
From: Meghan Nelson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:42 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Opposition: HB300 & HB306

To the members of House Finance:

I am writing in opposition to the PFD bills being considered by the committee. The PFD is the people's share of our state's oil wealth and is best served in the hands of the people. Dramatically cutting our portion does nothing but add to an over inflated budget and threatens the longevity of the fund.

Furthermore, according to an ISER study, cutting the dividend from its statutory calculation equates to an extremely regressive tax that hurts the poorest in our state. At a time of economic uncertainty, taxing your residents (including children and elderly) in this way is a terrible idea. This will further damage Alaska's fragile economy. Money in the hands of the people is money infusing that economy and we are in dire need of economic stimulation.

These proposed changes to the PFD calculations are shortsighted and ill timed. Please read Ed King's analysis regarding these proposed bills to fully understand the negative impacts these changes would have in the long term.

We need to cut the budget and then explore more equitable forms of revenue generation. I personally support a flat tax or sales tax to tackle our shortfalls. This spreads the burden across all working adults, both those invested in the state and those who only come here to earn a paycheck and leave.

Let the invested Alaskans maintain their shares and leave the PFD alone.

Sincerely,

Meghan Nelson
[REDACTED]
Juneau AK 99801

From: HARRY HOLT [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:46 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 306 & HB 300

After listening to Rep. Kopp and Rep. Wool present their bills, HB 306 & HB 300 to the House Finance on Tues., Mar. 10th, we are in total opposition of these two bills moving further. All the public heard were the excuses to raid the Alaska Permanent Fund. The excuses of why they must take action today:

- * Exhausted Savings
- * Oil Prices have dropped
- * Fitch Ranking
- * "Glide Path" to Sustainability
- * Modeling a Split

and after this so-called split of whatever percentages they come up with, they will go back to the Perm. Fund Task Force for a Six-Year Review. This will undoubtedly show all the monies depleted because of all the special interests. Not once in their presentations for these bills mention a need for a balanced budget. With all their reasons of panic to change the Statute of the PFD for this POMV, still not addressing Alaska's Bloated Budget. We ask you to oppose HB 306 & HB 300.

Sincerely,
Harry and Jean Holt
Palmer, Alaska

From: William Topel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 2:19 PM
To: House Finance; House Finance
Cc: Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Rep.Mike.Prax; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Testimony on HB 306 (pdf)
Attachments: Mar12_2020_Testimony_HouseFinance_HB306.pdf

House Finance Committee:

Please include my written testimony today, as I could not call in.

William Topel

From: Diana Ferguson-wheeler [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 2:35 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: PFF

Hello honorable Alaskan public servants,

It has been my family's pleasure to residents of this state for 13.5 years. My sons have never known another home. The history of Alaska and it's concern and caring for its citizens has always inspired me.

Today, you do not inspire me. The Constitution of Alaska states that the PFD was set up to benefit the people of Alaska with a Constitutional equation to determine what the people are to receive each year. The Government of Alaska is not the People of Alaska. It is not your money to continue wasteful spending that you then thrust into the backs of the people you are working for, us. It is not there for you to drag your feet and extend your sessions while not completing the work of the people.

It is there to help each of us in the ways that are impactful. It helps us pay our gas and electric bills through the long winters. It is there to help us provide food for our families when work in the winter slows down. It is there to help us give our children the memories and futures that we want for them.

Follow the Constitution and do what is best for your employers, all the people of Alaska. This fund is ours, not yours.

Respectfully yours,
Diana Ferguson-Wheeler
Wasilla, AK

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Nils Andreassen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:35 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: AML public testimony
Attachments: Alaska Fiscal Plan.docx

Recognizing that public testimony is restricted to 2 minutes, attached is a working draft of AML's perspective on HB300 and HB306 as they relate to a broader discussion of revenue development in the state.

I am available to discuss with any member of House Finance who may be interested in asking questions, or who has input into how AML may be helpful during this challenging time.

Nils Andreassen
Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League
One Sealaska Plaza, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801
Direct (907) 790-5305 or Cell (907) 351-4982
"Strengthening Alaska Municipalities"

From: Janet [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:41 PM
To: House Finance; Sen. Mike Shower; Rep. George Rauscher
Subject: Testimony in Opposition to HB300 and HB306

Members of House Finance:

I speak for myself and my husband. We oppose both HB 300 and HB 306.

Alaska has more government than we can afford! And until our legislature cuts expenses to match it's revenues, we are unwilling to forego OUR PFD!

