



City of Pelican

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Senate Finance Committee

Co-Chairs: Senator Kelly
Senator Meyer
Vice Chair: Senator Fairclough
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Senator Hoffman

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

Please include these projects in the State's capital budget; these projects really matter to Pelican:

The City of Pelican's priority capital requests, \$300,000 to upgrade the ice machine facility at the former Pelican Seafoods property. The ice machine is critical to rebuilding a strong economy in our community. This project upgrades the rake and auger ice delivery system; which is essential for continuous reliable operation - important for servicing the commercial fishing fleet with good ice for improved seafood quality. Pelican was the first to install two chillers in the ice bin which maintains ice temperatures; this practice is now the industry standard. And with the recent completion of Pelican's hydroelectric facility; Pelican is able to provide affordable ice.

Pelican's second priority request, \$300,000, is to renovate the Pelican Health Clinic. The clinic was constructed over 30 years ago and is in need of serious retrofitting to meet current healthcare standards. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium provided funds for a facility condition assessment report which identifies numerous building deficiencies. The Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium provides a community health aide and other professional and technical assistance to our community. The clinic is the first line of care for residents and the boat traffic that utilize this region of southeast Alaska.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Patricia Phillips, Mayor
City of Pelican