intentionally cultivate an environment where students feel seen, heard, and capable of success.

Closing this school would not simply relocate students; it would dismantle a carefully cultivated community that affirms children's potential and encourages them to innovate and lead. It would also send a troubling message that specialized, forward-looking educational programs are expendable.

I am equally concerned about the process by which this decision has moved forward. The accelerated timeline, limited transparency, and shortened window for meaningful community input have deepened the divide between families and decision-makers. Despite these constraints, community engagement was substantial - a clear reflection of how much this school matters. The rushed nature of the decision, combined with the recent bond measure intended to improve Campbell STEM, has understandably led many in our community to question whether our voices are truly being considered.

The perception that such a significant decision could be made hastily - and, as described by administration, effectively reduced to a "coin flip" - undermines public trust. Our families deserve thoughtful research, transparent reasoning, and meaningful dialogue before a decision of this magnitude is finalized.

Our city needs Campbell STEM. Our students need Campbell STEM. If we are serious about preparing the next generation to contribute meaningfully to our state's future economy and workforce, we should be expanding access to innovative programs like this - not eliminating them.

I respectfully urge you to push back against this decision and advocate for sustained investment in Campbell STEM Elementary. The future of our children and our community depends on it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jessika Aldridge

Doniece Gott

From: Sadie Tromans <shtromans@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 7:20 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fully Fund Public Education

Dear Members of the Alaska State Finance Committee,

I am writing to urge you, unequivocally, to fully fund Alaska's public education system this session.

For years, school districts across the state have absorbed rising costs without corresponding increases in the Base Student Allocation. The result is predictable: larger class sizes, eliminated programs, teacher shortages, and declining stability for families. This is not sustainable, and it is not responsible governance.

Education funding should not be treated as a bargaining chip or a political negotiation point. It is a core state responsibility. When funding fails to keep pace with inflation, districts are forced into annual cycles of cuts and uncertainty that harm students and drive qualified educators out of Alaska.

Alaska cannot claim to prioritize economic development, workforce readiness, or community strength while underfunding the very system that produces our future workforce.

Fully funding public education is not an expense to be minimized; it is a long-term investment in Alaska's stability, competitiveness, and growth.

I respectfully ask that you act decisively to provide predictable, adequate funding for our schools this year.

Alaska's students cannot afford further delay.

Sincerely,

Sadie Tromans

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From: Austin Ahmasuk <austin_ahmasuk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 10:46 AM
To: House Finance; Senate Finance Committee; Senate Community and Regional Affairs; House Community and Regional Affairs
Subject: Education is mandatory; the port of Nome funding is discretionary

Dear Senators and Representatives,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Austin Ahmasuk

Nome, AK

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From: Austin Ahmasuk <austin_ahmasuk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 9:00 AM
To: House Finance; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: comments on HB263

My name is Austin Ahmasuk resident of Nome. I am writing to express concerns regarding HB 263, the FY27 Operating Budget, and to strongly urge the Legislature to prioritize critical needs that directly affect the health, safety, and future of Alaskan communities. After reviewing the bill, I am concerned that HB 263 includes broad departmental appropriations but does NOT sufficiently protect or prioritize the areas that matter most to the well being of Alaska's people and environment: education, environmental protection, fish and game management, and rural sanitation.

These areas are not optional. They are foundational to the survival and resilience of communities across the state.

1. Protect Funding for Alaska's Schools

Many districts across Alaska are struggling with outdated facilities, teacher shortages, escalating operational costs, and deeply inadequate Base Student Allocation support. HB 263 establishes general education support allocations, but the needs on the ground far exceed these amounts.

I strongly oppose any amendments or reallocations that would:

reduce operating support for K-12 education and their infrastructure,
shift funds away from classroom instruction,
or limit the ability of districts to recruit and retain qualified teachers.

The future of Alaska depends on stable, fully resourced schools.

2. Maintain Strong Environmental Protection and Public Health Services

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is tasked with protecting air, water, food safety, community sanitation, and environmental health. HB 263 seems to maintain DEC operating funds, but does not increase capacity in areas where needs are acute including rural sanitation, food safety, spill prevention, and environmental monitoring.

I urge the Legislature to reject any cuts or diversions affecting DEC and instead strengthen:

environmental monitoring and oversight (air and water) programs,
water/wastewater oversight and infrastructure,
spill response readiness,
and contaminated site management.

Our pristine environments must remain that way and is foundational to public health.

3. Support Fish & Game Management and Subsistence Resources

The Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) receives departmental funding under HB 263, but, again, it appears only at baseline levels.

Given declining fish stocks and increased pressures on subsistence resources, ADF&G needs stable or increased funding not reductions or reallocations.

I urge the Legislature to protect funding for:

subsistence research and monitoring,
wildlife conservation and habitat management,
fisheries management necessary for hundreds of rural communities,

These resources define who we are as Alaskans and must be protected. Fish and Game use is one of the constitutionally protected uses in Alaska. Our constitution provides public access to fish and wildlife with sustained yield management obligations and we are one of the few states that affords the public a right to be involved in fish and game management through strong public processes such as advisory committees.

4. Make Rural Water & Sewer a Priority Alaskans Should Not Still Live With Honey Buckets

Hundreds probably thousands of households in rural Alaska still rely on honey buckets, conditions that would be unthinkable in any other American community. Many communities have been waiting since the 1970s for safe drinking water and sewer systems. This is an ongoing inequity with direct consequences for health, dignity, and community stability.

While HB 263 provides departmental operations funding, I am not convinced it includes any dedicated boosts to address sanitation in unserved communities. Rural water/sewer needs require coordinated state commitment, and they should not be overshadowed by lower priority appropriations or discretionary programs.

I strongly urge the Legislature to:

reject any reallocation that pulls money away from rural sanitation,
protect funding for community water and wastewater operators,
preserve public health positions essential to sanitation planning, and
ensure that operating budget decisions do not undermine capital investments needed to end honey bucket use.

Water and sewer infrastructure is not a luxury. It is a basic human right.

5. Oppose Any Diversions of Funding Toward Lower Priority Projects

Although HB 263 contains no specific funding for large development projects such as mines or port expansions, it is important that no operating funds or last minute amendments divert resources away from rural sanitation, environmental health, education, or fish and game management.

Given the scale of unmet needs in rural Alaska, every available state dollar should support the health, safety, and resilience of communities not subsidize projects that do not meet basic public health or education priorities.

Conclusion

For decades, Alaska has deferred critical investments in sanitation, education, and environmental health especially in rural and Indigenous communities. At the same time, pressures on wildlife, fish stocks, and environmental systems have increased.

I respectfully ask the Legislature to ensure that the FY27 Operating Budget:

Maintains or increases support for schools,
Strengthens environmental and public health capacity,
Protects fish and wildlife management, and
Does not divert any funds away from long overdue rural water and sewer needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Austin Ahmasuk

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From: Regina Kruglyak <regina.kruglyak.pch@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 2:15 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Fully Fund Alaska's Public Schools

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to you not as an educator or policymaker, but as a parent.

My five-year-old is about to enter kindergarten in Alaska's public school system. Instead of feeling only excitement, I find myself feeling fear — fear about what may be taken away before my child even begins.

I want my child to have access to language immersion programs. I want music in the classroom. I want art, sports, libraries, counselors, and enriching experiences that make school a place children love to be. These are not “extras.” They are the very things that spark curiosity, build confidence, and help children fall in love with learning.

