

HB 152 Written Testimony

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Stuart Relay

From: Amy Vail [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 10:13 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB152

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I believe the proposed HB152 is a great way to raise funds for education. It would be a long term effort to fund education without putting the burden on low to middle income families, and ensure those who earn in Alaska, pay they're fair share.

Amy Vail

Stuart Relay

From: Phil Kaluza [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 9:54 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Strong support for HB152

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I strongly support funding for education and a progressive broad based income tax, while maintaining a PFD.

Thank-you

Phil Kaluza
Seward, AK 99664

Stuart Relay

From: Julian Rojas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 9:25 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Sustainable, Fair Funding for Education and Fiscal Stability in Alaska

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Dear Representative,

I am writing to express my support for a sustainable and fair approach to funding education in Alaska while avoiding a future fiscal cliff.

Education benefits every Alaskan — families, employers, communities, and the long-term economic strength of the state. Because the benefits are shared broadly, the responsibility to fund it should also be shared broadly. A tax structure where **everyone contributes the same percentage** of income is, in my view, the most equitable approach. It ensures fairness, transparency, and shared responsibility rather than placing the burden disproportionately on higher earners alone.

If the state continues relying on a narrow tax base, we risk instability and recurring budget crises. A proportional system allows predictable revenue while maintaining public trust that everyone is contributing equally to services we all use and benefit from.

Alternatively, if broad-based taxation cannot be implemented, funding education through a structured use of the Permanent Fund Dividend may be the more honest and equitable option, since the dividend belongs to all residents and education benefits all residents. What is most important is avoiding unsustainable deficits and sudden cuts that harm students and communities.

Alaska has a long tradition of fairness and shared responsibility. I hope the legislature will adopt a solution that reflects those values and provides long-term fiscal stability.

Thank you for your service and for considering this perspective.

Sincerely,

Julian Rojas MD

Stuart Relay

From: Deedie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 9:25 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB152

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I have lived in Alaska for 45 years. The free ride for Alaskans should have been over 20 years ago. I support this bill!
Please tax me.

Deedie Sorensen
Juneau, Alaska

Stuart Relay

From: Stephen Sorensen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 9:21 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB152

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I am in favor of the passage of this revenue creating bill by imposing a \$150 per head on all wage earners and 4% income tax on wages above \$150,000.

Stephen F. Sorensen
Juneau Mediation Center

[REDACTED]
Juneau, Alaska 99801

[REDACTED]
Providing online mediation, arbitration & facilitation Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Erin Schumacher [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 9:13 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 153

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Greetings. Thank you for addressing the state education funding issue. I support passing HB 152. The funding for education in Alaska is dire and this bill will provide relief.

Sincerely,
Erin Schumacher

Stuart Relay

From: Frank Gwartney <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 8:57 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB152

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Representatives

I strongly support this much needed education bill and urge you to pass it and consider ways to protect education funding in the future. Nothing ensures economic and social stability as much as education.
Thank you.

Frank Gwartney HD16

Stuart Relay

From: Hope Meyn [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 8:48 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 152 Written Testimony

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House State Affairs Committee,

I am writing today in regards to HB 152. While I have not been able to fully read through all of the text for HB 152, I am supportive of progressive tax measures to face Alaska's fiscal challenges, especially to fund education. My husband and I are lifelong Alaskans, each with degrees from UAA and UAF, working in healthcare. My sister is a teacher for the Anchorage School District (ASD) and I have nieces and nephews enrolled in ASD. Having seen the yearly uncertainty, increasing class sizes, and cut programs, we have seriously considered leaving our home state to move to a state with better educational opportunities and a stable fiscal future. As we expect our first child this fall, this consideration becomes ever more pressing. For now we plan to stay, as we love Alaska and our families are here, but have begun looking more seriously at plan B states where our high demand careers would be welcomed and our child would have a more certain future. We have travelled for work for several years, maintaining Alaska residency, but trading in our pfd for outside state income taxes, as we explored the lower 48. Paying other state income taxes was never a deterrent as we recognized that we were also receiving the benefit of well maintained roads and low crime rates in areas with solid schools and public services. If there is still no stable education funding by 2032, when our daughter would enter the school system, we may be forced to permanently leave our home state, where we now live and work full time again, to ensure a brighter future for her.

