

From: Anna Marquis
To: Finance
Subject: subject SB 199 & SB 200 Public Testimony
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 11:47:35 AM

To Whom it May Concern,

I am greatly concerned about the greed of the government and the fact they are consistently hurting the Alaskan People. Please stop taking our full PFD's. It has really hurt a lot of families that depend on it to help them pay their utilities through the winter. Or repair much needed things to their homes. We deserve to have the full PFD restored as it was written. Not as the Walker administration stole from us. Return our money, all of it and give us our full PFD. The State of Alaska can afford to do that. Stop taking your over bloated salaries that at this point you don't deserve. You have hurt us enough and showed your true colors. Don't continue to expect to get reelected. Do the decent thing. Allow the Alaskan people to get all their back PFD that was stolen by your colleges who voted against us having it. Fight for us and we will remember you. Fight to restore the PFD how it used to be. Help the Alaskan people so we can make repairs to our home, pay our mounting utility costs. We are hurting as inflation is soaring and we need a break. PLEASE restore our FULL PFD and give us our BACK PAY that was STOLEN.

Anna Marquis

From: [LJO Fairbanks](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: Testimony: SB 199 & SB 200
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 12:04:43 PM

Please enter into the record the testimony below to SB 199 and SB 200 dated 2/21/2022

From: Gary Woody
HD 4

Message: My wife and I do not suport SB 199 or SB 200. We feel like the government is trying to find "free" money. If the state government feels that they need money, they need to make their case and ask the people for taxes. Let the people decide what they want to pay for with taxes.

From: debraly@gmail.com
To: [Finance](#)
Subject: SB 199 & SB 200 Public Testimony
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 12:44:22 PM

I do not support SB 199 & SB 200. The only thing I support is the original formula that was in place before Walker stole the PFD from the people. It is time for the government to do what they promised when they were running for office and restore the PFD back to the people. This is a disgrace to all Alaskans that their government has stolen the PFD.

Debraly Gamache

From: Sen. Click Bishop
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: SB199. No. Sb200 No HB 259 No
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:38:28 AM

From: corey allen <alaskantreasures@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 4:50 PM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>; House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB199. No. Sb200 No HB 259 No

SB199. No SB200 No HB 259 No

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016.

PLEASE! No more cutting from the people. The people know how money will best help them and their families. Don't cut from seniors and the vulnerable! Stop cutting from small businesses and people who need it most. Alaska spends the most per capita on education. More money will solve nothing. Stop sucking more money from Alaskan families while we are trying to navigate this covid recovery and insane inflation. It will solve nothing!

Sincerely,

Corey Allen
Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701

From: Sen. Click Bishop
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: SB 199; SB 200; HB 259
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:38:36 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Aileen Cotter <acotter1954@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 8:06 PM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB 199; SB 200; HB 259

NO

Ella Cotter
North Pole

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: SB199 - I could not be more opposed
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:56:21 AM

From: TriggerBen <triggerben76@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:42 AM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB199 - I could not be more opposed

Give a politician an inch, that politician will want a mile. NO, NO, NO on SB199. Take more of the POMV draw and give to schools for further indoctrination and child masking??? More attempts at CRT or DEI? More dilution and or/rewriting of American history in our schools. Less math and science in exchange for exercises in pushing social agendas and a green agenda. Not no, but hell no. How much Care's Act money has gone to closed schools or highly covid paranoid schools? Now you have to take dividend money from Alaskans. No, hell no on SB199. This is a no brainer. Follow the original formula and pay back the theft that has occurred. We want what was promised to us or we will elect those who will. The political winds are not in your favor. The veil has been lifted on this type of governance and the people are awake.

Have a nice day. Try again. We will be watching who votes for this garbage. Make no mistake.

