



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 18, 2025

TO: Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson
Legislative Budget & Audit Chair

FROM: Alexei Painter
Director of Legislative Finance Division

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SUBJECT: Proposed Confidentiality Policy

This is to request consideration and adoption of the attached proposed Legislative Finance Division (LFD) Confidentiality Policy. It has been drafted with input from Legislative Legal Services to be similar to the statutory confidentiality policy that governs that division's work.

Legislative Finance currently has a confidentiality policy included in the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee handbook that reads, "LFD analysts operate under a policy of confidentiality. All budget work and personal requests by legislators and aides are confidential until released by the requestor (or discussed at a public meeting)." The Committee Handbook is informational and not binding on the division – a future Legislative Fiscal Analyst could change the policy at will.

A binding policy will ensure that our current confidentiality practices are maintained into the future even if the division is under different leadership. An externally adopted, binding policy also provides additional protection to Legislative Finance Division analysts when they deny access to information due to confidentiality.

Confidentiality Policy, Legislative Finance Division

Adopted by Legislative Budget and Audit Committee xx/xx/xxx

The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee adopts the following confidentiality policy for the Legislative Fiscal Analyst and employees of the Legislative Finance Division:

Members of the legislature and legislative staff may utilize the fiscal analysis and budget review services of the Legislative Finance Division. Requests by members of the legislature and legislative staff are confidential.