

**From:** [W Buchanan](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** AK Perm. Fund Dividend, and Income Taxation  
**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 1:54:22 PM

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Senator Dunleavy,

Thank you for your concern for the Alaskan resident and for your work to make our 2016 Dividend whole. As a retired Alaskan, (my wife just went back to work) the annual dividend was important to our budgeting and when Gov Walker took half of our last one, it hurt.

Please continue with the process and move it from committee and also the State hasn't even tried to balance the budget. I have worked in the O&G industry for 40 years and experienced 15-25 and 47% reduction of personnel and know we as citizens of this great state can absorb the same for public employees and programs, without hurting our students, roads and EMS. Billions may end up being spent from state coffers on a LNG project, that the private sector wisely backed away from and likely will never happen. Balancing a buget is not difficult and you'all in the legislature are capable of doing it without enacting a new Income Tax.

Sincerely,

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Alaska State Legislators'  
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February 22, 2017

Re: AK State Deficit & Budget

Dear Legislators:

My letter is to express support for using our AK permanent funds to balance the state deficit. Further, I support reducing legislative & state expenses; and implementing new revenue actions such as an income tax. Options are decreasing the longer a solution is delayed. A complete fiscal plan should include using permanent funds, and imposing new costs affecting everyone -- all residents, visitors', and Alaska users'. I urge you to develop a comprehensive long term sustainable state fiscal plan this session.

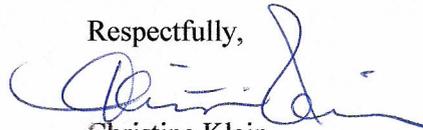
Nothing should be taken "off the table" as you consider solutions and revenue options to pay for core services guaranteed in AK's constitution. A deficit of this magnitude cannot be solved or accomplished in operating cuts alone as eliminating government (including legislature) will not solve it. We need a combination of permanent funds; reducing state costs and services; AND new revenue through requiring people pay for services the state provides. It's necessary if we want to have a positive economy. Of course nobody wants fees, taxes, or losing subsidies like a dividend we've become accustomed to; however, few alternatives remain if we want police protection, transportation, and schools. We all once paid for state services, in rural and urban areas prior to receiving any annual dividend. Alaskan's can do so again. We will have to.

Any solution developed needs to be: fair, consistent, and cut across Alaska's entire socioeconomic strata'. It will take the 'whole Alaskan team'. To diversify and balance the "load", new costs must affect, apply to, and impact everyone--ALL resource sectors', businesses, residents' statewide, the non-resident workers' and permit holders' (not captured currently), property owners' (for-profit and non-profit), and seasonal visitors'. A solution should also be long term for planning ahead, a government providing just the basic mandated services, and sustainable; otherwise, we face losing more jobs, businesses, and population to share the burden. Economically this can best be done by use of AK permanent funds and instituting a broad mixture of new measures affecting all of Alaska's users'.

- Utilize Permanent Fund savings; from budget reserves - constitutional reserve AND permanent fund earnings, for providing only the core services guaranteed and required in the AK constitution.
- Reduce, cap, and/or cease permanent fund dividend distributions permanently until AK can pay its bills.
- Re-initiate a state income tax based on a percent of Federal tax. This captures non-resident wage earners who take AK resources elsewhere to benefit their own home area coffers elsewhere.
- Reduce the state formula funds to communities without a local sales tax contribution to their own costs (Anchorage has no sales tax despite most all villages & towns having them to offset expenses).
- Return to a mandatory once-annual state education fee obtained from all working adults.
- Initiate a State Sales Tax only on non-food items.

May God speed you, each legislator, and our Governor as you work together for us to complete and long term Alaska fiscal plan this session. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Christine Klein  
Owner/Principal  
ADK Alaska,

**From:** [Ruth Bueneman](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** Bills SB 21 and SB 26  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 5:03:42 PM

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I am thankful for all the work you have done to save our PFDs and would be really grateful if you would continue to fight these bill from becoming viable.  
Sincerely, 50 year resident, RuthBueneman

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Feb 21, 2017

**From:** [Chris](#)  
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**Subject:** Bills SB21 and SB26  
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Thank you Senator Dunleavy for stopping these very bad bills.

Christopher Estes  
Palmer, AK

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Dorothy Higginbotham](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#)  
**Subject:** pfd  
**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:41:19 AM

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Dear Senator, Please forward the senate bills 21 and 26 to be considered by the senate. Holding the bills back will only delay the inevitable. Our state needs to move forward. Cuts and restructuring our oil, mining and fisheries also need to be in the mix. The PFD model is obsolete. Please have an open mind for changes in the PFD.  
Thanks Dorothy Higginbotham

**WRITTEN TESTIMONEY FOR;**

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Affairs Committee

**CHAIR:** Senate Affairs Chair & all Committee Members

**BILLS:** SB 21 & 26

**SPONSER:** Senator Stedman

**DATE & TIME:** 02/21/2017 @5:00

My name is ERIC WEATHERS, I live on Hawkins Island in Prince William Sound. For the record I **oppose both** SB 21 & 26.

The people (the real working class) these two bills are trying steal the money from are already living under the poverty level. Cut the government, we cannot afford you. Thieves should be in prison not in the state house.

ERIC J WEATHERS

c/o PO Box 1791

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**From:** [mike johnson](#)  
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**From:** mike johnson <southeastmike@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** SB 21 and SB 26

To Whom it may (or may not) concern:

Both Senate bill 21 and 26 should not be considered until further cuts to state government have been made. We have all heard of the hiring restrictions and travel restrictions that are supposedly taking place in state government. I have talked to several of my friends who work in state government and say that both the afore mentioned restrictions haven't really slowed down hiring or travel, depending on the department.

I find it rather amusing that senator Stedman has sponsored SB 21 after having squandered so much state money on pork barrel-type projects. Take for instance the Mt. Edgecumbe High School Aquatic Center currently being built. Senator Stedman rolled 20 million dollars for this project into a bond vote that was filled with projects that would benefit voters in the Mat-Su valley so of course is passed. It is no secret that the aquatic center is really being built for a small special interest group and not the student body that is touted by Mr. Stedman. So don't think for a minute that Mr. Stedman is showing leadership by introducing SB 21; he is in part a cause of our financial situation.

