

Stuart Relay

From: Joclyn Reilly [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2025 3:26 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support for HB152

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The state needs to diversify income and I am happy to pay my fair share of public services.
I strongly support an income tax, especially one like HB 152.

Thank you,
Joclyn Reilly
[REDACTED] Anchorage 99516

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From: Irene Bortnick [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 6:54 AM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Alyse Galvin; Representative.Geneveive.Mina@akleg.gov
Subject: HB 152

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Please support HB152. Our schools are in dire straits. Our children deserve and have the right to a good education in school buildings that are safe and sound. When my husband and I moved to Alaska in 1984 with 2 young children, the future of Alaska was bright with promise. We doubled our family and first I and then my husband taught in Anchorage public schools. We were paid well and knew that when we retired we would have a pension. By the end of my 20 years in ASD, my salary had not kept up with inflation and younger teachers were no longer sticking around.

You know the story as well as I do so I will stop here. Please invest in our children and pass HB152.

Sincerely,
Irene Bortnick

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From: Jenny Blanchard [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 7:41 AM
To: House State Affairs; Rep. Carolyn Hall
Subject: HB 152

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Please, tax us!

Please vote to override the governor's veto of the increase to the BSA, but please also vote for this bill, to ensure a source for education funding in the future. Thank you.

Jenny Blanchard.

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From: Cindy Epperson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 10:18 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Education tax

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I live in Anchorage and strongly support an education tax to help fund our schools. I also do not support a large PFD instead that would deplete available providing funding for schools and social service programs. Alaska can't continue without a tax.

Cynthia Epperson

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507

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From: Karyn GB [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 10:28 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 152

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Hello-

I am writing on behalf of HB 152 for the Education Tax. We so desperately need better funding for education at ALL levels in our state. It is absolutely horrific that Dunleavy thinks cutting public education is a good thing when we are raising the next generation of people who will be caring for us as we step down. Our next generation of doctors, lawyers, airline pilots, legislators and law enforcement (to name but a few) will come from the students who are now in school, and cutting education to keep them less educated will shoot up in the foot in a matter of years.

Please increase the funding for public education, since most folks cannot afford private school and the majority of our workforce will come from the public sector.

This is a vital issue!

Thank you,

Karyn Grove-Bruce

Stuart Relay

From: Tam Agosti-Gisler [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 11:17 AM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Alyse Galvin
Subject: 152: Education Tax

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Dear House State Affairs committee representatives:

I grew up in Anchorage. When I was a teenager, I got a part-time job and was eagerly looking forward to my first paycheck. When it came, I balked at the Alaska School Tax \$10 deduction in addition to the SS tax. Although a very small amount, it was substantial portion of my meager paycheck. My mother told me to buck up and explained that this tax was only taken once per year from the first paycheck earned. She said we all needed "skin in the game" and that I in particular was benefitting from public education to which that tax went. That was my first lesson in the concept of the social compact from my devoutly Republican mother. At just \$10, the tax yielded \$2.6 million of revenue in 1979. The school tax and the state income tax were repealed in 1980 with the flow of oil dollars to the state. Now in 2025, it is long overdue to BRING IT BACK and assess obviously more than \$10 of every man, woman and child who earns money in the State of Alaska, including non-residents! This assures that everyone has skin in the game.

Tam Agosti-Gisler
Anchorage
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Stuart Relay

From: aruggles@igc.org [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 11:48 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Education funding

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Dear members,

We need to find a way to sustainably fund our needs in Alaska. Relying on oil income, federal funding, fees, and what little we get from other resource extraction is failing us. It is time for us to consider taxing ourselves for the services we require.

Education is probably the most important service we require as it is about our present but also our future. Funding for education has been steadily declining over the last decade. I urge you to support HB 152.

Sincerely
Anne Ruggles



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From: Linda O'Bannon [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 2:00 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Education Tax

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I support the education tax bill. There was a tax for education when I arrived in Alaska in 1977. We need it again!

Thanks for considering my views.

Yours very truly.
Linda M. O'Bannon

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From: Deborah Vandruff [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 2:36 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: support for HB 152

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I am a concerned Alaskan writing to let you know I am in full support of the 150/150 bill. We need to fund the schools. People saying they need to see where the money is going need only to go visit a school and see all the needs and what an amazing job our teaching staff is doing. And they can't do it alone! They need admin support as well as Librarians, janitors, and nurses!!!!!!

And homeschoolers should not get the same as the kids who are in a brick and mortar school! All that support needs money, electric, sewer, building upkeep. The deferred maintenance makes things worse, too!

Lets give the kids what they need to grow and become the next generation of Alaskan workers and taxpayers.
(I also support an income tax)

Thank you-
Deborah L Vandruff
Anchorage, Ak 99508

Stuart Relay

From: Rozlyn Grady-Wyche [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 3:13 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support for HB 152 – Education Tax to Sustain Alaska’s Public Schools

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Dear House State Affairs,

On behalf of the NAACP Alaska State Conference, I write to express our support for House Bill 152, which proposes the creation of a modest education tax to help stabilize and invest in Alaska’s public education system.

As Education Chair, I speak not only for our organization but for the countless families, students, and educators across our state particularly those from historically marginalized communities who continue to bear the brunt of chronic underfunding. HB 152 represents an opportunity to build a more equitable and sustainable revenue stream for public schools, at a time when districts are cutting staff, closing schools, and losing educators at alarming rates.

Education is not free. But the cost of not funding it by watching students lose access to quality teachers, counselors, electives, sports, and mental health supports is far greater. HB 152 is a pragmatic and necessary step toward fiscal responsibility and moral obligation. It spreads the responsibility of funding across the state in a way that is transparent, fair, and consistent.

We support HB 152 because:

- It would create a dedicated education funding stream protecting schools from the volatility of oil prices and political gamesmanship;
- It would help restore trust and transparency in how the state supports public schools;
- It reflects a shared investment in our children, who are the future workforce, voters, and leaders of Alaska.

We cannot continue to ask our educators and students to do more with less. The failure to adequately and consistently fund education is a civil rights issue. It deepens inequities and diminishes the potential of entire communities.

We urge you to support and advance HB 152 not just as a tax policy, but as a bold declaration that Alaska values its children, its future, and its public schools.

Thank you for your service and continued commitment to educational equity.

In Solidarity,

Roz'lyn Grady-Wyche

Alaska Education Chair

NAACP Tri- State Area Conference

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