From:

Dave Frey

Sent:

Monday, May 01, 2023 8:35 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Supporting SB 114

I strongly support the passage of SB 114. This would reduce tax credits to oil companies by \$3 per barrel and get rid of the Hilcorp loophole. It is an excellent way to help solve our state's fiscal problems. SB 114 would generate hundreds of millions of dollars each year. Please pass the bill through your committee asap.

Thank you,

David E Frey

Fairbanks, AK 99712

From:

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Sent:

Monday, May 01, 2023 8:39 AM Senate Finance Committee

To: Cc:

Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Jesse Sumner

Subject:

SB114

Please pass SB114 and stop the giveaway to the oil companies. How is it legal for Hillcorp to file as an S-Corporation? Fix this loophole please.

Christel Petty

From:

Beverly Hoffman

Sent:

Monday, May 01, 2023 8:40 AM

To: Subject:

Senate Finance Committee

Fwd: Oil tax reform

Begin forwarded message:

From: Beverly Hoffman < bev@kuskofish.com>

Subject: Oil tax reform

Date: May 1, 2023 at 8:36:45 AM AKDT

To: "SENTATE.FINANCE.COMMITTEE@akleg.gov" <SENTATE.FINANCE.COMMITTEE@AKLEG.GOV>

"The \$8 per barrel credit was never analyzed by the Legislature before SB 21 was enacted and the number appeared out of nowhere overnight shortly before the tax law was approved a decade ago. The credit had been \$5 a barrel before the House upped it to a figure that was not vetted."

Senators

Here is the main reason this credit should be reduced/reformed. . It is called Alaska's Fair Share and Senate Bill 114 addresses the need for oil revenue reform. Please move this Bill forward. Please do not let oil lobbyists convince you otherwise. Quyana

Sincerely,

Beverly Hoffman Bethel Alaska

From:

oni:

Sent: To: Monday, May 01, 2023 9:06 AM Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114 Approval

I support SB 114 for Alaska peoples fair share in its vast resources.

Thank you, James Grotha cirinative@gci.net

From:

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 7:47 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Cc:

Sen. Bill Wielechowski

Subject:

Please Support SB 114

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

I have been reading information about SB 114 and urge you to support it.

State revenue forecasts show that significant long-term budget deficits are likely, and the commonsense fixes contained in this bill will help stabilize the legislature's budget process and help to close current and future budget gaps.

The significant measures in this bill would have all oil producers pay the same corporate income tax rate as other corporations do, at 9.4%, would decrease Alaska's per barrel oil tax credit from \$8 to \$5 and would cap the credit amount to equal the company's capital expenditures.

These changes need to be a part of the reforms needed to help solve our ever-increasing fiscal crisis. Over the next two years, Alaska's state government will face a billion-dollar budget shortfall, and SB 114's provisions will go far toward closing that gap.

Thank you for your consideration, Sheri Whitethorn

Anchorage, AK 99508

From:

Travis Holt

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 6:34 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114

Dear Committee members,

Please pass Senate Bill 114. This is the kind of commonsense legislation that helps our state function without crippling those struggling to survive and thrive.

I understand why there would be opposition to passing this legislation, and of course you understand why as well. And hopefully you'll agree that the well-being of state infrastructure and the safety and education of its citizens is a more important consideration.

Respectfully, Travis Holt

Anchorage resident - Nunaka Valley

From:

Cody Salter <

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 6:05 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114

My name is Cody Salter and I have lived in Alaska for over 60 years (I'm 70 now) I'm writing in support of SB 114. I was in support of the Fair Share Initiative a couple years ago but I think SB 114 will be fair for all. Please think of Alaska and don't let the oil companies sway you views.

Thank you,

Eric "Cody" Salter

Sent from my iPhone

From:

mary griswold <

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 6:04 PM

Sent: To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114 S-corp taxes

I support SB 114 to close the Hilcorp loophole. They should not avoid the corporate income tax paid by other oil companies by organizing as an S corporation.

I encourage new revenue sources and a sustainable fiscal plan. We should replenish the CBR.

1 support the 75/25 split of 5POMV with 75% for government.

We cannot grow our economy without providing essential services that a growing economy demands even more.

Please help get our fiscal house in order now.

Mary Griswold Homer

From:

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 4:43 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Cc:

dbates@mosquitonet.com; Rep. Maxine Dibert

Subject:

SB114

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in support of <u>SB114.In</u> my 50 years in Alaska, I have yet to see, with the exception of ACES, an oil tax bill that benefited the people of Alaska. SB114 will not undo the damage caused by SB21, but it is a step in the right direction.

With even the Governor recognizing the need for an additional revenue source, SB114 would help to meet that goal without a regressive tax such as a sales tax. It is vital to the future of Alaska that SB114 is voted out of the Finance Committee. I believe that the bill will pass the Senate after passing the Finance committee. It is your time to be known, and remembered for, something so vital for the future of the State of Alaska.

Regards,

David Bates

From:

Joan Franz

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 3:24 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Cc:

Sen. Click Bishop; Rep. Mike Cronk; Rep. Jennie Armstrong; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Rep.