I applaud Senator Dunleavy for introducing a bill to return to the residents of Alaska the permanent fund money that was vetoed by the governor. In my opinion any redistribution of the permanent fund earnings should be placed on the ballot so the people can vote on it. Mr. Stedman shouldn't have any problem with that since he seems to be pretty good at it.

Sincerely,

Mike Johnson

Sitka, Alaska

**WRITTEN TESTIMONEY FOR;**

**COMMITTEE:** SENATE STATE AFFAIRS;

**Chair,** Senator Mike Dunleavy & all Committee Members

**BILL:** SB 21 & 26

**SPONSER:** Senator Stedman & Gov. Walker

**DATE & TIME:** 02/21/2017 @ 5:00 PM

My name is DENNY KAY WEATHERS, I live on Hawkins Island in Prince William Sound. For the record I **STRONGLY OPPOSE** both SB 21 & 26 as written. Senator Stedman & Gov. Walker are both wrong. PLEASE kill both these bills.

I believe Gov. Walker was wrong when he vetoed half of Alaskans' Permanent Fund dividend checks last June instead of reducing government as he had promised during his campaign. After listening to the public testimony last session regarding Gov. Walker's decision to raid the PFD it seems like an overwhelmingly majority of voters felt the same way. My thoughts were confirmed on October 7, 2016 when it was reported by pollster Ivan Moore in an article titled; "Alaska Gov. Walker's popularity dives sharply following PFD veto, new survey shows" (**see copy**). With that said; I also believe the Senate was wrong for not taking legislative measures to try to stop the Governor's veto within the proper timeframe.

I do not know how many of you keep old documents like I do; but I just pulled up a copy of the October 11, 2014 article "Bill Walker answers questions about the issues in 2014 election for Alaska governor" and question 7 asked "The state's savings is being depleted. How low should the savings go before you begin to seriously discuss implementing a widespread tax, such as a sales or income tax, or reducing Permanent Fund Dividend checks to help pay for services? Bill Walker's response: "**I have no intention to implement a statewide tax or paying for state government by reducing Permanent Fund dividend checks.** If we properly develop our natural resources and put in place a sustainable budget that should not be necessary." (**see copy**). Apparently Gov. Walker forgot what he said or just plain lied to get votes.

As for Why Alaskans created the PFD; during construction of the Pipeline in the 1970's oil companies' flooded the state coffers with \$900 million and the Legislature spent it all within a few years. Alaskans knew they had to do something to safeguard the robust income forthcoming from the pipeline. Alaskans voted in 1976 to amend the constitution to put at least 25% of the oil money into a dedicated fund. The constitutional amendment was designed to keep the government from spending the oil wealth recklessly. (**see copy**). Alaska does not need any new taxes nor do we need to surrender the PFD. What is needed to stop the shortfall is to **CUT GOVERNMENT** and stop the **OVERSPENDING**.

There are many places that government could be cut, here is just one;

The Alaska Marine Highway System has said in an Associated Press article that the fleet size of 11 ferries needs to downsize (see copy). The ferry with the most operating weeks (49.9) according to the Operating plan (see copy) is the MV Lituya which exclusively provides shuttle service twice a day, five days per week year-round between Ketchikan and **Metlakatla** only 8 nautical miles. Metlakatla is a federal Indian Reservation **OUTSIDE** the **Alaska state jurisdiction**. Annette Island is federal with NO Alaska State Jurisdiction and the Alaska State ferry is homeported there. The DOT website states that this is the only ferry dedicated to a single route (see all 3 copies). WHY ARE ALASKANS PAYING FOR Metlakatla's "exclusively" "dedicated" ferry service? It is time to pull that service, Alaskans should not have to pay for an exclusive ferry system for a non-Alaskan Community. The State of Alaska could offer to sell the MV Lituya to Metlakatla or the federal Government first before listing openly for sale. if they would like to purchase the MV Lituya fine if not sale it. Vancouver, BC likes that style.

Thank you for your time. Any questions call me at 907-253-3745 or email me at [alaskanortherngirl@gmail.com](mailto:alaskanortherngirl@gmail.com)

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# Alaska Gov. Walker's popularity dives sharply following PFD veto, new survey shows

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Alaska Gov. Bill Walker's honeymoon with voters has come to an abrupt end.

New data collected by pollster [Ivan Moore](#) show Walker's popularity taking a sharp dive after he vetoed half of Alaskans' Permanent Fund dividend checks in June — preserving \$650 million in savings for the cash-strapped state but enraging a slice of its electorate.

Walker's positive rating dropped from 43 percent to 32 percent in Moore's latest quarterly statewide survey of 660 registered voters, which has a 3.8 percent margin of error.

Walker's negative rating spiked to 35 percent from 23 percent over the same period — between June and September — meaning that more respondents saw the governor in a negative light than in a positive light for the first time since he was elected in 2014.

Since the start of his term, Walker and state lawmakers have been grappling with a multibillion-dollar budget deficit, with sharp budget reductions and Walker's partial PFD veto among their responses.

Walker's numbers in Moore's poll track with a popularity decline recorded in a [separate survey](#) by media company Morning Consult. That survey said the governor's approval rating dipped to 50 percent last month from 62 percent earlier this year.

The governor, in a statement sent by spokeswoman Katie Marquette, said he was focused on fixing the state's budget problem instead of his approval rating.

“Given our state is facing a \$3.2 billion deficit and has burned through nearly \$13 billion of savings in just three years, now is not the time to be focused on poll numbers,” Walker's statement said. “Now is the time to be focused on finding a solution to our fiscal challenges so we can bring stability back to Alaska's economy.”

Walker is in the second year of his first term and his approval rating peaked at 51 percent in the middle of last year in Moore's survey.

The same statewide poll asked registered voters about their views on the presidential and congressional elections in Alaska, as well as Alaskans' views on the state fiscal crisis and other issues. Those results will be released starting this weekend in Alaska Dispatch News.

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We will cut where there is waste, duplication and niceties we cannot afford. Initially, some of the cuts would come in the capital budget, which has ballooned in recent years. This includes for unrealistic infrastructure studies like for the small diameter pipeline.

