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March 11, 2026

The Honorable Ashley Carrick
Chair, House State Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 120
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Carrick,

This letter serves as the written response to a question asked during the HB 189 hearing in the House State Affairs Committee on March 10, 2026.

During the hearing, several committee members asked how past Permanent Fund Dividends (PFDs) would be paid if a wrongfully incarcerated person had already given up their PFD to the Restorative Justice Account. A similar question was asked during hearings on the companion bill, SB 167. This prompted the Legal Memo referenced in the hearing yesterday and accompanying this written response.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact my staff carrying the legislation, Talia Eames at 907.465.3438 or talia.eames@akleg.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Legal Memo dated February 23, 2026


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