When funding is uncertain or inadequate, schools are forced to cut the very programs that engage students and make education meaningful. Larger class sizes and fewer opportunities do not set our children up for success. They send the message that enrichment, creativity, and well-rounded development are optional.

As a parent, I am asking you to fully and sustainably fund Alaska's public schools. Our children only get one childhood. They only get one kindergarten year. We cannot afford to let it be diminished by preventable cuts.

Please invest in our kids, in their futures.

Respectfully,

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From: B & K Green <bkogreen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 3:01 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: ASD Budget Deficit- Polaris K12 Security Officer cut??

The purpose of this note is to provide written testimony sharing our family's concerns about the proposed ASD cuts for the upcoming school year (specifically: Polaris K12.)

I am writing to express deep concern about the negative impact the proposed budget cuts will have on our students, educators, and families. My elementary-aged daughter is enrolled in the Polaris K12 alternative program. Her academic and social growth have improved dramatically over the course of this school year, despite there being a ratio of approx 25 students to 1 teacher (and no additional classroom support.) My daughter's teacher loves, supports and cares for her students well. To my knowledge there are no support staff that help her regularly. **By raising the student:teacher ratio, she will most definitely be stretched beyond capacity.** Individualized student attention will decline and our students will suffer- academically, emotionally and socially. I have the privilege of volunteering in my daughter's classroom a couple of times a month. I have witnessed many times where having a teacher assistant/support staff would benefit overall learning/instructional time. Therefore, I CANNOT support ASD's proposal to increase class size even further. **At the forefront of my concern is the proposed loss of our full-time security position.** Polaris houses students grades K-12, approx 500, to my knowledge. **How is it appropriate and/or possible that ASD has proposed cutting our only Security position??**

How can ASD support/validate this decision? **I urge leadership to explore alternative solutions, and create a plan to (at the very least) keep the staffing metric that is currently in place.** Please do not cut instructional staff and safety personnel from our school. Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to ASD students and our Polaris community. - Polaris K12 parent

Doniece Gott

From: neil waggoner <akneil@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 4:30 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please prioritize fully funding our public schools, our kids deserve it

Dear Senate Finance committee,

As a father of one young child in public elementary school in anchorage and one that will be entering public school in a couple of years, I am writing to request you prioritize fully funding our public schools. Please use your power to reverse the long-term funding degradation (attack on our public schools) that has been happening over the last decade and more.

I am a lifelong Alaskan and grew up attending public school in Anchorage. Kids of today deserve the same opportunities that I had growing up with sports, normal (not overcrowded) class sizes, nurses, guidance counselors, and options to learn a foreign language.

The erosion of funding for our schools must stop to ensure our kids and our state are competitive in the future.

Thanks for considering my comment.

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From: Conner Belcher <cbelcher@g.emporia.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2025 8:56 PM
To: Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Senate Finance Committee;
House.Finance.Committee@akleg.gov; governor@alaska.gov
Subject: Please Continue Funding the Teacher Retention Incentive for 2026

Dear anybody who can help me see my family once a year,

My name is Conner Belcher, and I am a kindergarten teacher at Eagle View Elementary in Unalaska. I moved here with my spouse and our two children in June 2025, eager to contribute to Alaska's education system and to give my students a strong start in their learning journey.

Within a couple of months of arriving, I found myself mailing the Department of Public Assistance just to make sure my family could continue to afford groceries. I actually haven't even been approved yet. The cost of living and the isolation here are real. Our one-way ticket for my family of four from Kansas to Unalaska cost about \$4,500—and that was only because one of our children was under two and could ride on our lap.

The teacher retention incentive (HB 106) is more than just a “bonus” for educators in remote communities—it's almost a visit home. For my family, it would almost cover a round-trip ticket home once a year. Teachers deserve a home visit once a year.

Please ensure this program remains fully funded through FY 2026, as promised.

Thank you for your time and hopefully for standing behind Alaska's teachers.

Sincerely,

Conner Belcher

Kindergarten Teacher, Eagle View Elementary

Unalaska City School District

Doniece Gott

From: Nicole Gricius <nikki.a.gricius@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2026 10:57 AM
To: House Education; Senate Education; House Finance; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: School Funding Decisions Affect My Family

Dear Alaska Legislators,

I'm writing as a parent and community member to urge you to do everything you can to fully fund our public schools and halt harmful cuts, consolidations, and further degradations. My kids are current students at Paul Banks and West Homer elementary. They swim on the swim team, receive services from the schools, contribute to the community, and have thrived in the KPSD school system.

There's a well-known rule in the outdoors: leave the campsite better than you found it. It's a simple ethic to govern how we show up to care for our public resources, but a powerful one, and I think it applies here. When it comes to our schools, cutting resources does not follow the campsite rule; it leaves lasting harm for the children and communities who come after us. When you accepted a role as a public servant, was that your goal? Is your legacy going to be defined by shutting down vibrant, high performing schools, taking teachers out of classrooms, and leaving everything a little worse than you got it? I hope not.

Our schools are foundational infrastructure, not a line item on a budget. There is no fat left to be trimmed, anything you take away or fail to provide is meat and potatoes. Strong schools define communities: they anchor neighborhoods, attract families, support working parents, and give children stability, opportunity, and hope. When schools are weakened, the effects ripple outward—on student outcomes, teacher retention, family well-being, and the long-term health of the entire area. If you want there to be good doctors and nurses willing to live here and provide care for you in your old age, focus on education of local children now.

There is also a direct connection between school quality and economic health. My own family is part of that story. We chose to move here and invest in this community while holding out-of-state remote jobs *because* the schools are excellent. The lion's share of our income comes straight from the lower 48 and into the local Kenai Peninsula economy, from the Credit Union that carries our mortgage to local spending, property taxes, hockey fees, and the like. The connection between the economic health of the community and the school system isn't vague or theoretical, it is concrete and immediate. If the schools didn't impress us, we wouldn't be here. Do you want to hurt the economy of your local community, or do everything you can to better it?

Balancing budgets and advancing agendas on the backs of children and educators is not a neutral act. In the face of hard choices, be thoughtful. If you are complicit in stripping the schools of what they need to thrive, you are complicit in causing real, preventable harm to your community that may never be undone and that will ripple for years. Also, make sure someone checks your math. If your solutions don't make sense in ten years, they don't make sense.

Fix the dysfunctional budget calendar. Further increase the BSA and improve the formula to account for inflation. Leave things better than you found them.

Thank you for your time and for considering the long-term impact of these choices. Your reply to this message is appreciated.

Dr. Nicole Gricius

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From: heather anne <hcoletti@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 3:48 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FUND OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SUPPORT OUR KIDS

The Alaska State Constitution guarantees public education for all of Alaska's children. While it doesn't set funding levels, it implies that schools will be fully funded to guarantee success. How can our kids be successful when classrooms are too full, teachers are forced to teach subjects they aren't trained in (art vs. music, for example), sports are cancelled and special education is diminished. These are just a few examples. The state needs to raise the BSA to support our kids and help them be successful, contributing members of society. Alaska needs our kids to stay in the state and help it grow.

Raise the BSA. Support our kids. Period.

Sincerely yours,

Heather A. Coletti, Alaskan resident for over 25 years

Doniece Gott

From: Riki Lebman <Riki_Lebman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 3:25 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Senior Services within Budget

Dear Committee Members,

I support an increase in the Statewide Independent Living Centers (SILC). These facilities are the answer in providing efficiencies and coordination of services to those who have disabilities or are in need of assistance! Without these services many family members or guardians would have to quit their jobs to become full time care givers.

