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Dear Senators,

Do not pass SB 207. Instead arrange to pay teacher retirement obligations on behalf of school districts out of the general fund. They'll need hundreds of highly-trained teachers next year to help pull Alaska students out of its their academic performance pit.

You have plenty of low-hanging options to meet that expense: Killing the zombie projects like Watana dam, Knik Crossing, Ambler Road and get back millions. Reducing the Legislature's own budget from \$68 million to less than \$30 million like other states our size. Cashing out AIDEA's assets. Eliminating the oil production tax credit.

Thanks,

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