Maxine Dibert

Subject:

Please vote in support of SB 114

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members,

I am a resident of Fairbanks and appreciate the opportunity to comment on this very important bill, SB 114. I strongly opposed SB 21 when it was passed in 2013 with the support and dishonesty of oil industry legislators. The promises of increased jobs, overall revenue gains over continual fluctuations of oil prices and promoting increased oil field production with the oil tax credit at \$8 per barrel was clearly not experienced. We as a state began paying oil companies to take our oil rather than benefitting from our non renewable resource. A fair review after several years was promised and was never allowed to happen in a way that repealed this financial disaster, SB21. I am a small business person that was appalled that the state could do such fiscal damage to our themselves.

I strongly support SB 114 and encourage you to pass this bill as well as further bills and actions that will allow our state to receive a fair tax from oil and gas corporations. We as a state shamefully have given away revenue as oil and gas companies profits rapidly increase. It is time to pass this bill and future bills that will return our fair share of taxes to the state coffers.

Also, I would like a senate version of HB 156 introduced by Rep. Galvin be supported and passed. For way too long out of state oil workers have not paid income tax to Alaska. A small % income tax is important to reinstate that does not effect those individuals making less than \$200,000. A sales tax is regressive and hurts individuals who have lower incomes. If a sales tax is put in place, it must be limited to luxury items and not food and other essential items.

i appreciate and encourage passage of SB 114.

Thank you.

Joan Franz Fairbanks, Alaska

From:

Sent:

Melody Jamieson Sunday, April 30, 2023 2:59 PM Senate Finance Committee

To: Subject:

SB 114

I support SB 114.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Michael Walleri <

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 1:49 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Re: Support for SB 114

> I would like to express my support for SB 114. I am particularly concerned that Alaska's revenue situation has caused some Legislators to consider reinstatement of an income tax and/or sales tax. I appreciate the need to enhance Alaska State revenues as the legislature faces a more/less half billion dollar deficit. However, all of that deficit is due to reductions on the oil industry that have been granted since 2013. Notably, tax reduction for the oil companies has not actually resulted in overall enhanced revenue increases as originally promised. The deficit has grown in direct proportion to the tax reductions on the oil industry, while in many cases, Alaska is simply giving away its oil.

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> SB 114 is a reversal in policy that would actually restore between \$400-\$600 million in tax revenues lost due to the reductions of oil taxes that have failed to produce the promised result. As you know, the bill would close the S-corp loophole costing Alaska about \$100 million a year, and reduce tax credits claimed by producers from \$8 to \$5 a barrel. The bill is a modest proposal that does not fully restore Alaska's pre-2013 tax structure, but rather reforms the tax code to remove unanticipated tax loopholes that cost Alaskans millions of dollars. It is definitely needed.

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> I am opposed to individual income/sales taxes until such time that Alaskan oil producers begin paying for the oil they extract from Alaska at little or no tax.

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> Michael J. Walleri 2518 Riverview Dr. Fairbanks, Alaska 99707 (907) 378-6555

From:

Thomas Wilson

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 1:47 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee skycabinairships@aol.com

Cc: Subject:

Oil Revenue Reform and Associated Tax Issues

Testimony by Thomas Rodman Wilson
To the Senate Finance Committee Supporting
Oil Revenue Reform
April 30 2023

When statehood was considered for Alaska back in the 1950's the question arose of how it would finance it's government. In both the Federal Statehood Act and the Alaska Constitution the decision was to have the State own the resources and allow it to liquify them as it chose. This was a new model, unlike states where private landowners had effective full title for their parcels and resources down to the center of the Earth.

Alaska obtains royalties, severance tax and corporate tax which if applied well constitute Alaska's "Fair Share". Oil and other valuable non-renewable resources as well as renewable fisheries and timber could provide this low population state with adequate financial means to operate its governmental responsibilities. The existence and vast quantities of those resources were and are all the incentive needed to draw the associated industries to very challenging places such as the North Slope.

One previous governor, who had studied Petroleum sciences at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, got bids on one tract at Prudhoe Bay of over 90% of their profits from that site. Alaska's dealings with the oil industry have fallen so very far from that notion of "Fair Share". The owner of VECO got caught bribing legislators when simply leaning on them did not suffice, but the FBI took their eye off that, on going game. There have been legislators who received greater pay from the industry than from the job they took an Oath to. That is not against the law but it does have an odor to it.

Under SB-21, credits appeared at \$5per barrel, nobody commented so they jumped to \$8per barrel. Would someone justify why? Billions of dollars have been given away to the wealthiest International Corporations on the planet to do what they were going to do anyway, get the oil out of the ground as fast as possible. The industry has long gotten its way, there was once a federal "Depletion Allowance" or getting credit for pumping strategic oil reserves dry. Whole organizations such as OPEC were established to manipulate the market, our civilizations' addiction forgave all.

Vast damage has been done to Alaska's governmental institutions due to a view that government is bad and is in need of cuts. Well it has been cut, severely, our K thru University school system has been badly damaged by the actions of a former "educator" and alumni. Our Marine Highway System, which ought to be expanded up into the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean and connecting to a new River Highway system via a set of Riverboats serving the thousands of miles of river shore and communities, is instead in dis-repair and ill serving communities it long served reliably. There are hungry people, who due to government job cuts no longer receive food stamps and are relying upon private charity.

Alaska has real needs, so much so that not only is taking Our "Fair Share" essential but a progressive income tax should be re-imposed, something this individual was once proud to pay along with the \$10 school tax ~ a Head Tax which ought to be considered as well. Why? Because maybe the inverse of the American Revolutionary slogan "No Taxation without Representation is also true. The oil industry pays some tax and they have defiantly gotten 'representation' it is the private citizens of Alaska that seem to be lacking representation, as maybe, "There is No Representation without Taxation!"