Ruben McNeill Jr.
Fairbanks, AK

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Doniece Gott

From: Sen. Click Bishop
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:02 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: Keep the traditional formula

From: Richard Heller <rheller@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:59 AM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>; House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>
Cc: rheller@mtaonline.net
Subject: Keep the traditional formula

Year	Statutory PFD	Actual PFD	Retained PFD	Year to Date ROR	5 Year Average ROR	Accrued Value (YTD ROR)	Owed to Alaskans that Year
2016	2085	1022	1063	3.25%	6.35% ^a	1063	1063
2017	2458	1100	1358	12.75%	8.94% ^b	1198.5	2556.53
2018	2924	1600	1324	10.74%	8.91% ^c	2831.1	4155.11
2019	2884	1606	1278	6.32%	7.31% ^d	4417.7	5695.71
2020	2895	992	1903	2.01%	6.44% ^e	5809.6	7712.62
2021	3687		3687	28.46%	11.62% ^f	9907.6	11594

^a Source APFC Board of Trustees Monthly Performance Report , June 30, 2016, Line 18, Column G

^b Source APFC Board of Trustees Monthly Performance Report , June 30, 2017, line 1, column G

^c Source APFC Board of Trustees Monthly Performance Report , June 30, 2018, line 1, column G

^d Source APFC Board of Trustees Monthly Performance Report , June 30, 2019, line 1, column G

^e Source APFC Board of Trustees Monthly Performance Report , June 30, 2020, line 1, column G

^f Source APFC Board of Trustees Monthly Performance Report , May 30, 2021, line 1, Column G

^g Prior year carry over times YTD ROR reported by the APFC Board of Trustees Report

2017 Total Fund Return Objective is the CPI plus 5%

Each Alaskan who met the residency requirements for each year since 2016 are owed \$13,564

Please go back to what we had in place, by law, prior to the 2016 changes. We deserve to have these monies as the law states.

Richard Heller

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: Keep the traditional formula
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:01:32 AM

From: Richard Heller <rheller@mtaonline.net>
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To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>; House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>
Cc: rheller@mtaonline.net
Subject: Keep the traditional formula

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Richard Heller

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: SB199
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:33:34 PM

From: DuncanAandS <DuncanAandS@protonmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:35 PM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB199

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SB199. No. Sb200 no HB 259 no

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016

Thank you,

Sally Duncan
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Two Rivers 99716
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From: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: NO!!!
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:33:57 PM

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From: Tiffany Damota <t.damotasupplee@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:36 PM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>; House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>
Subject: NO!!!

I am writing to tell you NO! We do not want SB199. No! We do not want Sb200 no! HB 259 no!

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016

Thank you,

Tiffany DaMota Supplee, Fairbanks 99712

From: Sen. Click Bishop
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: PFD
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:34:07 PM

From: Harmony Tomaszewski <samplealaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:58 PM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>; House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>
Subject: PFD

Greetings,

The traditional payout, as done prior to 2016, should be how the PFD is dispersed to all Alaskans. The misappropriation over the last many years is a regressive tax on the lowest income earners. It has hurt our economy and shuttered many businesses. Please do the right thing and support a full and statutory PFD consistent with those paid prior to 2016.

Many thanks,
Frank Tomaszewski
Fairbanks
District 34

From: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: Reject SB199, SB200 & HB 259
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:34:25 PM

From: Jan DeLand <deland@cfaith.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>; House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>
Subject: Reject SB199, SB200 & HB 259

Senators and House members, Reject SB199, SB200 and HB259.
As a life-long Alaskan, I have seen the devolving of the PFD by politicians who wish to have more control over spending.
Trust the people to take care of their portion and keep the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016.
Jan DeLand, Anchorage, Alaska 99507

From: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: Testimony
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:34:33 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: jennifer sampson <jacronk@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>; House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>
Subject: Testimony

I staunchly oppose SB199, SB200, and HB 259.

I want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016

Thank you,

Jennifer Sampson
Fairbanks
99709

From: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: Written Testimony NO on SB199 and SB200
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:34:41 PM

From: Linda Morrison Goss <lmgblossom@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 4:33 PM
To: Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>
Subject: Written Testimony NO on SB199 and SB200

Senate Finance Committee,

We are getting sick and tired of your new ideas to try and take the Alaskan citizens PFD. What part of NO do you not understand? You are pushing your constituents to vote yes to a Constitutional Convention. We are tired of not being heard.

You push people too far and you will end up losing in the long run.

VOTE NO ON SB199 AND SB200. LEAVE THE PFD ALONE, GIVE THE CITIZENS OF ALASKA WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS. STOP STEALING FROM EVERY CHILD, GRANDCHILD AND EVERY ALASKAN.