**5. What additional steps can the state take to promote construction of a natural gas pipeline from the North Slope?**

Take control of development process and timeline. Gov. Parnell has put the leaseholders in the driver's seat. After 30 years of refusing to develop North Slope gas, while they advance competing projects around the world, that is unacceptable and will not succeed.

I intend to aggressively continue the project work to Kenai. I am not going to reinvent the wheel. We've started over often (El Paso, Foot Hills, YPC, AGIA and Denali), and we can no longer afford to do so.

**6. The voters have chosen Senate Bill 21 or the More Alaska Production Act to generate most of the state's tax revenues. How will you determine whether this tax structure is effective? Do you think any changes should be made to the law in the upcoming legislative session?**

I do not intend to offer changes to SB21. However, Alaska voters trusted SB21 proponents that promised it would result in a halt in the decline of oil production, increased jobs and investment on the North Slope remaining flat or increasing and that it would be relatively revenue neutral as compared to ACES. I will begin to monitor North Slope activity immediately to ensure those promises are kept and make that information available to the public. It is my hope those promises are kept.

**7. The state's savings is being depleted. How low should the savings go before you begin to seriously discuss implementing a widespread tax, such as a sales or income tax, or reducing Permanent Fund Dividend checks to help pay for services?**

I have no intention to implement a statewide tax or paying for state government by reducing Permanent Fund dividend checks. If we properly develop our natural resources and put in place a sustainable budget that should not be necessary.

**8. What are your specific plans to address the serious problems of leadership, morale and accountability within the Alaska National Guard?**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUND

### Why did Alaskans create the Fund?

During construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline in the 1970's, oil companies flooded state coffers with money paid for leases to explore and secure drilling rights. The Legislature spent all \$900 million of that initial lease money within a few years. Alaskans realized that they were about to receive a great deal more money from oil when the pipeline was complete. They wished to better safeguard the robust income forthcoming from the pipeline, but the state constitution did not allow for dedicated funds. So Alaskans voted in 1976 to amend the constitution to put at least 25% of the oil money into a dedicated fund: the Permanent Fund. This would save money for future generations, which would no longer have oil as a source of income. In 1976 Governor Hammond proposed a constitutional amendment to create the Fund. The 9th Alaska Legislature modified the governor's legislation and placed it as a ballot proposition in the 1976 General Election. It passed by a margin of two to one.

### What is the purpose of the Permanent Fund?

The 1976 state law establishing the Permanent Fund (AS 37.13), states that the Fund was created:

- to provide a means of conserving a portion of the state's revenue from mineral resources to benefit all generations of Alaskans
- to maintain safety of principal while maximizing total return
- to be a savings device managed to allow maximum use of disposable income for purposes designated by law

### How is the Fund invested?

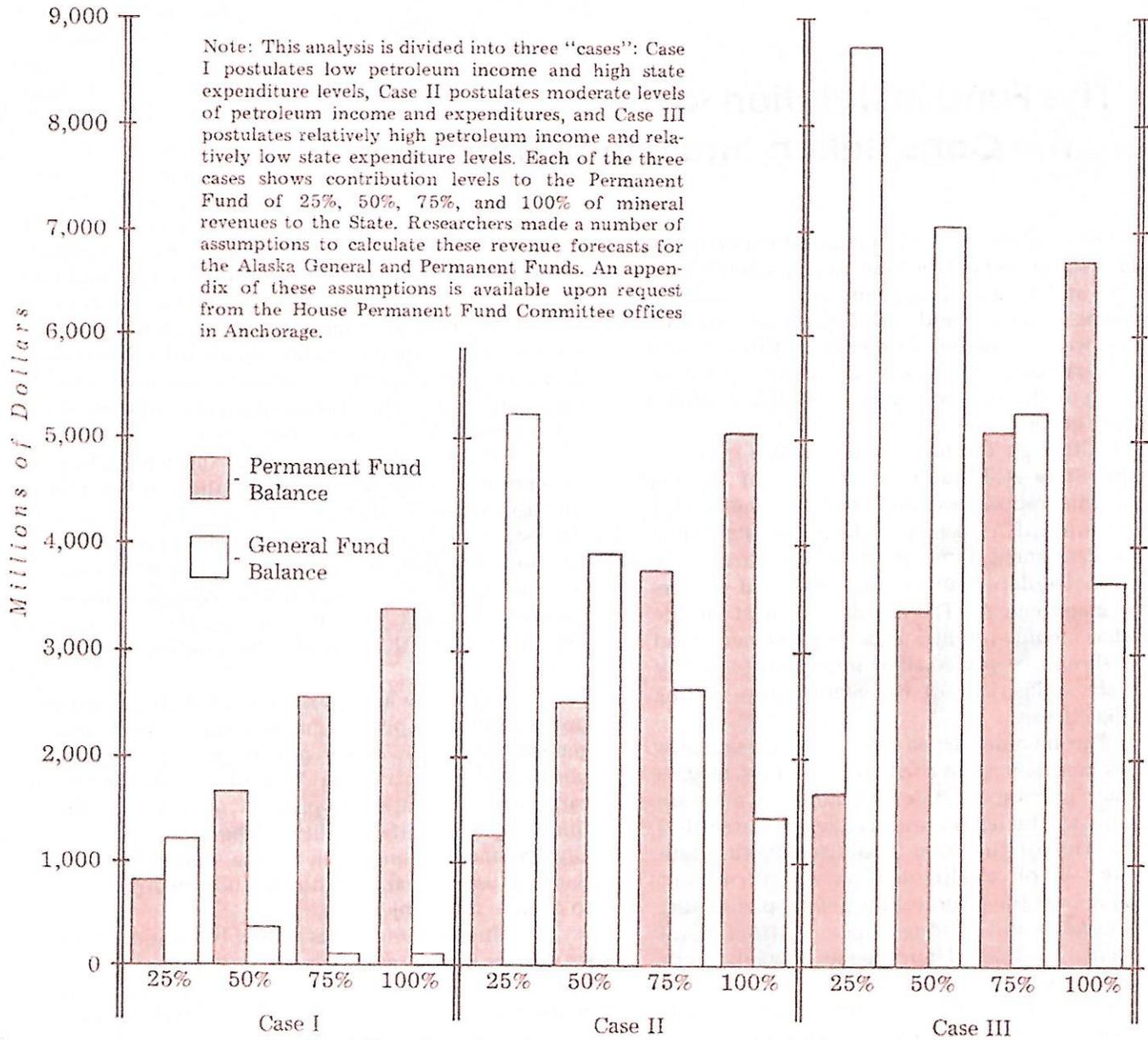
The Board's goal is to earn slightly better-than-average rates of return with slightly below-average levels of risk. To accomplish this, it adheres to statutory investing guidelines as well as the Prudent Expert Rule to manage a well-diversified portfolio. The asset allocation is now 55% stocks, 32% bonds, 10% real estate, 2% private equity and 1% absolute return.