I hope that HB 152 receives your serious consideration and that Alaska settles on a common sense, progressive tax to fund education, making sure to include the wealthiest - corporations and out of state workers.

Sincerely,

Hope Meyn, RN, BSN, FNP student
[REDACTED] Anchorage AK 99508

Stuart Relay

From: Beth E. [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 8:46 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Education tax bill

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I fully support an education tax bill that raises funds for our schools. As a parent of three students in the Anchorage School District I have seen the devastating cuts that have already been made and the proposed cuts for the next school year. Alaska needs to support education and funding our schools should be a top priority.

Thank you for your time.
Beth Elliott

Stuart Relay

From: Alisa Parrent [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 8:20 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: No to HB152

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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to implement a 4% state income tax on individuals earning over \$150,000 annually. While I understand the need to address budget concerns and generate revenue, this targeted income tax could have unintended and damaging consequences for our state's economy, workforce stability, and long-term growth.

First, high-income earners in our state are often small business owners, professionals, investors, and community leaders. In Alaska especially, many of these individuals are not simply salaried employees — they are entrepreneurs who create jobs, fund local nonprofits, invest in housing, and support local services. Increasing their tax burden may discourage expansion, reduce hiring, or even incentivize relocation to more tax-friendly states.

Second, our state has long marketed itself as economically competitive due in part to its lack of a state income tax. That reputation attracts professionals, retirees, and remote workers. Implementing even a limited income tax changes that identity and could weaken our competitive advantage — particularly when many states actively compete for high earners and businesses.

Third, income taxes tied to higher earners are often less stable than they appear. High-income earnings can fluctuate significantly due to investment cycles, energy markets, and seasonal industries — all especially relevant in Alaska. Building long-term budget solutions on volatile income streams could create future shortfalls.

Additionally, this proposal risks dividing taxpayers into groups rather than encouraging shared responsibility. Today the threshold is \$150,000; tomorrow it could be lower. Once an income tax structure is in place, it is far easier to expand than to reduce.

Instead of introducing a new tax structure, I urge policymakers to explore:

- Spending efficiencies and budget prioritization
- Long-term structural reforms
- Responsible resource development

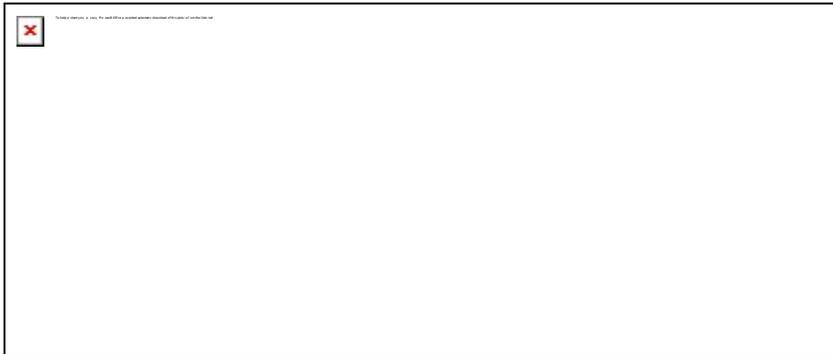
- Broader-based solutions that do not discourage investment or entrepreneurship

Our state’s economic resilience depends on encouraging growth, rewarding productivity, and maintaining an environment where families and businesses can thrive.

I respectfully ask that you oppose this proposal and work toward solutions that strengthen, rather than strain, our state’s economy.

Thank you for your time and service to our community.

Alisa Parrent | Real Estate Professional



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Stuart Relay

From: LIO Anchorage
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 8:04 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: FW: Please add this testimony for HB 152

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 10:03 AM
To: LIO Anchorage <Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov>
Subject: Please add this testimony for HB 152

AK Legislature,

Alaska's student proficiency in reading and mathematics ranks near the bottom among U.S. states. This is based on the NAEP aka as the "Nation's Report Card".