Within DoTPF, maintain the money to coordinate transportation efforts for seniors and those with disabilities to get to jobs, medical appointments and food shopping. These Gf/MH funds can leverage federal resources to continue to add flexibility to respond to Alaska's unique needs.

I also support maintaining the \$3M in the Governor's Proposed Operating Budget for AHFC program. This funding will assist in development of senior housing projects and help provide housing for seniors. Another \$1.15M (SB215) is needed to support home modifications and upgrades.

Thank you for allowing me to provide comments for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Riki Lebman
Anchorage

Doniece Gott

From: Anthony Church <a1.construction.ak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 9:19 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Testimony for Budget proposal

Good day,

I am writing to urgently raise concerns regarding the proposed budget initiative to deconsolidate payroll services.

The proposal to move payroll functions to individual departments presents **immediate, substantial, and foreseeable risks** to the State of Alaska. These risks threaten employee pay continuity, disrupt benefits, fiscal integrity, and the State's ability to function as a credible employer, just to name a few.

These failures will stem from a **lack of training capacity, lack of transition planning, and lack of institutional knowledge, and a lack of resources for a manual process.**

High turnover among Division of Finance leadership, combined with reliance on individuals with limited payroll experience, has resulted in decision-making that underestimates operational risk.

The proposed handoff reflects a desire to remove payroll's visibility and cost from the Department of Administration rather than resolve systemic issues. Claims that this change will "fix payroll" merely shift responsibility elsewhere without addressing root causes.

Below are **critical risks that will occur**, not hypotheticals:

1. **Employees will not be paid on time.**

Payroll processing is entirely manual. Timesheets often require individual approvals, and, in many cases, manual entry followed by secondary approval. There is no contingency or automated "fail-safe" if approvals are delayed.

There are less than 5 trained technicians statewide to process any supplemental paychecks in the Division of Finance. A fully trained tech can process just 15 supplementals per day. Departments cannot process these themselves, and Finance lacks the capacity to support 13 additional agencies. Immediate action is needed to prevent payroll delays.

2. **Health insurance coverage will lapse.**

Missed or delayed payroll directly results in increased supplemental processing, which in turn causes benefits eligibility failures. These lapses will impact employees and their families immediately.

3. **The State of Alaska will lose its ability to recruit and retain workers.**

An employer that cannot reliably issue paychecks will not be competitive. This will accelerate vacancies across all departments and further destabilize operations.

4. **Misappropriation of funds and excessive spending will increase.**

Departments will attempt to compensate unpaid employees through improper budget workarounds, including paying payroll expenses from non-payroll budgets.

Without centralized oversight of step placement, salary determination, and contract compliance, employees will be paid incorrectly—often at higher rates—creating conflicts with collective bargaining agreements and statute, resulting in elevated legal grievances being settled by monetary payouts.

5. **Payroll errors will escalate beyond manageable levels.**

Decentralization without training and oversight guarantees exponential error growth, not reduction.

6. Departments lack trained staff to absorb this work.

Of the **40 positions proposed for transition**, only **four** are Human Resource Tech 2 positions with full training in personnel action and timesheet processing. This gap alone makes successful implementation impossible.

Immediate Consequences if this proposal is Approved

If this proposal is enacted, the State should expect:

- Missed paychecks
- Lapsed health insurance coverage
- Increased grievances and litigation
- Improper payments and audit findings
- Accelerated loss of state of Alaska employees

The State of Alaska employs **approximately 16,000 residents** and relies on a **manual payroll process**. That system requires trained professionals, adequate staffing, and centralized oversight to function. Removing those safeguards will cause immediate failure.

Please carefully consider the irreversible harm this proposal will cause—not just to state employees, but to the residents of Alaska who depend on a functioning government.

Good day,

I am writing to urgently raise concerns regarding the proposed budget initiative to deconsolidate payroll services. I became aware of a presentation occurring on 02/05/2026 only moments ago. Notably, payroll employees—those most directly affected and most knowledgeable of the risks—were not informed or consulted. That omission alone should raise serious concern.

The proposal to move payroll functions to individual departments presents **immediate, substantial, and foreseeable risks** to the State of Alaska. These risks threaten employee pay continuity, disrupt benefits, fiscal integrity, and the State's ability to function as a credible employer, just to name a few.

Below are **critical risks that will occur**, not hypotheticals:

1. **Employees will not be paid on time.**

Payroll processing is entirely manual. Timesheets often require individual approvals, and, in many cases, manual entry followed by secondary approval. There is no contingency or automated “fail-safe” if approvals are delayed.

Of the Production team that will remain in Division of Finance and is solely responsible for issuing supplementals when employees do not process through payroll, there is only **four HR Techs** who process supplemental payroll, statewide. One fully trained technician can process approximately **15 supplementals per day**. Departments will not have this ability and Division of Finance does not have the capacity to provide the service to the newly proposed 13 agencies that will require service.

2. **Health insurance coverage will lapse.**

Missed or delayed payroll directly results in increased supplemental processing, which in turn causes benefits eligibility failures. These lapses will impact employees and their families immediately.

3. **The State of Alaska will lose its ability to recruit and retain workers.**

An employer that cannot reliably issue paychecks will not be competitive. This will accelerate vacancies across all departments and further destabilize operations.

4. **Misappropriation of funds and excessive spending will increase.**

Departments will attempt to compensate unpaid employees through improper budget workarounds, including paying payroll expenses from non-payroll budgets.

Without centralized oversight of step placement, salary determination, and contract compliance, employees will be paid incorrectly—often at higher rates—creating conflicts with collective bargaining agreements and statute, resulting in elevated legal grievances being settled by monetary payouts.

5. **Payroll errors will escalate beyond manageable levels.**

Decentralization without training and oversight guarantees exponential error growth, not reduction.

6. **Departments lack trained staff to absorb this work.**

Of the **40 positions proposed for transition**, only **four** are Human Resource Tech 2 positions with full training in personnel action and timesheet processing. This gap alone makes successful implementation impossible.

Root Cause of These Risks

These failures stem from a **lack of training capacity, lack of transition planning, and lack of institutional knowledge**. High turnover among Division of Finance leadership, combined with reliance on individuals with limited payroll experience, has resulted in decision-making that underestimates operational risk.

The proposed handoff reflects a desire to remove payroll's visibility and cost from the Department of Administration rather than resolve systemic issues. Claims that this change will "fix payroll" merely shift responsibility elsewhere without addressing root causes.

Inaccurate Statements Presented on 02/05/2026

During the presentation, the following claims were made. **Each is demonstrably inaccurate:**

- *"25 of the 65 payroll positions are vacant"*
→ Only **13 positions are eligible for recruitment**. The remainder are restricted by hiring freeze and the denial of waivers or reserved for reclassifications into other Finance roles.
- *"High turnover remains; techs leave as soon as they are trained"*
→ In FY25/26, Payroll Services hired **30 employees. 20 remain employed**. Of the 10 who left, none had reached even 50% training completion.
- *"Moving payroll to departments will reduce NOPPs"*
→ This will only eliminate visibility. **Approximately 75% of NOPPs originate from departments short comings**, including late paperwork, incorrect employee data, or improperly submitted timesheets.
- *"DOF will provide statewide training and centralized oversight"*
→ The current training team consists of **two positions**. Training materials are incomplete, limited to HR Tech 2 functions, and **no training documentation exists for certifiers**.