### How big is the Permanent Fund?

The Fund stood at nearly \$30 billion as of the end of the 2005 fiscal year, on June 30, 2005. Check this site's home page for the Fund's daily updated total market value. The Alaska Permanent Fund is among the 100 largest investment funds in the world. In the U.S., the Fund is larger than any endowment fund, private foundation, or union pension trust.

For more information about the Alaska Permanent Fund go to [www.apfc.org](http://www.apfc.org)  
All information provided courtesy of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation website.

**Figure 1**  
**Revenue Projections through 1985**



Source: State of Alaska, Legislative Affairs Agency, Research Division, July 14, 1977.

# Head of ferry system calls for reduced fleet

Attachment: Dennie Kay Weathers

Associated Press

JUNEAU — The head of the Alaska Marine Highway System says the ferry system's fleet needs to downsize amid a proposed \$5 million cut to operations in the next fiscal year.

Capt. Michael Neussl told the Alaska House Transportation Committee on Thursday that the ferry system only has funding for nine of its 11 ships, The Juneau Empire reported.

"The fleet size, in my estimation and opinion, needs to shrink back," he said. "We will need to divest of some vessels, and we need to start looking at that sooner, rather than later."

With the governor's current budget proposal, which includes a \$5 million cut to ferry system operations, the Marine Highway expects to reduce its service to 320 operating weeks, a level not seen since 2004.

Between 2000 and 2003, the Marine Highway offered between 291.7 and 326.6 weeks of service with just nine ships.

The ferry system counts one ferry running for one week as one operating week. If all 11 ferries are running in a given week, the system is providing 11 operating weeks.

Lawmakers on Thursday were open to Neussl's proposal and considered which ships should be sold. Rep. Matt Claman, D-Anchorage, suggested the Fairweather and Chenega

“  
We can do this; it's going to be OK. You'll still be able to get from Point A to Point B.  
”

— Rep. Shelley Hughes

be the first ships to go.

"Maybe we should be selling the fast ferries first," he said. Judging by their maintenance and operation cost, "it certainly seems like those should be at the top of the list."

Neussl said the first to go would likely be the ferry Taku, which has been laid up since last year and is 53 years old. The Marine Highway will not get rid of the ferry Tustumena, he said. The Tustumena is one of the few vessels able to serve Kodiak, the Alaska Peninsula and the Aleutians.

Republican Rep. Shelley Hughes of Palmer, co-chairwoman of the transportation committee, speculated that a nine-ship fleet might resemble the ferry system of a decade ago.

"Ten years ago, it wasn't quite so bad; we had a pretty good state 10 years ago," she said. "We can do this; it's going to be OK. You'll still be able to get from Point A to Point B."

## Operating Plan 2016-2017

Revision Number 17.13  
11/21/2016

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Operating Weeks
<b>Implementation of an Operating Plan is dependent upon funding from the legislature and earned revenue.</b>													2017
KEN	Jul 1, Fri BEL-X-GULF			Oct 5, BEL-Fri			Jan 11 O.H.		Mar 10, COI			Mar 16, BEL-X-GULF	42.7
COL	Jul 1, Fri BEL-Fri			Sep 26, Repairs				Feb 4, COI	Mar 01, Overhaul		Apr 12, COI	Apr 19, Wed BEL-Fri	22.9
MAT	Jul 1, Fri YFR/SGY						Jan 3, O.H.	Feb 9, YPR					46.9
MAL	Jul 01, Fri Federal CIP						Jan 06, COI					Apr 19, Layup	14.0
TAK	Jul 01, Fri Layup												0.0
LIT	Jul 1, Fri MET Service						Jan 10, O.H.	Jan 26, MET Service					49.9
LEC	Jul 1, Fri NP						Jan 11, COI	Jan 16, Mon NP					45.3
TUS	Jul 1, Fri SW											May 08, COI	43.3
AUR	Jul 1, Fri PWS				Nov 23, COI		Jan 16, in transit						41.3
FWX	Jul 1, Fri LYNN			Sep 15, PWS 4X wk			Jan 21, in transit					Mar 04, Sat Layup	34.0
CHE	Jul 01, Fri Federal CIP			Sep 12, in transit			Jan 21, in transit						0.0

**LEGEND**

- FED CIP
  - On Line
  - Overhaul
  - Layup
  - COI & Drills
- BEL - Bellingham to Skagway Route**
- YPR - Prince Rupert to Skagway Route**
- BEL-X-Gulf Bellingham Cross Gulf SW**
- PWS-Prince William Sound**
- MET - Metlakatla Service**
- NP - Northern Panhandle**
- SW - Southwest**
- YPR-X-Gulf-SW Pr. Rupert Cross Gulf Southwest**
- NLC + SIT - Northern Lynn Canal + Sitka**
- Mainline Vessels** 126.5
- Feeder Vessels** 129.2
- Southwest Vessels** 84.6
- Total Operating Weeks** 340.3

Note: Dates represent the first day of the period. Overhaul and refurbishment periods include vessel travel time.