- Grade 4 Reading is 51st out of 52 jurisdictions.
- Grade 8 Reading ranked 51st (ahead of New Mexico)
- Grade 4 Math ranked 246 near the bottom.
- Grade 8 Math ranked 43rd out of 53 jurisdictions.

Alaska residents currently spend between \$20,000 to \$23,000 per pupil (including Federal). Enrollments have declined.

As an Anchorage resident, we have seen our taxes rise steadily.
Passed educational bonds the last 3 years are:

- April 2023—37.8 million . Property taxes increased \$7-\$8 per 100k of assessed value.
- April 2024—62.3--62.4 million. Property taxes increased 12.69 per 100k of assessed value.
- April 2025—63.8 million . Property taxes increased 12.90 per 100k of assessed value.

Recently this past month, Anchorage homes received appraisal increases. Since 2022, to 2025 we have paid an additional \$1,000 in property taxes AFTER taking the senior exemption.

We are entirely against the effort to tax Anchorage residents further to provide, this time, \$40,000.000 to "assist" with educational funding. What is especially onerous is continuing to take money from the PFD to "assist" in this robbery.

This is fiscal malpractice. It is HIGH TIME to begin accountability of the human management of the educational system rather than continuing to THROW money at a system that is failing. That is where the solution lies, not in more taxes to residents who have already forked over more than necessary.

We are demanding that this cease. We will NOT vote for this.

Sincerely,
Patricia and Jim Baum

Stuart Relay

From: Karin Halpin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 7:53 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 152

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Greetings --

I am writing to inform you I am in favor of HB 152. This small tax makes sense to me as it won't be a burden to low-income families in our state as a sales tax would be. We must do a better job in our state funding education and I appreciate HB 152.

Kind regards --

Karin Halpin
[REDACTED]
Palmer, AK. 99645
[REDACTED]

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Stuart Relay

From: Alex Price [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 7:38 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Education

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To the Alaska Legislature,

My name is Alex Price, and as a 21 year resident, parent of three school age kids and 12 year teacher, I am writing to express my hope that HB 152 can jump start an much needed action plan on rescuing education in this state.

My teaching position is likely to be cut next school year due to the massive Anchorage school district cuts this year. Like many teachers I ponder if I should leave the state for a more stable and better paying teaching job. Like every parent with kids in school, I hope my kids education doesn't suffer even more because the masses want an unearned PFD. The mentality of poverty and miserly frugality does not make the state a forward or hopeful place.

Figure out a fair tax! Get us out of this cycle of making our kids pay for what adults want for free.

Sincerely,

Alex Price

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Stuart Relay

From: Maurice Cruickshank [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 7:36 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support HB 152

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Please support HB 152. We have to realize we can't expect to pay for everything with the Permanent Fund. It's a simple and fair way to tax and pay for education. Something the education system can count on. Build in some basic financing.

Maurice Cruickshank
Chugiak, Alaska 99567

Stuart Relay

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 6:50 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: The Feb. 17th, 2026 school tax hearing

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To all those involved in this matter of the February 17th hearing regarding the possible forced school tax imposition at \$150 per head:

I understand that this hearing is "invitation only". That is certainly convenient to those who hope to ensure this imposition goes off without any obstacles. Certainly lower-income working people already were not able to take a loss of work pay to be able to attend anyway, with no other options being available to be heard. That works out well for you, doesn't it - the process of exclusion.