The sad fact is that the Permanent Fund Dividend did not, in the hopes of Governor Hammond, in-vale citizens to attend to and protect the fund, no, instead we suffer from an "Entitlement Mentality", gimme, gimme but I owe nothing to our proper governance.

Final note: My father Rodman Wilson M.D. and I (just Honorably Discharged) attended the Prudhoe Bay lease sale at the old Sydney Lawrence auditorium, back when Alaskans thought \$900 million was more money that we could spend.

Sent from my iPad

From:

Valerie Luczak <

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 1:16 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Senate Bill 114 support

We support SB 114. Bonus per barrel tax credits must also be eliminated, as they were not applied to promises by the industry for more Alaska hire, more exploration and so on. LLC's need to pay their fair share of taxes.

It's so obvious...it's constitutional, Alaska needs to get the most for their resources...

Our roads, that are traveled by thousands of Alaskan commuters each day need fixing, our schools need fixing, our services to seniors, the university and so on, need addressing. Too much has been passed over with the give aways to the oil industry.

We do not need roads to Ambler and so called new Farm lands, which are mining roads in disguise... no more subsidies for outside corporations.

Where are the Alaska based corporations? Mining needs to be an Alaska owned and controlled industry, with appropriate instate job training.

We do not need to give away our extracted resources to other countries...for minimal return, this must be addressed as well.

Also need a non resident income tax, most slope workers do not even live in this state, another failed promise, along with so called riches from gas line...diversions to prevent Alaska from realizing It's potential.

In the long run, this state needs to be doing the research and development of alternatives to fossil fuels, which are the future , if indeed there is a future to be had on an earth with radical climate change ...

Thoughtfully and sincere,

Leonard Peck and Valerie Luczak

From:

Mary Burtness

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 12:48 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Support SB 114

Dear members of Finance Committee:

It is time for Alaskans to reap more of the benefit of our oil resources. This bill is a definite step in the right direction. Please pass it and send it on to become law.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my priorities. Mary C Burtness

From:

Carolyn Gove

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 11:53 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Pass SB 114 Oil Tax Reform Now

I support SB 114. The current oil tax credit system has depleted the Alaska budget at the cost of essential services to Alaska residents while providing a windfall to corporations. The promised boon to Alaska has not materialized, and in the meantime, we are gutting our education system and vital transportation links to rural Alaska for lack of revenue.

SB 114 offers a compromise toward balancing the budget and restoring the priority of State government to serve the citizens' best interests.

It is past time to make adjustments to the oil tax credit scheme and demand our fair share of oil revenue.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Gove

Anchorage, AK

Lifelong Alaska resident

From:

Mary Odden <

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 11:43 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Donny Olson;

Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Kelly Merrick; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Jesse Kiehl

Subject:

Common Sense supports SB 114

Dear Members of the Alaska Senate Finance Committe, and especially our friend Click Bishop:

As Senator Bishop knows, we in the Glennallen area live in of one of the most "conservative" regions of our state. This is our home. We have lived in Nelchina since the early 1980s and we operate/have operated three small businesses, including at one time the local paper. We do not belong to a particular political party, but have supported outstanding legislators with good ideas. We remember that Sarah Palin's ACES (Alaska's Fair and Equitable Share) oil tax structure brought appropriate taxation to the corporations and appropriate support for education and other public infrastructure to the state. Partisan politics brought that structure down (though it was supported by our region's legislators, Gene Therriault and John Harris, both republicans). Unfortunate political posturing and divisive stances used to gain re-election are tearing Alaska's long and sturdy history of cooperation and balanced development apart. Elected officials have responsibility to help end this posturing, and support of SB 114 is an important opportunity. If legislators will communicate the common sense of this legislation to their constituents, we believe they will all be rewarded by a wider support than they now enjoy.

Here is a description of currently proposed legislation: "Senate Bill (SB) 114 will help to repair the state's income gap and is a fair vehicle to apply across the board to the state's oil and gas producers. SB 114 would (1) apply the state corporate income tax to all the major producers regardless of the corporate form they choose to use when operating in Alaska (currently, unlike the other major producers, Hilcorp avoids all state corporate income taxes on oil production by operating as an S-Corp), and (2) reduce the per barrel credits somewhat (from \$8 per barrel to \$5 per barrel) and link them to actual investment. While SB 114 does not result in a fair share for Alaskans, it is a step in the right direction.

Alaskans get less value for our oil than any other oil producing state or region of the world. While our Legislature has permitted the massive give away of Alaska's oil resources, Alaska has lost jobs and population and sacrificed our schools and universities, our state ferry system, our capital budgets necessary for infrastructure, and our PFD's. While only a small step, we believe SB 114 is a long-overdue step by the Legislature in meeting its constitutional obligations to maximize the benefit of our oil resources for all Alaskans."

Maximizing the benefit of the states' resources for all Alaskans is in our constitution and is your sworn responsibility. We support this conservative common sense measure, and hope to see support for it across the board in the legislature. Our fiscal problems are solvable. Get back to work and solve them.

Respectfully yours, Mary and Jim Odden Nelchina

From: J. Cassellius <

Sent: Sunday, April 30, 2023 11:25 AM

To: Senate Finance Committee

Subject: VOTE YES TO PASS SB114 - Alaskans Demand a Fair Share for our Resource Wealth!