- *“We have collaborated with payroll”*
→ No payroll services employees were consulted or considered. No feedback was requested. No retention efforts were offered. Process improvement work has ceased.
 - *“AMHS proves this transition is possible”*
→ AMHS payroll is not comparable. AMHS serves **approximately 500 employees** with a **nine-person payroll team**, significantly lower complexity, and months of side-by-side transition support.
By comparison, **DNR has 880 employees**, yet only **four positions** are proposed to support payroll functions.
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Immediate Consequences if Approved

If this proposal is enacted, the State should expect:

- Missed paychecks
- Lapsed health insurance coverage
- Increased grievances and litigation
- Improper payments and audit findings
- Accelerated loss of experienced payroll staff

The State of Alaska employs **approximately 16,000 residents** and relies on a **manual payroll process**. That system requires trained professionals, adequate staffing, and centralized oversight to function. Removing those safeguards will cause immediate failure.

If legislators want accurate information, I strongly urge you to hear directly from the employees who are currently performing this work and to educate residents on what payroll deconsolidation means for them and their families.

Please carefully consider the irreversible harm this proposal will cause—not just to state employees, but to the residents of Alaska who depend on a functioning government.

Doniece Gott

From: Jennifer Jenkins <noahandjennifer@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:28 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Infant Learning funding

My name is Jennifer Jenkins and I'm writing in support of increasing FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services by \$5.72 million. We were overjoyed to see the Legislature include this long-sought increment in FY26, and we are asking you to take that same step again in FY27.

I am a Speech-Language Pathologist who provides services in Juneau, Petersburg, and Wrangell. In my role, I have seen the impact early intervention has had in the families in these communities. Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan children and families and saves the state money in the long term. Thank you for stepping up in support of expanding ILP programs from a 50% to 25% developmental delay! Please maintain this commitment in FY27.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Jenkins
REACH Infant Learning Program

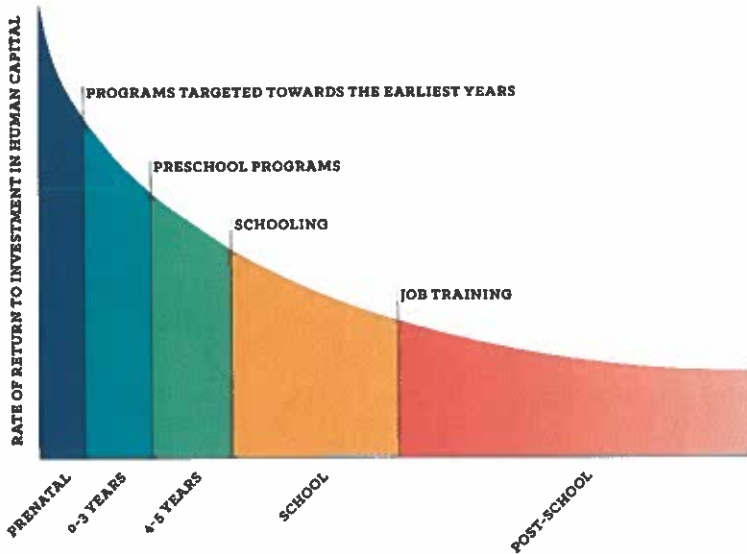
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Doniece Gott

From: Jessica Mills Clark <Jessica.Clark@comconnections.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:35 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: ILP Funding Now Saves Money Later

My name is Jessica Mills Clark and I'm writing in support of increasing the FY 27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior and Disabilities Services by \$5.72 million. Thank you for including this increment in FY 26, please take that same step again.

I am an educator and family service coordinator who provides services in Ketchikan. I have seen the positive impact early intervention has had in my community and our surrounding areas. Expanding the ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delays help more Alaskan families and saves the state money, as demonstrated by the Heckman Curve (below). Investing early in children yields the greatest returns. The Heckman Curve demonstrates that the highest economic and social benefits come from early skill development. This investment leads to lifelong success, increased productivity, and reduced societal costs. The Heckman Curve was developed by an economist, not by an early intervention provider.



Sincerely,

Jessica Mills Clark

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From: Mariah Schick <mschusterot@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:24 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Prioritize the Infant Learning Program in the FY26 Budget

To the Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Mariah Schick and I'm writing in support of increasing funding for Alaska's Infant Learning Program by \$5.72 million. I was excited to see the Legislature support this increase in the FY26 budget, and I would like to ask you to take that same step again.

I am an occupational therapist who worked for Ketchikan's Infant Learning Program from 2021-2025. I have seen firsthand the immense impact early intervention services have had on the small communities of rural southeast Alaska.

Alaska is one of few states with such a high eligibility threshold for early intervention services. Currently, Alaska's ILP program requires a child to have a 50% developmental delay to qualify for services. This increase in funding would allow the requirement to change to a 25% delay, which means reaching more children earlier when early intervention services have the greatest impact.

It will also save the state money on future services as these children grow older, as each child who avoids special education services saves the state up to \$229,000 per year. This expansion would make 1,625 more Alaska children eligible with a potential savings of up to \$34.9 million annually.

I encourage you to support the expansion of ILP services in order to better serve the families of Alaska. Please maintain this commitment in FY27.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mariah Schick, OTR/L

Doniece Gott

From: klondikekate44@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paula Singley <klondikekate44@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 11:20 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support For Infant Learning Program - FY27 Budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Paula Singley and I'm writing in support of increasing FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services by \$5.72 million. I was happy to see the Legislature include this long-sought increment in FY26, and we are asking you to take that same step again.

I am a parent who ILP in Naknek. In my role, I have seen the impact early intervention has had on my home community.]

Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan families and saves the state money.

Thank you for stepping up in support of expanding ILP programs from a 50% to 25% developmental delay! Please maintain this commitment in FY27.

Sincerely,
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Doniece Gott

From: Santanna Sumauang <ssumauang@cfc.org>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:32 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Please Expand ILP Eligibility

Hello, my name is Santanna Sumauang and I'm testifying in supporting of maintaining FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services. Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan families and saves the state money. Please keep to this commitment.

I appreciate your support, thank you!

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Doniece Gott

From: Lloyd Parsly II <lparsly@proton.me>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:35 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fund Infant Learning Program

My name is Lloyd Parsly and I'm testifying in supporting of maintaining FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services. Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan families and saves the state money.

Please keep to your commitment. Our state is already struggling to educate these children and is failing miserably.

Lloyd Parsly

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Doniece Gott

From: lhodges@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Hodges
<lhodges@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 9:21 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support For Infant Learning Program - FY27 Budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Lisa Hodges and I'm writing in support of increasing FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services by \$5.72 million. I was happy to see the Legislature include this long-sought increment in FY26, and we are asking you to take that same step again.

I am a program coordinator as well as developmental specialist, who provides services in Sitka. In my role, I have seen the impact early intervention has had on my home community. I've seen many families exit our program before age 3. This demonstrates exactly what our goal is, to eliminate the need for special education by the time kids enter kindergarten.

Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan families and saves the state money.

Thank you for stepping up in support of expanding ILP programs from a 50% to 25% developmental delay! Please maintain this commitment in FY27.

Sincerely,
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From: arcticot@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tracey Schaeffer
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Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 10:02 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support For Infant Learning Program - FY27 Budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Tracey Schaeffer and I'm writing in support of increasing FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services by \$5.72 million. I was happy to see the Legislature include this long-sought increment in FY26, and we are asking you to take that same step again.

I am an Occupational Therapist who provides services in the Northwest Arctic Borough and Point Hope. In my role, I have seen the impact early intervention has had on my home community in helping children progress and be able to enter school without special education services.

Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan families and saves the state money.

Thank you for stepping up in support of expanding ILP programs from a 50% to 25% developmental delay! Please maintain this commitment in FY27.

Sincerely,
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Doniece Gott

From: Christina Wiesner <christina.sissy99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 1:12 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee

Hi my name is Christina Wiesner, I'm writing in support of increasing FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services by \$5.72 million. We were overjoyed to see the Legislature include this long-sought increment in FY26, and we are asking you to take that same step again.

I am a mother who receives services in craig . In my role, I have seen the impact early intervention has had on my home community. Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan families and saves the state money. Both my son and daughter both received services.

Doniece Gott

From: Jessica Pyatt <jkpyatt2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 1:31 PM
To: Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Sen. Bert Stedman; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: ILP / ELP Expansion

My name is Jessica Pyatt and I'm writing in support of increasing FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services by \$5.72 million. I was happy to see the Legislature include this long-sought increment in FY26, and we are asking you to take that same step again.

I am writing to encourage expansion of ELP. I am writing as parent whose child benefited from ELP x2 and as a physical therapist who has worked with a couple of children. ELP literally saves lives. Often the lives of mothers in crisis with little to now external support from the medical system, our modern individual American society, or otherwise on how to care for their child. In Sitka we have NO lactation support through the hospital. Despite them having a certified lactation consultant on staff - the hospital will not offer the services as it does not make them 'enough' money (even through it is 100% covered by insurance under the ACA). Thus in Sitka new moms under the stress of trying to keep their baby alive and fed only have one option: an OT at Early Learning. And it is not just feeding. There is family support, social emotional support, maternal mental health, speech therapy, motor milestones. All things that if addressed early can save on costs in the future.

Please look at the big picture costs. Yes there is some upfront costs but if we support families early we prevent increased costs to the State down the line. Early Learning prevents and saves special education costs, medicaid costs, OCS costs, medical costs, department of corrections etc. Many of us do not come from backgrounds that give us the foundation to be parents, thus we need the social services to assist in breaking generational gaps in this knowledge.

If we want to a future in our state we need to support families in the state. Otherwise all familie

Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan families and saves the state money.

Thank you for stepping up in support of expanding ILP programs from a 50% to 25% developmental delay! Please maintain this commitment in FY27.

Jessica Pyatt
Sitka, AK

Doniece Gott

From: jkpyatt2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jessica Pyatt <jkpyatt2@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 1:18 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support For Infant Learning Program - FY27 Budget

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Jessica Pyatt and I'm writing in support of increasing FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services by \$5.72 million. I was happy to see the Legislature include this long-sought increment in FY26, and we are asking you to take that same step again.

I am a parent and physical therapist who received and now provides services in Sitka. In my role, I have seen the impact early intervention has had on my home community.

I am writing to encourage expansion of ELP. I am writing as a parent whose child benefited from ELP x2 and as a physical therapist who has worked with a couple of children. ELP literally saves lives. Often of mothers in crisis with little to no external support from the medical system, our modern individual American society, or otherwise on how to care for their child. In Sitka we have NO lactation support through the hospital. Despite them having a certified lactation consultant on staff - the hospital will not offer the services as it does not make them 'enough' money (even though it is 100% covered by insurance under the ACA). Thus in Sitka new moms under the stress of trying to keep their baby alive and fed only have one option: an OT at Early Learning. And it is not just feeding. There is family support, social emotional support, maternal mental health, speech therapy, motor milestones. All things that if addressed early can save on costs in the future.

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If we want a future in our state we need to support families in the state. Otherwise all families

Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan families and saves the state money.

Thank you for stepping up in support of expanding ILP programs from a 50% to 25% developmental delay! Please maintain this commitment in FY27.

Sincerely,
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Doniece Gott

From: Alicia Polston <polston.alicia@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 4:28 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Maintain FY27 funding for Infant Learning Program expansion

My name is Alicia Polston and I'm testifying in supporting of maintaining FY27 funding for the Infant Learning Program expansion in the Department of Health, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services. Expanding ILP eligibility from 50% to 25% developmental delay helps more Alaskan families and saves the state money. Please keep to this commitment

Alaska ILP currently requires a child to have a 50% developmental delay to qualify. Expanding to 25% means reaching children earlier, when intervention has the greatest impact.

46% of children who receive early intervention do not need special education services by kindergarten - thanks to services they received during their earliest years.

Each child who avoids special education saves the state up to \$229,000 per year. Expansion makes 1,625 more children eligible, with potential savings of up to \$34.9 million annually. The legislature supported this expansion last year — we're asking them to maintain that commitment in the FY27 budget.

Alaska is one of the few states with such a high threshold. Expanding to 25% aligns with national best practices and federal IDEA Part C program intent.

Thank you,
Alicia Polston

Doniece Gott

From: Natalie Wojcik <nataliejeanwojcik@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 9:51 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Support for Infant Learning Program Funding

Dear Members of the Alaska Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing as a parent from Sitka to urge you to support increased funding for Alaska's Infant Learning Programs. I have three children, all of whom are Indigenous to the land we live on. My youngest who is now 6 had communication delays as a baby/toddler.

Before my son received his autism diagnosis, I was referred to the Infant Learning Program in Sitka and they became a lifeline for my family. At a time when I knew something was different but didn't yet have answers. I was pretty scared at the thought of a diagnosis and had just become a single parent to my children following the loss of their father in a boating accident. The Infant Learning Program stepped in with compassion, skill, and practical support.

They taught me how to support my son's speech development and how to better understand and respond to his sensory needs. I had never really heard or understood sensory needs prior to their support. They helped me build tools and taught me how to teach him to speak. They taught me how to support back and forth communication with my son through play, and that was not something I innately knew how to do. Just as importantly, they provided emotional support to me as I prepared for the possibility of a diagnosis, something that felt overwhelming and isolating.

They also helped us navigate the transition into the school system, ensuring that my son entered that next stage with lots of information and support.

Early intervention does not just support children, it supports and strengthens families. It reduces long-term costs, improves educational outcomes, and helps parents respond early rather than waiting until challenges escalate.

I know firsthand that these services change lives. I honestly don't know what I would have done or who I would have turned to without their support. Sitka is a small town, and I have seen personally how this small office has changed my life and supported so many families I know in Sitka--whether they had children who would later have an IEP or who maybe just needed extra support and education. I respectfully ask you to support the proposed funding increase so that families across Alaska can continue to receive the same early, life-changing support that my family did.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to Alaska's children and families.

Sincerely,
Natalie Wojcik
Sitka, Alaska

Written Testimony to the Senate Finance Committee

In Support of Robust Renewable Energy Fund Appropriations and Consistent Evaluation of Capacity-Driven Projects (SEAGR)

Chair and Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of strong funding for the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) and to highlight an important issue regarding the Southeast Alaska Grid Resiliency (SEAGR) project. My name is Robert Siedman, a licensed professional electrical engineer in the great state of Alaska and the Chief Executive Officer for the Southeast Alaska Power Agency.

I am writing today to encourage robust funding support for the Renewable Energy Fund program at levels consistent with the recent historical average, or better. Over the last three years, the Legislature has allocated an average of approximately \$14 million per year to the fund. Those appropriations have helped catalyze investment in local, Alaska-based renewable energy resources as an alternative to costly diesel fuel imported from out of state.