I write anyway, albeit it slim chances that my grievance will be heard; and if somehow it does, unlikely to be taken to heart or cared about to any degree at all, as time continues to demonstrate). I am what I call unaffectionately the upper-class poor, a.k.a. in the poverty-fathoms of the government-assigned middle class ... or at least forced by mere dollars into the 22% tax bracket shared with those households whose living expenses can reach up to 4x my own, while I have all the same bills and costs they share.. I drive a modest vehicle with a very good driving record that still is penalized by the cost-sharing territorial increases of the accidents of those drivers (including wreckless or simply those who can afford to travel far more, recreationally or otherwise) who can afford incomparably much nicer vehicles that I will never know the luxury of. Yet I still am imposed with the universal cost-sharing increases when they have accidents in their expensive, luxury vehicles. I live in a modest home that I cannot afford to upkeep. My Marketplace health insurance has tripled, although I can't afford the numerous major surgeries I require to keep functioning, not even before the triple-increase on my premiums - as my 10-hours a day work continues to render me closer to life in a wheelchair because of this fact. I make a mere \$3 more an hour than I did 17 years ago.

I am old, I am handicapped. NO one has ever paid for my healthcare. OR my groceries. Or my home. Or my vehicle. The things I NEED to exist. To be able to breath.

And yet, as I exist in this life in overwhelming, breathtaking pain day after day, all you folks in government can do is to constantly rob the poor. I have nothing left for you to take. You have stolen my food every week. You continue to put me in dire straights to pay utilities and other critical life needs with all your robberies of the people - specifically those such as myself who already can't make it as it is.

Where are the tax impositions to help the handicapped survive???? Where have they EVER been???

I have not even seen my out-of-state family in a decade; most of them FAR longer than that ... because I can barely keep heat in my home and food on the table. I am literally physically/mechancially broken down and yet you continue to inhumanely create new ways to suck our money, new ways to pillage the poor to their death, rather than be fiscally responsible and to consider how you are literally burying, DESTROYING the

health and lives of so many who desperately try to even exist day to day. When robbing the people, you MIGHT want to consider not obliterating the ability of many to exist.

Instead, try taxing your OWN income, donate your entire PFDs, since you clearly do not need them to exist. Try taxing your OWN properties to fund schools, and STOP ROBBING the working poor, the handicapped, the elders struggling to keep food in their homes, who you continue to push further away to even get a tiny degree of the healthcare they need. Stop the irresponsible decision-making!

What is SO difficult about common sense??? Ironic, because it is so not common, not in government. Beyond your 4% possible tax on the households that have over \$150,00; tax the additional per capita amount you want for school funding TBD on those who will not be forced to go without meals or heat as you extract it from them! Since when does imposing the same amount on all make sense to rob the same fee from those who thrive with luxuries, as well as from those who live in financial fear already??? Why does this even need to be pointed out???

And what about a tax to help handicapped people and their medical expenses? Granted, not everyone is handicapped. But my condition has been exasperated by working full-time mercilessly, because I need to pay for health insurance I still cannot afford to use ... because you tax tax tax tax tax me every which way ... my property I can barely keep (but I can't afford rent), my food, my paychecks, etc. etc. and yet you want to school-fee my head at the same \$150 dollar rate as someone who makes \$60,000, \$75,000, \$100,000, \$200,000 ... \$300,000 ... \$400,000, etc..?

Let THEM fund your merciless taxations and fees! Let the wealthier who will lose nothing nor feel any impact be your targets. Let ME and others like me who have nothing left to take but our blood just be able to have food that is not spoiled, heat and a roof over our heads ... without further fear of government-induced continued forced severe health neglect and shut-offs from robbery!

It is clear common sense has vacated the House. But have you lost your souls, too???

Baffled and struggling in Wasilla,

Wendy



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Stuart Relay

From: Christy Everett [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 6:20 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Please approve HB152!