To: Senate Finance Committee -

From Juanita Cassellius, representing All Alaskans' Resource Owners Coalition

Alaskans want a more responsible approach to our government - NOW! The last 7 years voters have called for a sustainable fiscal plan.

We need a comprehensive, long-term fiscal plan - NOW! SB114 is a PART of this plan. No one solution is a silver bullet to fix our problems with the

"resource curse". Please have the courage and wisdom to FIX our dysfunctional political problems - in order to proceed with a fiscal plan that citizens support and need!

Thank you to all leaders and voters advocating for solutions like SB114, finding government efficiencies, and protecting the PFD in the AK Constitution (in order to protect the Fund).

Past advertising about oil credit reform bills was deceptive and misled many voters by saying - protecting Oil Company incentives will create JOBS! JOBS! JOBS! Not true.

Why is Senate Bill 114, Oil Subsidy Reform, Needed Now?

Alaska is facing a Billion-dollar budget shortfall over the next two years. This could lead to drastic cuts to essential services such as education, public safety, and roads.

Solution: Senate Bill 114 is a bi-partisan, compromise effort, that will close the S-Corporation tax loophole and the perbarrel

oil tax credits to investment with a cap reduction from 8-5 dollars/barrel. This will lead to \$500-600 million more in revenue.

- The current oil tax regime, SB 21, has been a failure.
- The promises of more oil production, more jobs, more investment, and more revenue for the state have all been broken.
- The number of oil jobs in Alaska is half of what it was in 2014.
- Oil industry investment is \$600 million dollars less since 2014.
- Senate Bill 114 makes two modest changes.
- The S-Corporation loophole has cost our state more than \$500 million in the last 5 years.
- The per-barrel credits have cost the state more than \$10 billion dollars in the last 10 years.
- That's why Alaskans are coming together to support SB 114 and demand action to fix our broken oil tax system.
- SB114 is the only revenue option on the table that will take effect immediately to balance the budget.
- We can't keep balancing the state budget off the backs of working Alaskans while the richest companies in the world get billion-dollar tax breaks.
- Any per-barrel tax credit to the oil industry must be tied to investment.

Alaskans deserve a better deal.

- It's our oil. We are an owner-state where everyone in Alaska owns sub-surface resources.
- SB 114 will create an explosion of investment on the North Slope. By tying per-barrel credits to investment, 1:1, we will see companies investing 100s of millions more on the North Slope. We can't have more oil production without serious capital expenditures.
- SB 114 sends a message that if you invest in Alaska, we will invest in you. But the days of blank checks with oil tax credits are over!

From:

Linda Schandelmeier <

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 10:28 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Senate Bill 114

Dear Senators,

I am urging you to pass Senate Bill 114.

We are facing a revenue crisis largely because major oil producers are not paying us adequately for our oil.

We need to:

- 1) apply the state corporate income tax to all the major producers regardless of the corporate form they choose to use when operating in Alaska (currently, unlike the other major producers, Hilcorp avoids all state corporate income taxes on oil production by operating as an S-Corp), and
- 2) reduce the per barrel credits somewhat (from \$8 per barrel to \$5 per barrel) and link them to actual investment.

While SB 114 does not result in a fair share for Alaskans, it is a step in the right direction.

Thank you,

Linda Schandelmeier

Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

From:

Ann McCann

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 10:24 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB114 - Support!

Please support this Bill. We need some positive action now to begin rectifying our financial situation.

Ann McCann Fairbanks

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Inline image

From:

John Davies data 1945 @gmail.com

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 9:17 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114 Oil taxes and credits

Honorable Chair and Members,

Please approve SB 114 and work to get it to the Governor for his signature. Equity demands that all major oil and gas companies operating in Alaska should pay some form of corporate income tax. This bill would close the S Corp loophole. Further, the bill would restore the tax credit to the level considered in the original version of the legislation that created the credits. These credits give away too much of our precious oil without fair return to the state. Also, they don't incentivize production as claimed. It is time that Alaska got its fair share of the value of our oil and gas resources.

Respectfully,

John Davies

Fairbanks AK 99709

Sent from John Davies' iPhone

From:

Debbie Hinchey <

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 9:01 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114 Support

I support SB 114. It is a step in the right direction to stop giving our oil away.

Debbie Hinchey Anchorage

From:

Holly 4

Sent:

Sunday, April 30, 2023 7:13 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee; Sen. Bill Wielechowski

Subject:

In support of SB 114

I support SB 114. I am pleased to see the legislature making some headway on balancing the budget. I am tired of small businesses and homeowners picking up the slack. If we are going to make progress, everything will need to bend a little.

Holly R. Hill

From:

Sent:

Joan Diamond Saturday, April 29, 2023 10:44 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB114

Ok tax reform is long overdue. We need more revenue for Alaskan public services, especially public education. PLEASE Pass SB 114 this session.

Thank you, Joan Diamond Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

From:

carl berger <

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 10:39 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee; Sen. Löki Tobin; Sen.Bill.Wielechewski@akleg.gov

Subject:

SB114 Sen Wielekowski

Chairs Sens Bert Stedman, Lyman Hoffman, Donald Olson; Members Sens Kiehl, Merrick, Bishop & Wilson:

I urge your support of Senate Bill 114, to apply our Corporate Income Tax to ALL the major oil producers in Alaska,

regardless of the corporate form they use here (specifically HILCORP oil/ Mr Hildebrand, who presently pays us NO TAXES!!!)