The Renewable Energy Fund is the State of Alaska's most effective tool for making strategic investments in renewable energy infrastructure that lower and stabilize energy costs for Alaskans. These investments benefit households, schools, businesses, and communities across the state, while also reducing pressure on the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) program over time. The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) has built public trust in the REF program by using a consistent, objective evaluation framework to analyze and rank projects based on economic and policy criteria. That criteria-based approach has served Alaska well and should continue to guide investment decisions.

At the same time, I urge the Committee to ensure the REF program is administered in a way that remains consistent with prior precedent and recognizes the full range of project benefits, especially for projects that are capacity-driven, not simply energy-production-driven.

SEAGR Project Funding Reduction: \$4 Million to \$2 Million

I respectfully request your assistance regarding the REF analysis of the Southeast Alaska Grid Resiliency (SEAGR) project and the recent decision to reduce its eligible funding from \$4 million to \$2 million, the only project to be reduced to my knowledge.

In Renewable Energy Fund Rounds 16 (2024) and 17 (2025), AEA and the Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee (REFAC) specifically recommended a \$4 million award for the SEAGR project. In the current round, application of a \$2 million cap independent of ranking raises a fundamental question: **what changed?** There has been no statutory or regulatory

modification to AS 42.45.045 that alters SEAGR's eligibility or purpose. Reducing the project cap in this way appears inconsistent with prior REF precedent, the intent of the program, and the realities of Southeast Alaska's energy transition.

Why SEAGR Matters to State Energy Goals

The State and regional partners have already made substantial investments in reducing fuel oil use through electrification. Southeast Conference has received approximately \$38 million to support large-scale heat pump deployment across Southeast Alaska. That investment assumes the Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA) system can support the resulting winter peak load growth.

Without SEAGR, specifically, additional generation capacity at Tyee Lake, the regional system will face increasing difficulty meeting winter peak demand reliably. If that capacity is not added, the likely outcome is that new electric heating load will increasingly be served by diesel generation, undermining the State's goals of:

- reducing fuel-oil consumption,
- lowering household energy costs, and
- reducing emissions.

In short, if the State supports electrification but does not fund the capacity needed to support it, Alaska risks paying higher prices for energy.

SEAGR Is a Capacity Project, Not a Traditional kWh Project

It is important to emphasize that SEAGR is not a traditional "kWh production" project. It is a capacity-driven project designed to meet winter peak demand associated with fuel-oil-to-electric heat conversion. The incremental electric load is thermal in nature. Evaluating SEAGR solely through a cost-per-kWh framework mischaracterizes the project and penalizes Southeast Alaska for electrifying heat—precisely the outcome state policy has been encouraging.

Historically, AEA and REFAC have recognized this distinction. Prior REF rounds supported a \$4 million project cap for SEAGR, and projects addressing broader energy objectives—such as heating displacement, reliability, and system adequacy, were not treated as though they were only conventional energy-production projects. There has been no statutory change to justify a shift from a \$4 million cap to a \$2 million cap for projects like SEAGR.

Southeast Alaska's Unique Conditions

Southeast Alaska faces a unique energy profile that should be considered in REF evaluation:

- Roughly half of households rely on fuel oil for heat;
- Heating costs are a major share of total household energy expense; and
- Long-term affordability depends on electrification of heat supported by adequate renewable capacity.

SEAGR directly addresses these conditions by ensuring that hydroelectric resources—not diesel—serve new heating load. Treating SEAGR as an electric-only kWh project ignores its primary function as a regional heating and energy cost reduction project.

Requests to the Committee

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Committee to:

1. Support robust REF funding at levels consistent with the recent historical average (\$14 million), or better; and at a minimum, no less than \$10 million.
2. Ensure REF evaluations remain consistent with past precedent and legislative intent, particularly for capacity-driven projects tied to heating electrification and system adequacy.
3. Support restoring the SEAGR project's eligible funding cap to \$4 million, consistent with prior REF rounds and prior AEA/REFAC recommendations.

Restoring SEAGR's eligibility to \$4 million will help protect the State's substantial investment in affordable energy, avoid increased diesel generation, and deliver the energy cost reductions Southeast Alaska communities have been encouraged to pursue.

Thank you for your continued leadership on energy and infrastructure issues affecting Alaska communities. I appreciate your consideration and would welcome the opportunity to provide any additional technical information.



Robert Siedman, P.E

Chief Executive Officer

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February 25, 2026

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature.

We represent Alaska Village Electric Cooperative (AVEC), Alaska Power & Telephone Company (AP&T), and Inside Passage Electric Cooperative (IPEC). Collectively, our utilities serve more than 100 communities across Alaska — including many with the highest energy costs and the most challenging geographic, logistical, economic, and weather conditions in the state. Our organizations have decades of experience designing, permitting, constructing, and maintaining hydropower, wind, solar, and battery energy storage projects in Alaska.

We respectfully urge you to include robust funding for the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) in the FY budget at a level consistent with recent historical practice — \$14.2 million — and at minimum no less than \$10 million. Over the past three years, the Legislature has invested an average of \$14.2 million annually in this highly successful program.

The Renewable Energy Fund is Alaska's flagship energy investment program. Through objective, data-driven evaluation criteria administered by the Alaska Energy Authority, the REF ensures that funded projects are technically sound, financially responsible, and deliver strong public returns. For nearly two decades, REF has been the State's most effective tool available to lower energy costs, strengthen energy security, and reduce dependence on imported diesel by substituting locally produced, clean resources.

The fiscal case for continued investment is compelling. REF-funded projects currently offset an estimated 13 million gallons of diesel each year. Valued at a conservative \$4 per gallon, that equates to approximately \$52 million in annual fuel savings statewide. That savings figure exceeds the current annual payout capacity of the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) Endowment and is equivalent to a 5% annual draw on a \$1 billion fund.

Without these renewable investments, PCE would be able to cover only about half of its statutory obligation. Because the State is the primary beneficiary of reduced PCE payouts, continued REF funding is not only an energy policy decision — it is a sound fiscal strategy.

The Renewable Energy Fund enjoys broad, bipartisan respect across Alaska. Nearly every utility has utilized the program, and virtually every community — along with schools, families, and businesses — has benefited from it. Sustaining this program at \$14.2 million will protect its effectiveness and momentum. At a minimum, we urge an appropriation of no less than \$10 million to ensure the program remains viable and impactful.

Thank you for your service to the State of Alaska and for your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



William R. Stamm

William Stamm, President & CEO – AVEC

Jason Custer

Jason Custer, VP Corporate Development – AP&T

Brandon Shaw

Brandon Shaw, CEO - IPEC

Doniece Gott

From: Randi Sweet <randisweet252@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 5:10 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Letter of Support for Senior and Disability Budget Items

As a Senior in rural Alaska, I support these budget items, especially in these challenging times. We must help those in need, help people remain in their homes or communities which is the least costly and most effective, and provide sufficient funds to maximize federal matching funds.

Senior Development Housing Fund Maintain \$3M in the Governor's Proposed Operating budget for this AHFC program to assist in development of senior housing projects. Funding can be used to provide housing for Alaska's senior citizens so that they may remain in their home communities and can be used for acquisition, rehabilitation and new construction of senior housing. Grants are made to nonprofit organizations to bridge the gap between the cost of the project and funding from other sources.

Coordinated Community Transportation (Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities). Maintain \$700,000 GF/MH in the Governor's Proposed Mental Health budget (SB 215). Coordinated transportation efforts support vehicles and assistive transportation support for seniors and people with disabilities—for getting to jobs, medical appointments, social activities, and shopping. Transportation services enhance mobility of people with intellectual-developmental, behavioral, cognitive, seniors with dementia, and their families. These funds will leverage federal resources to continue to add flexibility to respond to the unique needs of Alaskan communities.