Attachment: Dennie Kay Weathers



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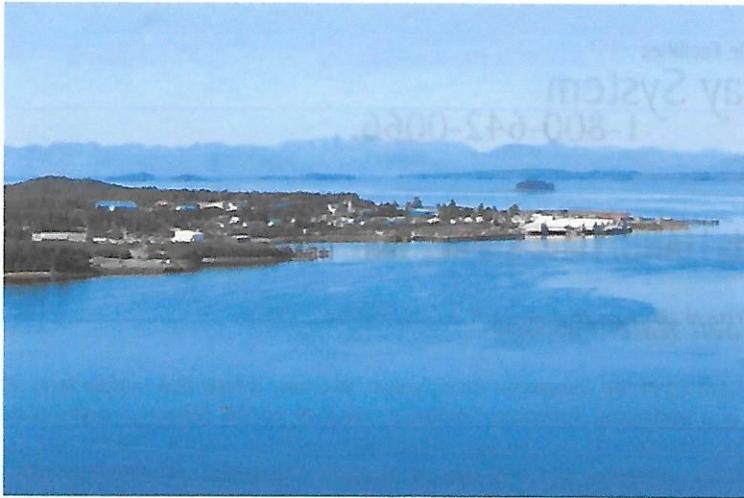
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## Metlakatla | (ANB) | met luh kat' luh

### *"Salt Water Passage"*

Metlakatla is located on Annette Island, at the southern tip of the Alexander Archipelago, and only a forty five minute ferry ride from Ketchikan 8 nautical miles away. Metlakatla is a traditional Tsimshian Indian community on the federal Annette Island Reserve. They have an active economy, subsistence lifestyle and are the only Indian reservation in Alaska. The 86,000 acre island reservation and surrounding waters are locally-controlled and not subject to state jurisdiction. All management of fisheries within 3,000 nautical feet, as well as management of all wildlife species within the Reserve falls to the Metlakatla Indian Community.

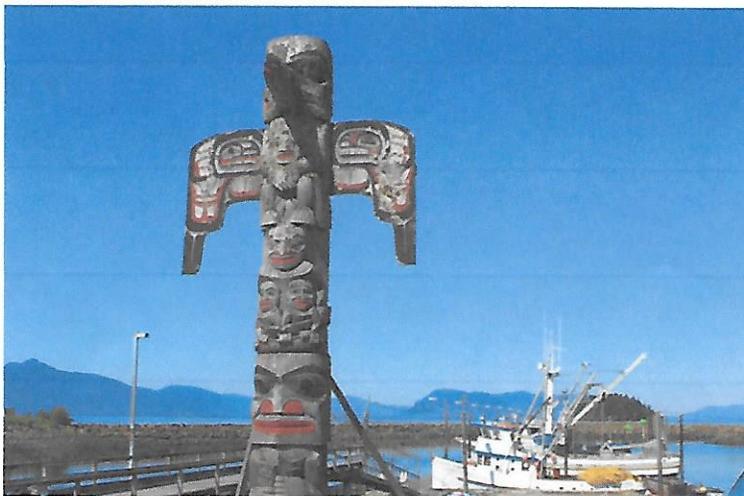
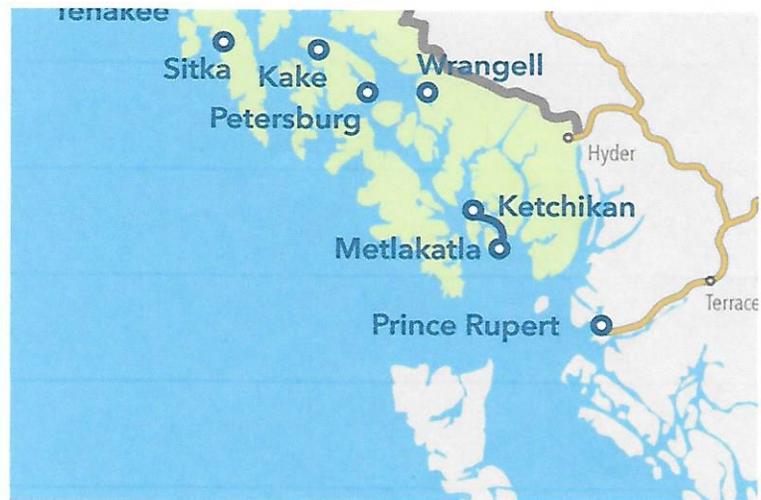


- ▶ Metlakatla means "salt water passage" and was founded by a group of Canadian Tsimshians who migrated from Prince Rupert, British Columbia.
- ▶ Although the majority of its population is Tsimshian, Metlakatla is also home to many individuals with diverse tribal affiliations such as Tlingit, Haida, Aleut, Yupik, and other Alaska Native peoples.
- ▶ The community prospered due to an abundance of natural resources and the ability to harvest salmon, halibut, cod, seaweed, clams, and waterfowl.
- ▶ Visit [www.metlakatla.com](http://www.metlakatla.com) for more information on available activities and accommodations.

Click on image to activate the full slideshow for Metlakatla.

## Service Area

The community of Metlakatla receives service from Ketchikan twice a day, five days per week year-round. The *MV Lituya* takes 45 minutes to travel between Ketchikan and Annette Bay, located at the end of Walden Point Road which connects the community to the ferry terminal. The 14.7-mile Walden Point Road is not only a scenic drive to the community of Metlakatla but is also designated an Alaska Scenic Byway.



## Trip Ideas

Below are some ideas to help you plan your trip to Alaska. Please note that availability and routing on your particular date of travel may vary from the suggested itinerary.

- ▶ Day Trip from Ketchikan to Metlakatla
- ▶ 6 Day Sampler Road Trip
- ▶ 10 Day Drive Through the Inside Passage



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Attachment: Dennie Kay Weathers

## MV Lituya

## MV Lituya

The *MV Lituya* is named after the Lituya Glacier, located in Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve. Lituya Bay, the glacier's namesake, was noted in 1786 by Jena-Francois de La Perouse. The vessel was designed by Coastwise Engineering of Juneau, Alaska and constructed at Conrad Shipyards in Morgan City, Louisiana in 2004. The *MV Lituya* is the smallest vessel of the fleet and exclusively provides shuttle service between Ketchikan and Metlakatla, making it the only ferry dedicated to a single route. The *MV Lituya* is the only Alaska Marine Highway vessel to feature an open car deck.