This action will still not provide us a fair return on our oil, but is a step in the right direction for our revenue enhancement.

Besides, how many more beef steaks can Mr Hildebrand eat every day with the tax \$\$\$ he's NOT paying Alaskans for our oil ????????

Please do your duty,

Carl J Berger

Anchorage

58 year Alaska resident: Emmonak, Fairbanks, Bethel, Utkiagvik, Juneau, Kotzebue, Kodiak & Seward

From:

Paul Reichardt

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:26 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Cc:

Rep. Mike Cronk

Subject:

Senate Bill 114

Committee Members:

I strongly urge you to support SB 114. The present approaches to taxation of oil-producing S Corporations and tax credits for oil production are shortchanging Alaska and the benefits to oil companies are well beyond what is acceptable to a broad spectrum of public officials. The oil companies are nowhere near paying their "fair share" and are simply generating excess profits based upon Alaska's generosity. SB 114 takes a major step toward bringing Alaska's taxes on oil companies in line with those of other states and attenuates the pressure to obtain additional State revenue by either taxing individual Alaskans or depleting the State's reserves.

Paul Reichardt

From:

GCI - Joan <

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:21 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Please support SN 114

Dear senate finance committee members,

Please support SB 114! It is a fair proposal for collecting appropriate taxes from companies that are making huge profits off of Alaskan oil.

Our current system is grossly inadequate. It is absurd and actually criminal to be so undercharging for our states's natural resources! Alaskan residents are suffering!! Our state budget has been slashed tremendously leaving schools, the university, the marine highway system and many other programs and projects underfunded and struggling.

I am a lifelong Alaskan since 1959 and it breaks my heart to see our great state wither away. When I was in school at West High, the Anchorage school district was ranked high in the US and the University was growing. My family also loved taking family trips on the ferries!

Please stand up for Alaska and Alaskans! Let's make Alaska great again!! Please support SB 114! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joan Stassel

Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone

From:

John & Anne Herschleb

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 8:15 PM

Sent:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114

Since the start of the Ukraine war Alaskans have been paying high prices at the gas station contributing to the record windfall profits of the oil industry. We need to pass SB114 to bring some sense of fairness to the oil tax system. Please show me that you care more about Alaska than getting your campaign contributions and do the right thing here. Pass this bill!

Thank you, John Herschleb

From:

Luci Beach

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 7:58 PM

Sent:

Senate Finance Committee

Cc:

Luci Beach

Subject:

Fair share

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The petrocolonism corportacracy of the banana republic Alaska has not been a proper benefit to the people, land or wildlife of Alaska. A substandard lifestyle for too many especially Alaska Natives that has existed has gone on too long. The oil companies must finally pay their fair share. There needs to be a moratorium on development until they do in my opinion.

From:

Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 7:16 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Senate Bill 114

To all members of the Senate Finance Committee

Senate bill 114 needs to be fully considered and passed to remedy an unfair and low ball tax code that has allowed producers and corporations to rob this state of fair tax proceeds, allowed hillcorp unfair tax advantage because of its S chapter disignation while most producers flourish with huge profits and the state scrambles to pay its bills and provide seriously needed services. Do not sit on this bill, pass it. It is not a partisan issue it is an ethical that needs to righted.

Pat Fox

Applied Statistician and Research Consultant with Years of Experience In public state and federal, community, and private sectors throughout Alaska Anchorage resident

From:

David Song

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 3:53 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Cc:

Sen. Bill Wielechowski

Subject:

Re: Support for SB 114

Let me also add: the suggested policies of a sales tax (with no exemptions for groceries, medical supplies, medicines, feminine hygiene products, heating oil, etc) or the slashing/elimination of the PFD are both the most regressive options for solving our budget shortfall.

Making the working poor and our rural communities bear even more of a financial burden, especially given the ravages of inflation and the collapse of subsistence fisheries, is immoral and will only cause even more outmigration.

On Sat, Apr 29, 2023 at 3:46 PM David Song dmsong93@gmail.com wrote: Hello Members of the Senate Finance Committee.

I am writing in support of SB 114, a much-needed step for fixing our state's fiscal woes. This is not only a good piece of legislation that fixes Alaska's broken oil tax formula and actually makes oil & gas pay its fair share to the people of Alaska. It's the easiest and most obvious improvement that the legislature can make this session to alleviate our annual budget crises. Sen. Wielechowski is not the first, nor is he the only advocate to call for this reform, because it is patently obvious that tax reform is inevitable and necessary.

This is *not* a question of what is the right economic policy to benefit the Alaskan public. Reform of the SB 21 travesty is clearly needed given the failures of the oil & gas industry to deliver on its lofty promises, and the clear need to return billions in corporate welfare to state services like our schools, roads, ferries, and more.

This is a question of whether or not the members of the Alaska State Legislature can overcome the direct financial and corrupting influences of the oil & gas industry for the benefit of their constituents. The revolving door from state "service" to Conoco, Hilcorp, etc. is well-documented, and although we have moved past the direct corruption of the VECO era, the legal corruption of O&G still exists and is reflected in our policy decisions.