YOUR ARE HURTING OUR GREAT STATE. STOP

**Linda Morrison Goss
67year resident, Fairbanks, Alaska**



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From: Sen. Click Bishop
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW:
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:34:50 PM

From: Kelly Nash <interiorpatriots907@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:33 PM

To: House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; sen.natasha.vonImhof@akleg.gov; Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>

Subject:

SB 199 NO
SB200 NO
HB 259 NO

WE WANT THE PFD AS TRADITIONALLY CALCULATED PRIOR TO 2016

Thank you
Kelly Nash
Fairbanks 99701

From: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: SB199. No. Sb200 no HB 259 no
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:35:04 PM

From: Nina Delain <ninamarieb86@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 8:45 AM

To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>; House Ways and Means <House.WaysandMeans@akleg.gov>

Subject: SB199. No. Sb200 no HB 259 no

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We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016.

PLEASE! No more cutting from the people. The people know how money will best help them and their families.

We have 5 children. I have lived in Alaska over 30 years and grew up here. We spend our PFDs on buying back to school items, heating fuel, meat, winter gear, and paying for medical and dental bills while also contributing to our childrens savings accounts for their futures. That's how we have been spending ours. Just as my family did growing up. Not everyone has the biggest budget especially with this inflation. Now with this inflation you want to take more from the people. But then you want to wrap it up in "for the children" gift wrap by "sending it to education". That leads me to ask you all a very serious question. How much money will it take for quality education in Alaska? Per capita we are a state that spends the highest amount per child at yet we are one of the lowest ranking states as far as education.

With sticking things like the liberal agenda in public schools and turning them into propaganda echo chambers thousands of parents have pulled there students from schools. Enrollments in public schools have been on a decline in this state for years. Then add Covid 19 and it added fuel to the fire. I already pay insane amounts in taxes to public schools I don't use. Why do I want more money being fed into a failing education system?

You think you know what's best, but this will hurt so many Alaskan families, small businesses and especially our seniors.

What will cutting the people's PFD do? Well it will feed the government! More government jobs and state positions to bloat yourselves even more. We have WAY too many state positions for the population we have compared to other states. Ridiculous.

I really hope you start working for the people instead of continuing to work against them. When I see the needs of people not being met because the government only ever increases....the true pandemic then becomes our own government!

My property taxes went up because inflation said the value of my home went up 58%!!!! That's 58% in one year! My electric bill was over \$600 for one month. I am hearing the same for many people and many of our friends and family have begun to move or are taking about moving out of state. This is not sustainable! People can't deal with this nonsense anymore. You are driving people away.

Stop sucking the life out of Alaskans,

Nina Delain, Fairbanks AK 99712

From: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
To: [Senate Finance Committee](#)
Subject: FW: Comments in opposition to SB 199 & SB 200
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:35:21 PM

From: Brad Keithley <manager@akforsb.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2022 9:12 AM
To: Senate Finance <Finance.Calendar@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bert Stedman <Sen.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Lyman Hoffman <Sen.Lyman.Hoffman@akleg.gov>; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof <Sen.Natasha.VonImhof@akleg.gov>; Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Donny Olson <Sen.Donny.Olson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov>; Fiscal.Policy@akleg.gov; Sen. Shelley Hughes <sen.shelley.hughes@akleg.gov>; Sen. Scott Kawasaki <Sen.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>; Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson <Sen.Elvi.Gray-Jackson@akleg.gov>; Sen. Mike Shower <sen.mike.shower@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Calvin Schrage <Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kevin McCabe <Rep.Kevin.McCabe@akleg.gov>; Rep. Grier Hopkins <Rep.Grier.Hopkins@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mike Prax <Rep.Mike.Prax@akleg.gov>
Subject: Comments in opposition to SB 199 & SB 200

This is to provide the comments of [Alaskans for Sustainable Budgets](#) on SB 199 & SB 200. For the reasons discussed below, we strongly oppose both bills.

The reason for our opposition generally is because neither bill adopts the well thought out, bipartisan and bicameral compromise recommended by the Legislature's [Fiscal Policy Working Group](#) (Working Group).

While we are aware SB 199 *claims* in Section 1 to "implement the recommendations of the Working Group," it clearly doesn't. The key to the recommendations of the Working Group are captured in its "Conclusion."

The FPWG believes the legislature must pass a comprehensive solution. FPWG members do not support addressing only one or two issues to the exclusion of others. The FPWG believes addressing these issues as a comprehensive solution solves not only a fiscal challenge but a political challenge as well.