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Dear Representatives,

Providing publicly funded education is written into our Constitution as well as being the basis for a strong economy and quality of life. Alaska's dependence on oil and gas revenues has led to a growing decline in this funding. It's time to diversify our revenue. This bill proposes a modest progressive tax that will not overly burden anyone, while providing a reliable source of education funding. It's a necessary step to stopping the outmigration of our youth and leading to a strong future for Alaska. Please vote to move this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,
Christine Everett

[REDACTED]
North Pole, AK 99705
[REDACTED]

Stuart Relay

From: James Moberly [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 10:39 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB152

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I agree with this tax plan except the \$150 head count tax. The legislative body has voted for 10 years straight to steal 1/2 my PFD. You already have enough head tax. You give back my PFD gov. Walker started the great Alaskan theft over the last ten years, and give me my full PFD, and then we can have a favorable discussion on a \$150 head tax.
Sincerely James Moberly

Stuart Relay

From: Carol Morgan Allums [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2026 8:16 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB152

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I am writing in reference to the proposed tax to create supplemental funding for Alaska's schools. First, I am truly hoping this would not apply to retirees. We have enough to deal with. It seems that every time I turn around, the schools are screaming for more money. If there was potential of improvement, it might be a good idea, but, historically, the school districts haven't done a good job of managing money or of providing quality education. If we view this in terms of someone getting a loan or starting a business with the need for capital, I believe neither would be approved because the schools' education 'credit rating' is low.

I left the state for a few years ago to get my nursing degree and then worked in 3 different states. When I moved back in 2014, my middle school grandchildren couldn't even tell me where Texas, Alabama, and New Jersey were in relation to Alaska. They had never heard of the Panama Canal or the Canal Zone in school (their father was born there). That is just the tip of the iceberg of the knowledge they lacked.

Most of my friends either home-school or send their kids to a private religious school. They do this because of the time wasted in schools on topics that do not belong in school such as sexual identity, information willing being withheld from parents and the lack of confidence that their children will be safe and educated properly. I don't blame them. My kids grew up in the Anchorage School District, but if they were young now there is no way they would go to public school.

The other issue I have is the additional financial burden this puts on families. When I was young, the Democratic party was pretty much viewed as the party for the little guys. Not now. Consider a young family with 3 kids in school. Take a look at the housing costs now and the food costs now. In fact, check out the price of everything and consider that we have already lost our rightful Permanent Fund Dividend. When, for the last generation, the school system has churned out people with an inferior education, how on earth do you expect them to earn enough to pay even more taxes?

In a family, when debt is high and spending gets out of control and necessities are being neglected, that family doesn't continue to spend wildly and then ask for a handout. If that family is smart, they take a look at how they are spending money and rearrange priorities with needs being first and wants coming after the needs. I think until the school system show reliability in results, they are not in the place to ask for additional funds.

Levying a tax on both residents and non-residents is not going to get results. It will buy resentment and an increased exodus of students from the schools.

Carol Allums

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Attitude is everything.

Stuart Relay

From: Francesca A <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 10:15 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: No to HB 152

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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House State Affairs,

I do not support taxing wage earning Alaskans a school head tax and a flat rate %. Costing Alaskans thousands while also stealing thousands from Alaskan PFD's. This tax will be a burden. property owners will be double taxed. I do not support this at all.

No to HB 152

Francesca Allegrezza
Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Linda Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:48 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 152

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I would like to share a quick thought on taxing the people to cover education.

Before we look at taxing I think we should look at the 2 types of districts we have that are competing for funding. The home school districts Galena and Yukon Koyokuk (IDEA and Raven programs) Vs all the other districts in the state. These home school districts are taking funding from our neighborhood schools. For example a couple years ago Juneau School District had approximately 700 students attending these two school districts (IDEA & Raven). This amounted to approximately 8 million dollars. It just so happened that we were short approximately this much money so we had to shut down schools. I personally contacted DEED and asked them how much the Juneau School District gets per student and they told me approximately \$10,000.

I do believe we need a home school program for RURAL areas. Rural means they do not have access to a school, small villages. The rural home school program should not compete with the neighborhood school AND it should be regulated.

If nothing else there should be research done in how many students have left their neighborhood school to attend IDEA and Raven and then do the math and see if this is why the neighborhood schools are running out of money. Also it would be curious how much the superintendents make in the home school districts compared to the neighborhood. I should also note that when I contact IDEA and ask how many Juneau students attend IDEA I cannot get an answer.

I would also like you to remember the home schools you are spending millions of dollars on are not regulated. I have heard that it will take millions of dollars to regulate them.