Despite the constant threats of the North Slope industries to pull out of AK if the state stops the money spigot into Texan bank accounts, we cannot let these empty threats destroy our state finances for future generations. These corporations still will make record-breaking profits via our natural resources whether or not we mortgage our futures for their benefit.

In summation, remember that Alaska is a state where people live. It is not a corporate extraction colony for an industry that is becoming increasingly automated, hires largely itinerant out-of-state workers, and will not care about our futures once the oil dries up.

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Please pass SB 114 now.

Best, David Song Anchorage, AK

From:

David Song <

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 3:47 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Cc:

Sen. Bill Wielechowski

Subject:

Re: Support for SB 114

Hello Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 114, a much-needed step for fixing our state's fiscal woes. This is not only a good piece of legislation that fixes Alaska's broken oil tax formula and actually makes oil & gas pay its fair share to the people of Alaska. It's the easiest and most obvious improvement that the legislature can make this session to alleviate our annual budget crises. Sen. Wielechowski is not the first, nor is he the only advocate to call for this reform, because it is patently obvious that tax reform is inevitable and necessary.

This is *not* a question of what is the right economic policy to benefit the Alaskan public. Reform of the SB 21 travesty is clearly needed given the failures of the oil & gas industry to deliver on its lofty promises, and the clear need to return billions in corporate welfare to state services like our schools, roads, ferries, and more.

This is a question of whether or not the members of the Alaska State Legislature can overcome the direct financial and corrupting influences of the oil & gas industry for the benefit of their constituents. The revolving door from state "service" to Conoco, Hilcorp, etc. is well-documented, and although we have moved past the direct corruption of the VECO era, the legal corruption of O&G still exists and is reflected in our policy decisions.

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From:

Sent:

Paul Zimmerman Saturday, April 29, 2023 1:44 PM
Senate Finance Committee

To:

Subject:

Senate Bill 114

I support Senate Bill 114 and urge it's passage.

Paul Zimmerman Kasilof, Ak

From:

Becky Beck 4

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 1:44 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Senate Bill 114

As an employee of then ARCO and a born and raised Alaskan, I sincerely recognize the contribution oil development and production has had on our state. While I expect oil corporations to take their fair share, I don't support their growth at the expense of Alaska's economic survival and our residents. I strongly encourage you to support Senate Bill 114. It's time to govern the State in the interest of the people.

Thank you for listening,

Becky Beck

Anchorage, Alaska 99515

From:

Daniel Hannah

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:18 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114

Honorable Senators,

I write to you today, expressing my support for Senate Bill 114. In the few years I have lived in Alaska, I have seen oil, companies and corporations strip, the land of their natural resources not only do these companies they waste to the Alaskan landscape, Alaskans don't see any benefit from such work. Bringing a small percentage of oil profits into the state budget would fill in the gaps in state services and bring schools back to the funding levels they need, infrastructure improvements, and be able to hire enough staff to serve people at Dept of Publix Assistance, which in Anchorage is lagging months behind in applications.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill, please send it on to the floor with your full support.

Regards, Daniel Hannah

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Van Waggoner <

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 12:42 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Senate bil 114

This bill Will force all of the oil companies operating in Alaska to pay their fair share of corporate taxes, which will alleviate many of the fiscal problems our state is facing. Please do all you can to get this bill passed as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering the request.

Van & Marjie Waggoner Anchorage 99504

From:

Charles Standridge

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 12:10 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB114

Support this bill, it's time we do some good for the people who actually Vote for a change, and work for a living. We can hope

Sent from my iPad

From:

Chris Gabriele

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 11:31 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Cc:

Rep. Andi Story

Subject:

SB 114

Dear Senate Finance Committee.

I urge you to pass SB 114.

The public deserves to get a fair share of the wealth derived from Alaska's natural resources, especially since we pay the brunt of the costs in terms of compromised environments, loss of indigenous cultures and ramifications to our fisheries and our lands from the warming of our planet due to fossil fuel emissions.

Alaska should be incentivizing renewable energy for the future, and taxing dirty industry at as least as high a rate as other oil-producing states, as part of transitioning to a more ethical and sustainable future.

It is clear to you and to me that the "incentives" are not incentivizing, with Hilcorp avoiding corporate income taxes on oil profits altogether - it is not rational nor fair to Alaskans. Public infrastructure and services are in dire need of these revenues.

I realize SB 114 does not get us to our fair share, but it is a good step in the right direction. Please support this legislation.

Sincerely,

Christine Gabriele

Gustavus, Alaska 99826

From: Janie Taylor

Sent: Saturday, April 29, 2023 10:53 AM

To:Senate Finance CommitteeSubject:support Senate Bill 114

Dear Senate Finance Committee, I am writing in support of Senate Bill 114 supporting oil revenue reform. Oil companies have been reaping profit off of Alaskan oil and it it only fair that they share that wealth with the residents of Alaska.

Please support SB 114.

Janie Taylor

From:

Marilyn - - ·

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 10:47 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Senate Bill 114

I am supporting closing the S-Corporation tax loophole, and I am supporting a reduction of per barrel tax credits.

We need to get Alaska's fiscal crisis taken care of now!

Marilyn Standridge

From:

Sue Sherif

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 10:39 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114

Please move SB 114 forward to close the S Corp loophole and to adjust the oil tax credit structure to a more sustainable level. This alone won't solve our fiscal crunch but it is one positive step to putting together all the pieces in the fiscal puzzle, and every piece counts.

