

SB 182
Talking Points
Public Employee Salary Differentials

Bargaining Unit	Total Members	Alaska Residents	% of AK Residents	Estimated Cost*
Marine Engineers	104	74	71%	\$1,000.0
Masters, Mates & Pilots	99	76	77%	\$1,000.0
Inlandboatmen's	664	603	91%	\$6,800.0

*MEBA and MMP members receive COLD payments each pay period which total between \$11,800 and \$17,260 annually. IBU members receive an increased hourly rate which ranges from \$4.06 to \$5.14 per hour.

- When AS 23.40.210 was enacted in 1977, the cost of living in Anchorage was significantly higher than Seattle.
- The Alaska Geographic Differential Study conducted in 2008 indicates the cost of living in Seattle and Anchorage are about equal.