Before you start taxing figure out the cause of the shortfall.

Education is the key to our democracy and it should be regulated and free to all in a neighborhood setting. This makes us all come together and learn and to work together!

Stuart Relay

From: Geoff Butler <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 1:46 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB 152 Statement of Support

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Dear Legislators,

I am a long time Alaskan and among the many, many Alaskans who are frustrated and saddened by the flat and decreasing funding for education corresponding with decreasing quality of education in our state. Alaska is one of the wealthiest states with one of the highest standards of living in the country, and yet we have one of the poorest records for how we educate our children. Please support new revenue sources for education for alaskan families. I, as well as other pro-education voters, will be watching how you vote.

Please vote to support HB 152!

Thank you,

Geoff Butler

[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99507

Stuart Relay

From: Lila Vogt [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:43 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support for HB 152

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Legislators,

Please support HB 152. Education is vitally important in our chaotic world. I'm a life long Alaskan and a product of the public schools in Alaska, as are my adult children. I feel we all received an excellent education and I want to know that my very smart young grandsons will benefit from an excellent education, as well. The current State leadership seems bent on destroying public schools in Alaska. I understand the lack of revenue that we are facing, but this bill will be a small step toward supporting public education in Alaska.

Please! Support HB 152.

Sincerely,
Lila Vogt

Lila Vogt
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99517
[REDACTED]

"Poetry is a way of remembering what it would impoverish us to forget." –Robert Frost

Stuart Relay

From: Karen Button [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:23 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB152

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Dear members,

I could give a long list of the reasons why good education is a critical cornerstone of a strong economy, of people being able to secure good jobs in their future, how it has been shown to decrease crime, instead I will simply say: I strongly support HB152.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]
Spenard 99517

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~karen button

dena'inaq etnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu.
i live and work on the land of the dena'ina.

translation: s. shaginoff-stuart, j. isaac

Stuart Relay

From: Marc Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:06 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: marcjohnson777@gmail.com
Subject: HB 152 - statement of support

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Dear Legislators,

I am a life long Alaskan. I am saddened by the decreasing quality of education in our state. I am strongly in support of new revenue sources. I, as well as other pro education voters, will be watching how you vote.

Please vote for HB 152.

Thanks much.

Marc Johnson
[REDACTED]

Anchorage AK 99517

Sent from my iPhone

Stuart Relay

From: Alison Kelley [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:45 AM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: Support for HB152

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Hello,

I'm a business owner and community member - with no kids - who supports this bill. FINALLY let's develop consistent, full funding for education. As a society, we only get one crack at developing not only literacy and math skills, but exposing them to and enriching them with music, theater, sports, and so many other things that make the difference, for some kids, between graduating and dropping out. I DO NOT mind paying for 100% PUBLIC education. For several years as a child, my family lived in our junk car, at various campgrounds, in random hotels, and even short stints in foster care. Today, I own my own home and run my own business because of the skills and appreciation I gained from my public school education.

We need well educated, well-rounded, curious young people to hire, collaborate with, mentor, and learn from.

Buck up and fund 100% PUBLIC education.

Thank you,

Alison Kelley
Owner & Environmental Scientist
fuse & traverse, llc
www.fuseandtraverse.com

Stuart Relay

From: Donald Naff <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, May 2, 2025 11:18 PM
To: House State Affairs
Subject: HB152-not the beat solution, but I support it.

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Right now, I'd vote to support House Bill 152. However, the real fix to this situation is to stop paying oil companies for doing nothing and increase their tax to match the level of State services they use. We are still...by far...the cheapest place they have to get oil. They are not going anywhere. But their publicists...out and out liars of the most despicable kind...are already out in force telling Alaska voters that they'll pack up their toys and go home if taxes are raised. Using fear...especially false fear... to affect policy is immoral and a true evil. Something I wish our national "leadership" would realize.

Anyway, thank you for all the work you all do to make Alaska the best place it can be. You are all heroes for your efforts.

Peace and Blessings!

Don Naff
[REDACTED]