Sue Sherif

Fairbanks, AK 99708 Sent from my iPad

From:

mary garrett (modalien 2000) yahoo com

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 10:24 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Oil Tax Adjustment

As our state continues to struggle to meet its financial obligations, it is important that Legislators access any additional funds that are available. iAs a concerned citizen, I fully support SB114 and encourage legislators to pass it as soon as possible.

Mary Garrett,

Anchorage

From:

Brenda Campen

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 10:19 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee; Sen. Bert Stedman

Subject:

SB 114

Dear Senators:

I live in Sitka; Alaska resident since the mid-1970's.

I wholly support the passage of SB 114. It is time to close the S Corporation tax loophole and to reduce the per-barrel oil tax credits from \$8 to \$5 - at a minimum! I am an informed voter, retired educator, and want to see the state enact a fiscal policy that school districts, municipalities, and citizens can rely on for the long term. Please pass this out of committee and get it before the entire Senate...and moved to the House. Time is critical for any movement on this issue.

On a side note - I DO NOT support at statewide sales tax as it is hugely regressive....and many municipalities already have a sales tax, especially in rural Alaska. This will add to the already high cost of living in those areas. I DO support a smaller PFD, a small income tax (revenue from workers both instate and from out of state), and a rebuilding of the funds in the Constitutional Budget Reserve.

Sincerely, Brenda Campen Sitka, Alaska

From:

sharon whytal

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:37 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114

Please vote for oil tax reform! This is a big piece that can resolve our budget woes, and we need you to stand up to the oil companies instead of taxing people or creating other burdens on those who most need services that have been cut! As a 40+ year AK resident, over the years I have learned that other countries receive lots more revenue that AK receives, while we don't stand up to the companies as our finances worsen and worsen; please, this has got to be reversed! Do it now!

Respectfully, Sharon Whytal, RN

Homer, AK 99603

From:

Joy Sharpe

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9:05 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114

Dear Honorable Senators,

For too many years I have watched our state get taken advantage of by oil companies. SB 114 seeks to redress some of the tax situations that have been unfair to Alaska. Please work toward keeping our fair share of oil earnings.

The "total break" S-Corporations and LLCs get on taxes is of great concern. I'm surprised the other large companies haven't sued Alaska over this unequal situation. Should they do that and win, we can say goodbye to tax revenue we have counted on in the past.

Earning tax credits above actual development expenses is also a problem. See that that gets corrected too.

Thanks for your consideration.

Jon Sharpe

Anchorage AK 99504

From:

Ann Fleetwood <

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 7:33 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Support for SB-114

I am in support of SB-114 for a reasonable comprise to begin to end this gap in fiscal stability.

Ann Fleetwood

Anchorage, Alaska 99504

From:

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 2:42 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114

Janet M Barber here.

I support SB 114:

The great part about SB 114 is it is designed to incentivize investment. By tying per barrel credits to capital expenditures, we will see hundreds of millions of dollars in more investment on the North Slope and hopefully reverse the decline of oil industry jobs lost in the last 10 years.

From:

Christy McMurren

Sent:

Saturday, April 29, 2023 1:48 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114

I am writing in favor of senate bill 114 to increase the amount of taxes oil companies must pay the state. We cannot afford to let the oil companies rob us of our resources. We have seen how much profit they make over the past 2 yrs. They will not go hungry as so many of our neighbors are! Please vote in favor of this bill.

Christy McMurren Anchorage

From:

Ronald Johnson

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 10:46 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee; Sen. Bill Wielechowski

Subject:

SB 114

Dear Members of Senate Finance

It was reassuring a little to listen to the Governor's Press Conference this week and see some hope for a long-range fiscal plan.

But, we need help now to get us a balanced budget for FY 2024.

To help in the short term, I hope you can support SB 114 as it is the only significant revenue enhancement bill that has a chance of passage this session. Closing the S-corp loophole is important as is lowering the per-barrel credit.

thank you

Ron Johnson

Fairbanks, AK 99709

From:

Sent: To: Friday, April 28, 2023 10:07 PM Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

oil corp. revenues

Please pass bill 114 so that the revenues generated by our oil can be kept in and spent here in Alaska! Thank you

From:

Gary Miller

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 8:56 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB 114 Oil & Gas Production Tax; Income Tax

Some in the legislature are proposing a state sales tax or income tax while the oil companies are making record profits. They have made many billions of dollars from our oil that they pump from our ground. It is time to have even taxes across all the oil fields and to reduce what they can write off.

Please vote to pass SB 114.

Thank you.

Gary Miller

Juneau, AK 99801-8211

From:

Andrea Lang: <

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 8:39 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

I support SB 114!

Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing in support of SB 114 that will fix flaws in our state's oil tax structure. I agree that all oil corporations should be taxed at the same rate of 9.4%, oil tax credits should be reduced from \$8 to \$5 per barrel of oil and lease expenditures should be applied where the expenditure occurred until the oil starts flowing.

Legislators need to make these changes for the good of The State of Alaska. We look to you to fix these problems by voting in favor of SB 114.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andrea Lang

Anchorage, AK 99504

From:

Scott Warren ◀

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 8:04 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject: S-corp loophole

I am writing in support for closing the S-Corporation tax loophole and the reduction in per-barrel oil tax credits.

