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The Honorable Rebecca Himschoot
House Community and Regional Affairs Committee, Co-Chair
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 411
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The Honorable Donna Mears
House Community and Regional Affairs Committee, Co-Chair
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Co-Chairs Himschoot and Mears,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with responses to the questions asked of the Department of Revenue (DOR) during the House Bill 255 hearing in the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee on January 27, 2026. Please see the questions in italics and our responses immediately below the questions.

1. *What are the associated costs for a raffle program?*

DOR has submitted an indeterminant fiscal note for this legislation. The Division's application system is currently being updated to a new system and is unable to forecast what the programming costs for this requested program logic will require at this time.

There were programming costs associated with the initial 2018 implementation of the raffle, including the purchase of a raffle drum and other start up materials. Since then, annual expenses have been limited to ticket purchasing and printing, advertising, auditing, and a few other minor costs.

The total for startup and ongoing material costs since 2020 is \$43,070.31, paid for from the two percent allowed for administration and promotion under AS 43.23.230(a). This price does not reflect the number of hours put in by DOR staff to plan and administer the raffle process.

2. What are the total funds raised thus far in the PFD Education Raffle?

In total, the Raffle has generated \$6,555,200 since its inception. Of that amount, \$3,277,600 has gone directly to the Department of Education and Early Development's Supplemental Grants, \$1,638,800 to the Education Endowment Fund, and \$1,638,800 to the Raffle Fund/prize pool.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Janelle L. Earls
Acting Commissioner

cc: Jordan Shilling, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor
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