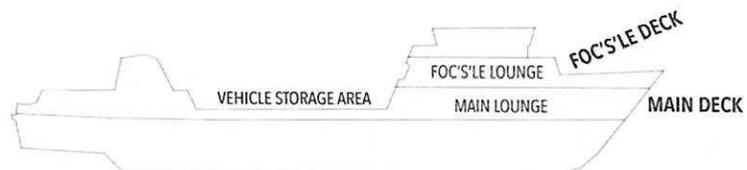
Click on image to activate the full slideshow for the MV Lituya.

## Vessel Information

*MV Lituya* is 181 feet long and 50 feet wide, with a domestic gross tonnage of 97 and a service speed of 11.5 knots. The *MV Lituya* is designed to carry 125 passengers and has a vehicle capacity of 300 linear feet, which is equal to approximately 15 twenty-foot vehicles. View our Vessel Information Table for more statistical information.

## Onboard Amenities

The interior space has a combination of reclining airline-style seats and table arrangements. Large windows provide excellent opportunities to view the passing scenery, or step outside to enjoy the fresh air. Click on the image to start a slideshow of all deck plans on the MV Lituya.



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What part of "it's not yours to spend" do you not understand?

Read attached link if you still don't get it.

"The Permanent Fund belongs to the people by constitutional mandate (Article 8). The PFD is the citizens' equal share of resource wealth, not a form of welfare. Alaskans have a right to consent to all changes to how fund earnings are used and managed."

<http://juneauempire.com/opinion/2017-02-20/my-turn-alaskans-have-right-consent-pfd-and-fund-changes>

Lynn Terstegge  
Talkeetna

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**Cc:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** Re: SB 21 & SB 26  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:37:36 AM

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A copy of this ownership certificate should be sent to Governor Walker who always quotes and symbolically gestures Governor Hickel and how similar they are and what great friends they were. This is a clear deviation from what Governor Hickel stood for. I guess what should be asked to each legislator is whether or not they believe what Governor Hammond and Governor Hickel stated about the resources of Alaska and the Permanent Fund then compare that to what the State Constitution says. If we examine all of that and can still come to a conclusion that the Government of Alaska can divorce the people from its resources without the consent of the people or without a constitutional amendment then I guess the money earned from Alaska's resources are entirely owned by the government and not the people.

Terrence Shanigan  
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On Wed, Feb 22, 2017 at 7:47 AM, Carol Carman <[district9@mtaonline.net](mailto:district9@mtaonline.net)> wrote:

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Bcc: **Owners** of the Alaska Permanent Fund

*Carol Carman*  
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*Walter Kiechel*  
*Signature of the Governor*

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Make it a Great Day!

**From:** [Carol Carman](#)  
**To:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** SB 21 & SB 26  
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**From:** [Richard Tieszen](#)  
**To:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** SB 21 & SB26  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:55:48 PM

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First off I don't care for either one!!!!!!

2nd of all, Before we discuss dipping into the PFD how about making larger cuts to the budget!!! SHOW US that YOU people in Juneau can not spend like the Kardashians!!!!  
Seriously!!!! This State has been living large for a long time and it needs to STOP!!!!

I get that taxes of some kind will probably be on the table at some point. My personal preference is a sales tax. Let the tourist help pay for some of the services they use while here!!! Its already known how much they spend in AK what would 2% or 3% or god forbid 5% bring to the State?

OK OK... If I had to pick one between SB 21 & SB26.... I'd pick SB 21 but first bigger cuts need to happen!! When my household budget drops my spending has to meet that level I can't keep spending above my income and expect things will be OK!!!!!!

Rich T.  
Anchorage, AK 99504

**From:** [Debbie Ramin](#)  
**To:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** SB21 and SB26 My voice to committee  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:29:30 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Dear State Affairs Chairman and Committee Members

I watched and heard the session of questioning by Senator Dunlevy regarding the restructuring and re appropriating the PFD . I am AGAINST HB 21 and HB26, the restructuring and appropriating of the PFD funds. In NO WAY should the PFD be put in the General Fund for govt. emergencies. The PFD was set up for the people . It's set up and called PERMANENT DIVIDEND for a reason not a bailout of the govt for emergencies. I firmly believe that Senator Dunlevy's bill for the budget crisis should have been given more consideration and passed along for the Finance Committee to asses and not push these 2 bills thru solely at the detriment of the people of Alaska. CUT the fat of the government first then come to those paying your salaries and government services after. I will not even consider voting again for anyone that approves this bill

Sincerely an Alaska resident since 1975

Debbie Ramin

**From:** [William Reiner](#)  
**To:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** SB21 & SB26  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 7:32:38 PM

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Thank you for POM.

I'm asking for a No vote on SB 21 & SB 26.

Putting cart before the horse. Choosing the low hanging fruit. That isn't the right approach I would prefer the State Bankrupt before giving a dime of the Earnings to the Carrpetbagging bureaucracy appointed with each new Govenor.

Bill Reiner  
AK voter number 01468049

Juanita Cassellius  
17606 N. Eagle River Lp., Eagle River, AK, 99577  
jcassellius@gmail.com

Feb 21, 2017

**To Senate State Affairs Committee,**

**NO to SB21! NO SB26! Please kill these bills. Now.**

**Alaskans do not support these POMVs and PFD cuts.**

**Without a vote of the people there must be no change to the PFD and Fund!**

**"A CUT IN THE PFD WOULD BE BY FAR THE COSTLIEST MEASURE FOR ALASKA FAMILIES,"** says a recent study out this month from researchers at UAA's ISER (attached to email) on the effect of a PFD cut on families and children compared with other new revenue options. ISER results say, "Households with children would pay about 2.5 times more per person than those without children, for every \$100 million of revenue raised. A big reason is that children receive PFDs—so PFDs make up a bigger share of income for households with children." **PFD CUT = UNFAIR TAX!**  
**DO NOT USE PERMANENT FUND EARNINGS WITHOUT GIVING ALASKANS A VOTE FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO GUARANTEE THE PFD.**

Here is a petition (below) with over 1,300 signatures which rejects restructuring the PFD and Fund without public consent and supports a PFD guarantee in the Alaska Constitution.

Thanks for making the right decisions on a budget plan with public consent,

Juanita Cassellius

Attached: Petition at [www.change.org/defend-our-pfd-and-fund-now](http://www.change.org/defend-our-pfd-and-fund-now)

1,302 supporters

Petitioning Alaska Legislature

**DEFEND Our PFD and Fund NOW**

Tell the Legislators to save our PFD and Permanent Fund in the 2017 Session!