Thanks, Scott Warren - Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Bill Poplarchik

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 7:52 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

SB114

This bill needs to pass the Senate. It's about time to stop the oil companies from ripping off Alaska! They need to pay a fair share back to Alaska coffers! They won't leave the state if this is passed no matter what they say! Make a stand that helps Alaska for a change and move all all future legislative sessions out of Juneau!

Sent from my iPad

From:

Laura Bonner

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 7:31 PM

To:

Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. James Kaufman; Senate Finance Committee; Rep. Julie

Coulombe

Cc:

Laura Bonner

Subject:

Support SB 114

Senator Wielechowski Senate Finance Committee

Senator Kaufman

Representative Coulombe

I fully support SB 114. The per-barrel credits ok'd by the failed SB 21 did not increase production or investment in Alaska. Paying all those credits resulted in not funding a long list of services and projects Alaskans needed:

Capital projects for infrastructure weren't funded

Maintenance was deferred

Jobs were lost

Professionals, teachers, skilled tradesmen and others migrated out of Alaska

University system was underfunded to the point that programs like nursing were slashed

SBR was depleted and CBR was raided to balance deficit budgets

Local foods in schools program was cut

It's long past due to stop this waste of State dollars. Any per-barrel credit must be tied to investment in Alaska.

Closing the S-Corp loophole is also a critically important part of SB 114. This should be passed this year as it will provide revenue this year. Other ideas to increase revenue will take at least 2 to 3 years to generate anything.

Thank you Senator Wielechowski and the Rules Committee for introducing SB 114.

SB 114 is one of the most important bills of this session. Please support and pass SB 114 as soon as possible.

Laura Bonner Senate District F House District 11

From:

Steven Bell <

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 6:08 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Senate Bill 114

Hello to the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing in because I cannot attend the public testimony time at 1:30 on Monday. I want to strongly voice my support for this fair share bill. The Oil companies are taking it all. UAA is getting shut down, our PFD is getting raided every year. I do not want to see Alaska become a wasteland of used resources by greedy corporations. Nobody is asking them to pay more than is reasonable. It is asked of us all.

Thank you,

-Steven Bell

AK 99517

Anchorage,

From:

Teri Inch - she, her, hers <i

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 5:09 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Support Senate bill 114

Please support this bill and get it passed as soon as possible.

To listen is to lean in, softly, with a willingness to be changed by what we hear. –Mark Nepo Teri

From:

Stan Smith <

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 5:05 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Support Senate Bill 114

As an Alaskan resident since statehood and former oil company employee I strongly encourage you to support Senate Bill 114. It's time to govern the State in the interest of the people. It seems every promise the oil industry has made in return for favorable tax exemptions has gone has gone unfulfilled.

Stan Smith

Anchorage 99515

Sent from my iPhone

From:

John McDowell <

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 4:21 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

I support SB114

This is to let you know I fully support Senator Weilechowski's SB114. It will end the overly generous unsolicited (they asked for five not eight) eight per barrel sliding subsidies.

Under ANY reasonable future oil price under SB21 Alaska will never see (under SB21's poorly vetted oil price ranges used to calculate the per-barrel subsidy) anything near OUR statutory 35% tax rate (or 1/3 share of the net as was tacitly agreed to by the state the oil companies and the feds when TAPS was authorized by the feds under President Nixon).

Under the current oil tax scheme SB21, the leaseholders got all the credits and write offs and loss carry-forwards they desire, on their terms, and continue to recieve endless statutory per barrel subsidies they never publicly asked for during crafting of SB21 in 2007.

From what I recall, the subsidy was bumped up in a 2007 House committee co-chaired by Mike Hawker, from five to 8 dollars per barrel using a "sliding scale" based on the oil price, even though the per barrel subsidy increase <u>was not sought by the industry (Weilechowski)</u>

While we struggle battling systemic deficits due in no small part to SB21's subsidies.

We take less for our finite oil than we should as the owner of the oil.

Why are we subsidizing huge multi billion dollar international corporations with per barrel credits? Why are we taking ever less than the "one-third of the net" share of a declining resource that remains very profitable (in record profit territory in fact) and valuable for the leaseholders bottom lines?

<u>There should be no subsidies at all</u> on our still huge (in comparison to any other conventional onshore feilds outside in the lower 48) three main legacy oil fields. Cutting the subsidy from eight and five and from five and none would be an equitable clawing back of what should be the states fair share of the net- post all the historic subsidies, which SB21 is only the latest and the most costly to the state fiscally at any projected oil price.

Please end the SB21 per barrel subsidies for a more equitable share for the owners of the oil after all, the people of Alaska.

-JohnMcDowell.

Spenard

Sent from Mail for Windows

From:

corcel <

Sent:

Friday, April 28, 2023 7:51 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

tax on oil companies

Please pass a bill to increase revenue to the State; we are in need of more revenue quickly. Thank you. Donald Hennessey

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From:

Sent:

Thursday, April 27, 2023 5:55 AM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Senate Bill 114

Janet M Barber here in support of senate bill 114 to close the tax loophole and adjust tax credits for the oil industry. Long over due!

Sincerely Janet M Barber

From:

Greg Higgins <

Sent:

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 6:27 PM

To:

Senate Finance Committee

Subject:

Oil Tax Revenue

Please consider improving the amount of money that the oil companies pay for extracting our Alaskan oil. They have made record income the past several years and some of that money should have been recovered by Alaska from a more appropriate tax agreement than we presently have.

Gregory Higgins Republican

Anchorage AK 99516