Home Modifications and Upgrades (DOH, Division of Senior and Disability Services) Maintain \$1.15 million GF/MH (General Funds) in the Governor's Proposed Mental Health budget (SB 215). Home accessibility improvements allow people with physical and other disabilities to live in their homes, reducing the need for higher levels of care, such as assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. Grants support ramps, bathroom accommodations, equipment, and other modifications.

Statewide Independent Living Centers (SILC)

Support an increase of \$403k for total funding of \$603k. SILC helps Alaskans with disabilities including a significant number of seniors live independently and participate fully in their communities. Every state is federally required to have a Statewide Independent Living Council. However, without adequate funding to carry out its required duties, Alaska risks losing more than \$1.4 million in federal Independent Living funds that support Centers for Independent Living across the state.

Thank you for your consideration,

Randi Sweet,
Seldovia, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Cady Lister <clister@realaska.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:07 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Kelly Merrick; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. James Kaufman; Sen. Mike Cronk
Subject: REAP public testimony - support for Renewable Energy Fund appropriation

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature.

My name is Cady Lister, I am the Executive Director of the Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP), a nonprofit community based organization with a mission to increase the adoption of renewable energy and energy efficiency in Alaska. I am also a member of the Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee (REFAC) and a past employee of the Alaska Energy Authority where I served as Deputy Director and Chief Economist. I have worked on the Renewable Energy Fund in some capacity for most of the years since the program's inception and have seen first hand the positive impact the program has on communities in Alaska. REF funding is an investment in community stability, reducing our reliance on volatile priced fossil fuels, stabilizing costs and reducing emissions.

I write to respectfully urge you to include robust funding for the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) in the FY budget. Over the past three years, the Legislature has invested an average of \$14.2 million annually in this highly successful program.

Projects recommended for funding by the Alaska Energy Authority, through the REGAC, have been vetted through a robust, data-driven evaluation that considers feasibility, project readiness, cost savings and other benefits to the community(ies). In addition to community benefits, REF projects reduce and stabilize the cost of the Power Cost Equalization program. Currently, REF funded projects save an estimated 13 million gallons of diesel annually, at \$4 per gallon, that equals a savings of around \$52 million each year. Much of this savings is occurring in PCE communities and is a direct reduction in the amount of PCE funds needed each year. Investing in renewable projects in PCE communities is sound fiscal policy.

The Renewable Energy Fund enjoys broad, bipartisan respect across Alaska. Nearly every utility has utilized the program, and virtually every community — along with schools, families, and businesses — has benefited from it. Sustaining this program at \$14.2 million will protect its effectiveness and momentum. At a minimum, I join others in urging an appropriation of no less than \$10 million to ensure the program remains viable and impactful.

Thank you for your service to the State of Alaska and for your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Cady Lister

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TYLER RENTAL

February 25, 2026

The Honorable Bert Stedman
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Senate
Capitol Building, Room 516
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: House Bill No. 289; \$70 million state match

Dear Senator Stedman:

I'm writing to express my support for immediate passage of House Bill No. 289, the so-called "fast track supplemental". This bill includes nearly \$70 million needed to match federal-aid aviation and highway funds. My understanding is these funds are needed for this summer's construction program managed by the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT/PF).

I recognize these funds were approved by the Alaska State Legislature in last year's capital budget. Unfortunately, the money did not survive in the final bill signed by the governor. In most cases, Alaska gets \$9 in construction funding for every \$1 of state money.

I also recognize there may be some difference of opinion about how quickly the funds are needed to ensure full use of these transportation dollars this summer. In an abundance of caution, I urge moving ahead now with approving House Bill No. 289 with the match funds included to avoid any delays in getting these projects out for the 2026 construction season.

Thank you for all you do for the state and your district. Please call if you want to discuss.

Sincerely,



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From: arlynquery@proton.me
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 4:34 AM
To: Rep. Jubilee Underwood; Sen. Robert Yundt; Sen. George Rauscher; Sen. Cathy Tilton; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Resident Concern: The PFD is not a "Slush Fund" for the State Budget

To the Members of the 34th Alaska Legislature,

My name is Arlyn, and I am a lifelong Alaskan living in Wasilla. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the current practice of using the Permanent Fund Dividend to balance the state budget. As we move through the 2026 session, it is clear that siphoning off the PFD has become a "stealth tax" on middle-class families. When the state caps our dividends at \$1,000–\$1,300 while the statutory formula calls for over \$3,500, you are effectively taking thousands of dollars directly from my household to pay for services that should be funded by a fair and broad-based revenue system.

This is a regressive tax that hits families in the Mat-Su far harder than it hits non-residents or the wealthiest Alaskans. For us, that PFD isn't "extra" money—it's how we pay for fuel, groceries, and winter gear. It is the "share" of our state's wealth we were promised, not a piggy bank for the Legislature.

I am asking you to:
Support a Full Statutory PFD and follow the law as written.

Protect the Earnings Reserve Account from being used as a government slush fund.

Be honest with Alaskans about the budget rather than hiding taxes inside PFD cuts.

We are tired of the Mat-Su carrying the burden of the state's failure to create a real fiscal plan. I look forward to seeing how you vote on these issues.

Sincerely,
Arlyn Query
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Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for Android.

Doniece Gott

From: Lena Oliver <angel1formom2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2026 9:07 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee

I am so sick of seeing the PFD put on everything and then tell us how 50% goes somewhere else, the dividend was put into place for Alaskans, not anything else, but one way or another you all think it's ok to put other bills into it, its not ok, that is what the taxes is for, and its bad enough that the taxes are what they are now but you want to raise them more, and then you guys expect Alaskans to trust you all, well we are all sick of your spending habits and then finding excuses on why this or that should be taken out of the dividend and why our taxes should be raised, why don't you guys try not spending the Alaskans money on yourselves and everything you want, like a 10,000 dollar sofa in your office, you guys actually think we Alaskans don't see you're scams, we need all new legislatures in office, ones who really do care about the people, ones who can be honest, ones who will put the dividend back to the way it was, ones who we can actually trust, if there is any such people. You all forget about us longtime Alaskans who remember things as they use to be and have watched the greed you all do now, you all sicken me 🙄



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February 20, 2026

The Honorable Lyman Hoffman
The Honorable Bert Stedman
The Honorable Donald Olson
Alaska State Senate
Co-Chairs, Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Retirement System Funding

Dear Senators Hoffman, Stedman, and Olson:

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Board of the Retired Public Employees of Alaska (RPEA) regarding the Governor's Proposed FY27 Budget on retirement system funding.¹

The RPEA is very concerned that the Governor's proposed budget does not follow the action recommended by the Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB) with respect to the State of Alaska's FY27 "Additional State Contribution" for both the PERS and TRS Defined Benefit (DB) pension systems.

The RPEA is concerned because, as we understand it, Governor Dunleavy is the first governor in twenty years (since the ARMB's inception) **not** to adopt the resolutions of the ARMB with respect to that agency's recommended annual Additional State Contributions aimed at liquidating the State's PERS and TRS defined benefit pension liabilities by 2039.

As members of the Finance Committee are aware, the ARMB was established by law, effective October 1, 2005, to serve as the trustee of the assets of the State's retirement systems, and to establish and determine the investment objectives and policy for each of the retirement funds entrusted to it, including annually *setting an appropriate contribution rate for liquidating any past service liability* [see AS 37.10.220(a)(8), emphasis added].