As the Owner State, Alaska's resource wealth belongs to all Alaskans. Governor Walker and the Legislature are planning to restructure and spend the PFD and Fund earnings without public consent. This theft endangers the Fund and blocks the rights of Alaskans.

We have other solutions to Alaska's fiscal problems including getting a fair share for our resources, budget reform, and raising revenues in ways that Alaskans choose.

Alaska Legislators, as our elected representatives, we urge you to do everything in your power to protect the public interest for Alaska voters and Permanent Fund shareholders through the following actions. We strongly support these votes:

**OPPOSE THE PFD AND FUND RESTRUCTURE: VOTE NO** on Governor Walker's plan (SB21 and SB26) to restructure and spend from the PFD and Permanent Fund without public consent. Don't allow this!

**SUPPORT RESTORING PFD MONEY: VOTE YES** on House Bills 21 & 22, Senate Bill 1 and 2 to pay back Alaskans the \$670 million cut by the Governor in 2016. Return the Peoples' money.

**SUPPORT A PUBLIC VOTE ON PFD USE: VOTE YES** to pass legislation requiring a 2017 PFD Advisory Vote by the People of Alaska to decide if PFD money will be used for government spending this year. No PFD change without the Peoples' consent!

**SUPPORT A CONSTITUTIONAL PFD GUARANTEE: VOTE YES** on Resolution SJR1 to approve a 2018 public vote for a Constitutional Amendment to guarantee our PFD in the future. The PFD will never be safe without this.

**From:** [Emery Schramm](#)  
**To:** [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Sen. Kevin Meyer](#); [Sen. Anna MacKinnon](#); [Sen. Pete Kelly](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Sen. Berta Gardner](#); [Sen. Dennis Egan](#); [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#); [Sen. Mia Costello](#); [Sen. John Coghill](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Tom Begich](#); [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony for SB 21 and SB 26  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 5:09:17 PM

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Add this testimony to SB 21 and SB 26

Do NOT Pass SB 21

Do NOT Pass SB 26

These two bills will destroy the Permanent Fund as we know it. Recalculating the fund will only give more money to the government and less to the Alaska people. The Permanent Fund was put into place for the people of Alaska that live here and help support the economy of Alaska.

The government of Alaska has grown to large to be sustainable. The government does not need more money it needs to reduce the amount of money it spends. Reduce the waist and excess spending by cutting the budget.

The dividend payment to Alaskans helps the economy and in turn helps the government. Also, it was put into place due to the Alaskans not have mineral rights. Let the economy work. Respect the people of Alaska. We voted several times to not touch the Permanent Fund.

If an individual has an issue with receiving a dividend, the individual should not apply for one. If the individual wants to give their dividend to the government they can write a check to the Alaska government for the amount of the PFD. The government could make it easy by setting up a Pick.Click.Give for the Alaska Government.

Do NOT touch the Permanent Fund.

DO NOT PASS SB 21

DO NOT PASS SB 26

Thank you,

Emery Schramm

Wasilla, Alaska

**From:** [Ruth Bueneman](#)  
**To:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** The Alaskans PFD  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6:58:47 PM

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The Alaskan people deserve a voice in dterminating what will happen to the pfd

**From:** [mcleodak@alaska.net](mailto:mcleodak@alaska.net)  
**To:** [Sen. Mike Dunleavy](#); [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. John Coghill](#); [Sen. Dennis Egan](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. Berta Gardner](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [pf44ak@gmail.com](mailto:pf44ak@gmail.com); [bill.walker@alaska.gov](mailto:bill.walker@alaska.gov); [Sen. Kevin Meyer](#); [Sen. Pete Kelly](#)  
**Subject:** SB 21 & SB 26 testimony to Senate State Affairs - Walker's Broken Promises  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 2:53:31 PM

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To Senate State Affairs Committee members,

Please consider the following as I missed yesterday's public hearing on SB 21 and SB 26.

Until eligible Alaskans are made whole for the portion of last year's PFD amount that was snatched by Governor Walker when he vetoed the full amount of our PFD's and broke long-standing promises, tradition and maybe even the law ---- further actions on bills that pertain to our Alaska Permanent Fund is moot.

Furthermore, until this governor ceases to lavish exempt appointments (ex: Kendall, Heckendorn, Whitaker, Therriault) with high salaries that contain excessive salary-override provisions (salaries over and above what's required) while he simultaneously spends millions of more scarce dollars to maintain offices and staff in other states and countries, among other things --- further actions on bills that pertain to our Alaska Permanent Fund, its restructure and uses to fund government is also moot.

Thank you.  
Andree McLeod  
Anchorage, Alaska

**From:** [Brandi Wadkins](#)  
**To:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Rep. Mike Chenault](#)  
**Subject:** SB21 and 26  
**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:43:17 PM

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Dear Sen. Dunleavy and State Affairs Committee,

I'd like to take a moment to thank you for taking the time to hear a fellow Alaskan and how I feel about the current state of our State & budget.

**While I do not support SB21 or SB 26 in any way**, I do support Sen. Dunleavy's approach to balancing the budget and bringing about a more sustainable size to government while keeping our Permanent Fund in tact and The People's half of the Dividend as currently defined by Statute Law. I also support a Constitutional Protection for The People's portion of the Dividend and send the strong message that this is not your money to take.

Decreasing the size and scope of government is paramount. Our State simply cannot sustain the level of spending that the Alaska Legislature has been operating with for years.

Senators, you simply must be better stewards of our resources, our revenues and be more accountable.

I want to see fair taxation and use fees on all of our natural resources, maximizing our Commonly Held resources for the benefit of all Alaskans.

I want to see unfair and unbalanced tax credits removed. When Government subsidizes business it is no longer a free market.

I support restructuring and resizing the Government, not the Permanent Fund or Dividend. There are many places we can do just that, as outlined by ISER and United for Liberty. And one great place to start is the AK LNG project. The Alaska Legislature truly needs to tighten the belt and put a halt on spending before ever asking already strapped citizens to donate more to the cause.