All SB 199 does is largely address one issue - the PFD - either not addressing others (e.g., budget reductions, spending cap reform), or where it does, kicking the can down the road (e.g., new revenues). One of the first political lessons we learned (the hard way) was to say "let's fix my issue now, and then work on yours after that" when seeking to lock in success on one part of a multi-pronged issue and kill the remainder. That's exactly what the Working Group recommendations warn against, but exactly what SB 199 proposes.

And the one issue SB 199 does address - the PFD - is not in the manner recommended by the Working Group. When discussing the PFD, the Working Group said this:

The FPWG *unanimously* believes constitutional certainty is needed to resolve the PFD question. The FPWG *unanimously* recommends considering two approaches:

- A constitutional amendment that requires the PFD be paid "as provided by law," leaving the formula in statute, and effectively constitutionally guaranteeing the statutory formula.
- A constitutional amendment that constitutionalizes the PFD formula itself.

SB 199 does neither, entirely ignoring the recommendation.

Additionally, we oppose both the "a" part of SB 199 (Sec 3, which is the purported "temporary" fix pending the "b" part incorporated in Section 4) and SB 200 because they lean far too heavily - to the detriment of Alaska families and the Alaska economy - on cuts from current law PFD levels to fund government.

As the 2016 report from economists at the University of Alaska - Anchorage's Institute of Social and Economic Studies (ISER) comparing the state's fiscal options warned, because "the impact of *the PFD cut* falls almost exclusively on residents, and it is highly regressive ... it ***has the largest adverse impact on the economy*** per dollar of revenues raised." And as a follow on 2017 report adds, compared to the other options "[a] cut in PFDs would be ***by far the costliest measure for Alaska families.***"

Both effects are because of the hugely regressive nature of PFD cuts. As the 2017 report prepared for the legislature by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP) concluded:

[R]eductions in the PFD are steeply regressive, having a far larger impact on families with lower incomes. Figure 5 demonstrates that while a \$784 cut to the PFD payout could free up approximately \$500 million for Alaska's budget, *that gain would come at a high cost* for Alaska's most vulnerable residents. Low-income families could expect to see their incomes cut by 7.2 percent under this change while the impact on middle-income families would amount to 2.5 percent and high-income Alaskans would see impacts well below 1 percent of their incomes.

More detailed results are available in Table A on page 15 [of the Report]. Those results show that the impact on the bottom 20 percent of earners (at 7.2 percent of income) is nearly ten times as large as the impact faced by the top 20 percent (at 0.8 percent of income).

As we've explained recently, deep PFD cuts also disproportionately and inequitably impact middle, and even upper middle, Alaska families compared to other options. There are much more equitable and lower impact alternatives for raising revenues.

(Taken together, the ISER and ITEP reports, along with our analysis of the impact on middle income Alaska families provide the type of hard look at the "equity, economic impacts, efficiency, and other considerations" that Legislative Finance said in its recent "Overview of the Governor's [FY23 Budget] Request" should be addressed if the Legislature chooses to explore revenue options." That type of hard look is not included in any of the materials we have yet

seen accompanying either of these bills. It should be so that both legislators and Alaskan families understand the consequences of the proposed legislation.)

While the Working Group's Final Report proposes some cuts to the PFD (to POMV 50/50), they are not nearly as deep as either the "a" part of SB 199 or SB 200 and are made in the context of an "all at the same time," comprehensive solution which both resolves the issue permanently by putting the PFD in the Constitution and spreads the burden more equitably by recommending the use of other, broad based revenue measures to help offset the regressive nature of PFD cuts.

By ignoring the levels and comprehensive approach recommended by the Working Group, the stand alone approach proposed by both SB 199 and SB 200 not only have even larger adverse impacts on the Alaska economy and middle and lower income Alaska families, the bills leave the door open for continued uncertainty and disruption by failing to incorporate the terms in the Constitution.

For all of these reasons we strongly oppose both bills, and encourage either extensive amendments actually to conform the legislation to the Working Group's recommendations, or the replacement of the bills with others which achieve those objectives.

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To whom it may concern

Say SB199. No. SB200 No HB 259 No

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016.

PLEASE! No more cutting from the people. The people know how money will best help them and their families. Don't cut from seniors and the vulnerable! Stop cutting from small businesses and people who need it most. Alaska spends the most per capita on education. More money will solve nothing. Stop sucking more money from Alaskan families while we are trying to navigate this covid recovery and insane inflation. It will solve nothing!

Sincerely,

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