

2017 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET STATUTORY CHANGE PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee/Department of Revenue

TO: HB 57 / HB 59

OFFERED BY: Representative Colleen Sullivan-Leonard

RECOMMENDED STATUTE CHANGE:

That the State Affairs Committee consider legislation, including additional statutory incentives, to transition to a completely paperless environment for the Permanent Fund Dividend Application.

EXPLANATION: This change would streamline the application process and would *not* cause undue hardship for those without the financial means to have a computer and/or internet service at home. Local libraries, senior centers, local LIOs and other public facilities offer free use of computers and internet for those who are not fortunate enough to have a computer. According to the DOR, a savings of approximately \$120,705.57 would be found in the reduction of printing and postage and, overall “workload would be significantly reduced allowing for limited seasonal staffing. The eight seasonal positions employed by the division collectively account for roughly \$239, 000.00 in personal services.” This amount would also be reduced in a significant amount.