May Wisdom and Justice be your guides,  
Brandi Wadkins  
Soldotna

**From:** [J. Cassellius](#)  
**To:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT for STOPPING SB21 and 26 in STATE AFFAIRS  
**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 10:34:46 AM

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Sen. Dunleavy and Senate State Affairs Committee,  
Thanks to Sen. Dunleavy for not pushing SB21 and SB26 through your committee. SB21 and 26 were scheduled (pending referral) to go immediately to Senate Finance. Thank you for not rushing this bill through and ideally, stopping it with votes in State Affairs. We need to STOP PLANS FOR A PERMANENT FUND POMV and PFD RESTRUCTURE. TAKE THESE OFF THE TABLE NOW. Then, use Fund earnings and CBR and give Alaskans a vote on SJR1 to put our PFD in the Constitution where it belongs in 2018. Restructure government for efficiencies over the next year. Get help (Federal intervention if necessary) to tackle reform for DHSS and Education Departments. That must come before discussion of taxes and any Fund changes by PUBLIC CONSENT.

Thanks,  
Juanita Cassellius

**From:** [Cynthia Ramos](#)  
**To:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** Thank You  
**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 2:54:43 PM

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Sen. Dunleavy, Many thanks to you and all the committee members for the diligence in your work to preserve the People's' PFD.

Best of luck in your continued fight that puts all Alaskans first.

Sincerely  
Cynthia Ramos

**From:** [Kent Widmayer](#)  
**To:** [Senate State Affairs](#)  
**Subject:** Thank you  
**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 4:45:06 PM

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Thank you Sen Dunleavy for stopping the PFD restructure. There are a lot of sacred cows in the state budget that need to be cut long before the state uses the PFD for funding. Like the wasted unfinished building on the UAF campus.

Kent Widmayer  
Fairbanks Alaska

February 27, 2017

Honorable State Affairs Chair Dunleavy, and Finance Co-Chairs Senators Hoffman and MacKinnon and Senate Finance Committee Members, Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 21, SB 26, and SB 70, the Permanent Fund Dividend bills. The PFD was set up to be given to the people by the state, by Governor Hammond. The companies that take our oil were and are required to pay us for taking that oil and Governor Hammond wisely set up a fund to give back to the people of this great state. There are many people in the state that depend on their dividends to pay their taxes and many of their bills, my family is not the only family that depends on our dividends. If you take this money away from us it will be financially crippling.

Don't take the Permanent Fund Dividend from the people. If you need to use some of the money, take some of the interest of the PFD every other year. Do not take it every year or it will delete our fund and there will be none left for the people which is what it was set up for. By taking the interest every other year, this allows the fund to build up on the off year. I think this would be in the best interest of the dividend holders because it was built for Alaskans.

I would not be against a state income tax like we had before but I am against a fisheries tax or any other tax. We are being taxed a lot at the city level and if you put more taxes on us a lot of cities in the state will go bankrupt. Also, I think it is very disrespectful to our Senior Citizens to say that they should move out of the state because the state pays too much for them. I heard a Representative say this on the radio the other day and was taken aback by the statement. Our State would not be what it is today if it were not for the Senior Citizens. They are the ones who built this great state and nation and they deserve everything we can give them. I would like to thank Governor Hammond for creating the Permanent Fund Dividend for the people of Alaska. God bless him for that from my family.

Darrel & Deanna Gross & Family

PO Box 754

Wrangell, Alaska 99929

**From:** [and.czk@gmail.com](mailto:and.czk@gmail.com)  
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**Subject:** SB 21  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:55:25 AM

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Mr. Stedman. Here's an exact example of the problem with true politicians that more than likely didn't and can't make it in the real world. You are never satisfied with the amount you have to spend even if it's so over budgeted it's absolutely ridiculous. Who in their right mind says oil will be worth again as much this year as last when we are in a DECLINE. Not only is the price going down but overall production is decreasing as well. THAT MEANS TIGHTEN YOUR BELT AND SHRINK GOVERNMENT ALONG WITH THE SHRINKING ECONOMY INSTEAD OF TRYING TO GROW IT. Who gives you the right to overspend year after year especially to the point of putting the state in debt to the point of attempting to raid the people's permanent fund and piss it away and then tell everyone that we are used to spending so much money and now we need more. Well after the PFD is gone the only resource left will be to tax the slaves and wring them dry even though they had nothing to do with the mess the state politicians got us into. I'm not sure how people like you continually get into office. Budget in a way to start your own rainy day PFD so you can have a surplus to spend at a later day and time. I've said for decades now that if we replaced you with kindergarteners and said now children here is the amount you have to spend and don't go over at least they would follow instruction that far. Leave the permanent fund alone for a true rainy day necessity and not a perceived one. Pretend it doesn't even exist. Look to the people's social security if you need a prime example of what happens when there is a prized pot of money burning holes in the pockets of the never have enough politicians. It's now decimated and the people are paying the excessive burden left in the aftermath and still have nothing to show for all the hardship and sacrifice of their savings effort. It doesn't take a genius to look back at things already tried and proven not to work. The government is always cut to the bone but in fact you haven't even given yourself a razor burn yet. Cut the budget for real. There will be people yelping and whining but too bad. CUT THE BUDGET and don't pull the same old punch that the only thing left to cut is road maintenance since that directly affects the people the most when you try to make a false point. That's your job when things get tough not finding more ways to get us so far into debt we can never get out. Is that the way you run your life? Your household is millions of dollars in debt and have no way of ever seeing financial freedom. Well if so then we don't want you leading us down the same path. Handle the people's money with the greatest care and respect in which you can handle and care for someone else's hardship and sacrifice that they're making. Spending money is one of the easiest things to do in the world today. Especially if it's someone else's. How can you expect the budget to get smaller when every department has an incentive program to spend their whole budget and beg for more or risk losing as much funding the following year. This leads down the road of waste and foolish and frivolous spending not reducing. Why not put out incentives to spend less instead of more than your budget? Wow! What a novel idea! Please start there! Show the people that you're at least trying and maybe they'll get behind your efforts instead of continually blowing smoke up our butt in the false pretense of cutting back. Let's see some real attempts to work this out without always crying for more and more. More money isn't the answer. Controlled spending is! Thank you for your consideration and thought.

Keep looking up... Andy