On September 17, 2025, during its fall 2025 meeting, the ARMB adopted Resolution 2025-11 (Scenario 1d) and Resolution 2025-14 (Scenario 1d), impacting the PERS DB retirement system and the TRS DB retirement system, respectively. Together, these recommendations set the Additional State Contribution for FY27 at \$270.3 Million.

¹ See SB0213a and HB0263a, Section 27, titled "Retirement System Funding, page 78, Lines 7 through 18.

The Scenario selected by the ARMB (i.e., 1d) was one of six options² proposed by Arthur J. Gallagher & Company (Gallagher) to both the Alaska Division of Retirement & Benefits (DRB) [in an August 28, 2025, letter] and the ARMB during its meeting of September 16 – 18, 2025.³

In his FY27 proposed operating budget, Governor Dunleavy selected Scenario 1b from the six options presented by Gallagher. This scenario sets the Additional State Contribution at \$232.4 Million. This represents a difference of \$37.8 Million from the ARMB's recommendation.

The RPEA firmly believes that meeting the goal of eliminating the State's pension liabilities in just over a decade from now requires that the State endorse and fully align with the policies and methodologies recommended by the ARMB.

The Governor's decision to deviate from twenty years of practice is alarming to the retired public employee members of the RPEA because it overturns the significant work and policy decisions of the very agency charged by statute with annually setting the appropriate contribution rate for liquidating any past service liability.

The ARMB Board's adoption of Scenario 1d also reflects policy decisions it adopted last year to bring its amortization policies in line with current industry standards, rejecting an insistence on continuing to operate under a 25-year layered amortization policy.

Conversely, Scenario 1b, the Scenario selected by the Administration, asserts a preference for a 25-year layered amortization methodology, despite the ARMB's substantial policy review and actions during 2025 to free its management of the retirement funds from that strict and outmoded policy.

What the substitution of the Governor's Scenario 1b for the ARMB's Scenario 1d means, in terms of impact on the unfunded liability, is simple: if the 25-year layered amortization methodology is allowed to stand and is adopted by future governors and legislatures, it extends the period of time it will take the State to liquidate its pension liabilities.

² The PERS and TRS options presented were numbered *Scenario* 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, 2b in Gallagher's presentation to the ARMB on 9/16/2025, and were titled *Exhibits* 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, and 2b in Gallagher's letter to Division of Retirement & Benefits (DRB) Director Kathy Lea, but they presented the same information. These six options differed by their handling of the Healthcare Normal Cost and the Amortization Methodology applied to the unfunded liability. A quick review of the differences presented by these six options is found on the last page (pg. 126) of the Gallagher presentation, a link to which is provided in the footnote below.

³ Gallagher (formerly Buck) is the ARMB's and the DRB's actuarial consultant of long-standing. Attached [here](#) is a copy of the 207 pages of materials before the ARMB's Actuarial Committee on 9/16/2025, including copies of the two relevant ARMB resolutions and the entire Gallagher PowerPoint presentation. The adopted PERS ARMB Resolution 2025-11 is found on pgs. 127–129, and pgs. 136 & 137 of the Actuarial Committee materials. The adopted TRS Resolution 2025-14, is found on pgs. 147 & 148 and pgs. 155 & 156 of those materials. The Gallagher presentation is found in pgs. 59–126 of the Committee materials, including the letter to DRB Director Lea on pgs. 116–126.

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And while reducing the contribution this year would save FY27 General Funds, it also means, if the State stayed on this course, that over time the unfunded liability costs would continue to grow.

If, however, the State stays with the course recommended by the ARMB in Scenario 1d, while costs are somewhat higher in the near term, by 2033 the needed annual state contribution drops precipitously, and by 2039 is zeroed out.

The RPEA believes strongly that Alaska Legislature should honor the work of the ARMB in managing the State's significant public retirement pension funds and adopt its recommendation of Scenario 1d with respect to the Additional State Contributions for the FY27 proposed budget.

We reject the suggestion that the efforts and expertise of the ARMB can be ignored and its work to meet its PERS and TRS fiduciary responsibilities discarded. Therefore, we are certainly encouraged to see that the full appropriation is included in HB 263 (HCS1), and we respectfully request that the Legislature maintains that commitment throughout the budget process.

We thank you for your consideration of this admittedly complex but highly impactful matter.

Sincerely,

Randall Burns
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cc: Senate Finance Committee Members
RPEA Membership

Doniece Gott

From: Loren Rancourt <lorenrancourt@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2025 1:03 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Funds Should Guarantee Public Access to the Law Library - Notice of Legal Action

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

I am writing to raise a concern about the current hours of the Alaska State Law Library, including the Anchorage branch at the Boney Courthouse. The library is closed to the public until noon each day, but during those same morning hours it remains open for judges and court staff only. Open on fridays to judges and staff ONLY.

Because the library is funded entirely with public tax dollars, this creates a troubling two-tiered system: taxpayer money supports access for one group, while ordinary citizens are locked out for half the day. This runs counter to the principles of equal protection in Article I, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution, which guarantees equal rights and opportunities under the law.

The Alaska Supreme Court has held that “the right of access to the courts is fundamental” (Bush v. Reid, 516 P.2d 1215 (Alaska 1973)). And the U.S. Supreme Court has long recognized that there can be no equal justice when public resources are distributed unequally (Griffin v. Illinois, 351 U.S. 12 (1956)). Restricting law library access to judges in the mornings—while excluding the very citizens who fund it—undermines public confidence in our justice system.

I respectfully request that the Legislature review this policy when considering Judiciary appropriations, and ensure that future funding for the State Law Library guarantees meaningful public access throughout the day, not just limited afternoon hours. Similar to UAA’s library hours (4 AAC 57.064). Consistent with President Donald Trump’s policy of returning to pre-covid era hours in public services.

Thank you for your service and for your commitment to equal justice for all Alaskans.

Respectfully,

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Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) Budget Needs

At the Federal level VOCA(victims of crime act) is funded in the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies(CJS) budget through non-taxpayer sources of funds. Monetary penalties associated with federal convictions and certain criminal settlements go into the Crime Victims Fund (similar to Alaska's own PFD felon funds account). Deposits fluctuate annually based on the cases that the Department of Justice successfully prosecutes and settles. Statutorily, this money funds specific DOJ programs, state victim assistance grants, and *supplements state victim compensation funds*.

Crime Victim Fund Federal Reimbursement Allocation Process

State Compensation formula grants - 75 percent of the amounts the state paid out using state funds in eligible victim comp claims during the preceding fiscal year (2 years prior to the grant year when federal funds are available).

Example: the state pays out \$1 million to crime victims in state dollars in FY26. In FY28 the state is eligible to be reimbursed \$750,000 from the federal CVF. If no state dollars are paid out to crime victims in FY27 then in FY29 there will be ZERO federal dollars allocated to the state.

Currently, the VCCB is funded through a small amount of general funds, federal funds, and PFD felon funds. The federal funds as stated above are reimbursements for funds paid to crime victims and are to be used to pay crime victims. We understand they are not available for administration of the Board.

Similar to the federal dollars, the available PFD felon funds can fluctuate from year to year based on the amount of the PFD. So, funds available to pay crime victims vary from year to year.

We are asking for \$1 million in undesignated state general fund dollars to be inserted into the VCCB Grants, Benefits line. This will provide for stability in the funds for victim compensation and allow the Board to pay out a certain level of state dollars to eligible crime victims each year ensuring federal reimbursements in future years.

2/26/26
Lauree Morton
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