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NAME: LEES SHERWOOD - POB 900, TOK, AK.
REPRESENTING: SELF
BILL#/ SUBJECT: PFD
COMMITTEE &
HEARING DATE: 7 MAR 2017

I WOULD ^{LIKE} THE PFD TO CONTINUE AT PAST VALUES, BEFORE THE HONORABLE GOV. WALKER GARNISHED OUR CHECKS.



I AM A SENIOR, ON VERY LIMITED SOCIAL SECURITY AND NEED THE HELP FROM THE PFD. HEATING OIL, PROPANE AND WOOD.

I AM IN FAVOR OF A ONE TIME BUY OUT ALSO.

ALASKA'S BUDGET SHORTFALLS CAN BE MANAGED APART FROM THE PFD.

AND YES THE PFD SHOULD BE ENSHRINED IN OUR STATE CONSTITUTION.

THE PFD IS A WIN/WIN FOR ALL PEOPLE, AND A BENEFIT COUNTED ON, AND LASTLY, HEAVEN LOOKS ON IN JOYFUL GLEE, AS THIS PFD HELPS AND ANSWERS SO MANY PRAYERS.

SINCERELY YOURS IN RESPECT
LEES SHERWOOD & GRUVIS
 

From: [J. Cassellius](#)
To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Subject: Clarification on comments submitted previously for SJR1
Date: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 3:27:00 PM

Juanita Cassellius
17606 N Eagle River Lp
Eagle River, Ak 99577

Senate State Affairs Committee.

Please add this correction and addition to my comments on SJR1 support.

The PFD provides greater benefit when spent by Alaskans than when spent by government!

The petition attached to my comments is found at www.change.org/p/defend-our-pfd-and-fund-now

Thank you to staff assisting with public comments,
Juanita

From: [custom geeks by davinn](#)
To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Date: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 6:15:14 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am an Alaskan citizen, and I would like to express my support of SJR1, to cut excessive spending and protect the PFD. I support moving the capital to Anchorage, ending tax oil breaks, cutting legislator wages til the budget is fixed, ending the per diem, stopping the over funding of UAA (they have tuition fees to pay for programs, and should budget themselves,) ending the subsidy of the ferry and balancing the state budget without stealing the PFD from private citizens.

As legislation made this mess, you can certainly fix it. Stop the over spending. No more taxes or PFD grabs.

Sincerely, Davinn Donnell

From: [kathleen shoop](#)
To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 5:57:14 PM

Dear Alaska Senate;

Please pass SJR1 and preserve the PFD for the people as it was originally intended.

Kathleen Shoop
Palmer, Alaska
907-746-7769
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From: [W.L](#)
To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 7:03:18 PM

I am writing in support of this bill as I feel the people need a say on any changes to the Permanent Fund.

Thank you,
Wendy Lykins
Ninilchik, AK

From: [Tanell Wright](#)
To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Subject: SJR1
Date: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 6:17:05 PM

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I am an Alaskan citizen, and I would like to express my support of SJR1, to cut excessive spending and protect the PFD. I support moving the capital to Anchorage, ending tax oil breaks, cutting legislator wages til the budget is fixed, ending the per diem, stopping the over funding of UAA (they have tuition fees to pay for programs, and should budget themselves,) ending the subsidy of the ferry and balancing the state budget without stealing the PFD from private citizens.

As legislation made this mess, you can certainly fix it. Stop the over spending. No more taxes or PFD grabs.

Thank you for your time,

A concerned citizen,

Tanell Donnell

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Brandi Wadkins](#)
To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Cc: [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Rep. Mike Chenault](#)
Subject: SRJ1
Date: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 5:28:37 PM

Esteemed Senators, I would like to submit testimony regarding SRJ1

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund, establishing the earnings reserve account, and relating to the permanent fund dividend.

I find it disappointing that we are at a place in history where once again we must demand that our Permanent Fund and Dividend be protected from the very people whom (many) have promised to "not touch" it. However, since we are here, let me say that I support Sen Wielechowski's efforts at speaking up for Alaskans in regard to our PF and Dividend with SRJ1. My thanks to Sen. Dunleavy, Hughes, Wielechowski, Begich, & Gardner for recognizing the will of the People regarding protecting the PF and Dividend over this resolution and other proposed bills.

Folks, we want you to take tapping the PF or Dividend off the table. We want you fix your own overspending before you ask us for any more taxes, fees or royalties. We want you to fix the broken oil tax credit system that is draining our State's reserves. We want you to cut the budget, Sen. Dunleavy has made the same suggestion. And we want the Dividend and Fund protected, with emphasis on "PERMANENT". We want you to support Constitutional protection for our Dividend, the way it was intended.

Thank you.

Brandi Wadkins
Soldotna

From: [J. Cassellius](#)
To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Subject: SUPPORT FOR SJR1 - VOTE YES!!
Date: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 3:13:29 PM

Senator Dunleavy and State Affairs Committee,

Alaska Legislators recently introduced several bills to restructure the Permanent Fund and use earnings for state government. This action must require the consent of Alaskans because Alaskans are owners of the Fund, according to Permanent Fund Corporation statements.

ONLY with the passage of SJR1 should Alaskans consent to the Legislature's proposal to use Fund earnings for government spending. Without this protection we have no assurance that these attacks on the People's dividend will stop! We need to secure real protection for the PFD in the Constitution so that PFD benefits and Alaskans' shareholder rights in the Owner State can be preserved for current and future generations.

Below is a petition started last month with 1,300 signatures that supports a public vote for both a PFD guarantee in the Alaska Constitution (SJR1) AND any changes to the PFD and Fund. Economist Gregg Erickson's column in the ADN (3/5/17) pointed out that the Permanent Fund money is not the answer to the decline in oil profits and the PFD money provides greater benefit to the economy if spent by government.

Thanks to legislators who are listening to the will of the People of Alaska and serving the public interest by supporting SJR1!

Juanita Cassellius
17606 N. Eagle River Lp.
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Petitioning Alaska Legislature

Share this petition

1,325 supporters
175 needed to reach 1,500

DEFEND Our PFD and Fund NOW

[Permanent Fund Defenders](#)



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 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: [Cameron Cowles](#)
To: [Senate State Affairs](#)
Subject: Support for SJR1
Date: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 5:58:54 PM

I would like to voice my support as an Alaskan for SJR1. The excessive spending must end and the PFD must be preserved.

1. Move the Capitol to Anchorage
2. End the oil tax breaks
3. Change Legislator wages to minimum wage until a budget is fixed.
4. End per diem.
5. Stop funding UAA with government money.. they waste it all on sports projects that go no where.
6. Stop subsidizing the ferry system.
7. Balance the budget and make it match what Alaska can actually afford before breaking piggy banks. It's common sense!

There are cuts to be made that haven't and I do not want to see the PFD touched until all other cuts have been made.

If you need more evidence that Alaskans are very upset about this.. see our group of over 17,000 Alaskans on Facebook:

Alaskans Against Gov. Walker's PFD Theft
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/goodbyewalker/>

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Vivian Finlay & Clyde Boyer
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: SJR1
COMMITTEE: Senate State Affairs DATE: 03/06/17

We are completely opposed to a constitutional amendment to guarantee a permanent fund dividend (SJR1). How ridiculous it seems for the State to be in a deficit spending mode, to take the savings account and spend it down, to limit and reduce all state services, and still "guarantee" a dividend???? Alaska will be the laughing stock of the USA, and perhaps the world. We are a retired couple on basically a fixed income, yet we do not believe we are entitled to a dividend "forever".

Thank you.

Vivian Finlay and Clyde Boyer
Homer, Alaska