Being on a fixed income, each year that Governor Walker and/or our legislature took a portion of OUR PFD, we were forced to reduce our household expenses to match our revenues! This is exactly what our legislature should have done and should be doing for the State of Alaska!

It is not just nor right that we are paying the price for the many years that our legislature has overspent and continues to overspend!

Your financial shortcomings and inability to cut expenses should not be placed on the backs of Alaska residents.

OUR PFD's are not yours!

Please do your job...CUT, CUT, CUT!!

Respectfully,

Janet McCullough and Timothy McCullough

[REDACTED]
Palmer, AK 99645

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Copy: Senator Mike Shower and Representative George Rauscher

From: Richard Erickson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:56 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB300

I am in favor of HB300.

Richard Erickson
[REDACTED]
Whale Pass, Alaska

From: john sonin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:58 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: PFD Executor-ship

Alaska's Senate Resources or State Affairs Committee, is being belittled with another attempt to "whittle-down" the human will consequent the smaller, lackluster, minds in our State (and nationally with the Koch Bros, Mercers, [et.al.](#)) and the Senate majority, desiring to rape & pillage OUR Mother for their private gain! What if instead we used Rep. Wool's H.B. 300 as a vehicle an un-needed PFD back into some of the 'wanting' communities across OUR State - "wanting," thanks to the 'everything-necessary-is-achieved-by-the-drive-(the motivation)-of-self-gain' mindset adhered to by our Governor and his Senate Majority.

From birth to death, life means (and needs!) effort-work; it takes energy to find satisfaction any- and every-where in life. All life, always, must be emerging! It must always be building-pushing-creating for a more effortless, more efficient, and more productive, tomorrow. That goes for every living thing, every human being, and every coordinated-coalition, institution, human-beings create.

Yes... we forever seek relief from the stresses of that effort, which living organisms find daily with rejuvenating periods of inaction/rest/sleep. Sometimes this may be hard to achieve if sufficient effort has not been expended throughout the day. But when lazy-thought (achieving maximum affect with the least physical exertion) becomes the trend of OUR electoral majority, the promotion of personalities keenest to this cheap, apathetic, 'gaming'-of-our-social-and-cultural constructions, lifestyle, becomes the norm, OUR social fabric, our way-of-life, begins "shredding" to a dismembered, fascist, fear-based style of interpersonal relationships! Once started along this path by promotion of this personality, society and the culture engage a feedback process that "spirals in decline" to an extreme, far-right cultural destruction.

The misgivings of "lazy" (selfish) thought can seem successful, but only inter-personally, when the "gamer" is seeking social mobility and rank. It is only effective, however, as long as the 'majority' of the culture are still actually creating/producing synergistic-energy — in our capitalist society, that's "commercial value." That "value," along with all productive value, is the value intrinsic, of atomic-bonding — from manufactured material to the effort needed for imagination (imagining ideas new or re-imagining ideas old) — only to be created by work/labor.

The Libertarian mindset ignores any value added to organized-atoms by others. Life becomes the 'gaming' of everything else to win that "value" for themselves! This seems the only concern — not creating new value, just re-configuring "value" that has already been created — of far-right, libertarian, thinkers. This mindset only diminishes and demeans what a culture has already created/imagined. Such a dissolution of society is achieved incrementally at first, but when a nation promotes a leader of this 'gamer' ilk, human/cultural evolution ceases its emergence and begins a disintegration/decline. This rise and decline of civilization is the repeat of history. Sadly the Koch Bros., with all their money, fail to grasp the verity and are suicidal in destroying, decimating, the foundation of their ascendancy — a snake trying to eat its tail!

This inclination is the downside of being human (with all OUR other foibles), and since every one of us have this propensity for lazy-selfish thought (in public and the political sector, in our private realms we always know better), rectifying that inclination, and to stay on an emerging track requires an effort of private WILL! This is the 'historical repeat' and can only be halted or remedied through a Golden Rule education: *Do unto others...!* A proper, unbiased, education helps us to recognize (self-discover!) the synergistic benefits of producing, and using our energy more efficiently, with 'Golden Rule' living. This is morality... yes, but it's also 'profane' element of physics, in its necessity/requirement, nay demand, for social-cultural success. One that Dunleavy, Trump & the Kochs deny!

In the here-and-now of America's tribalism-breakdown however, we must first interrupt that "feedback" cycle by REMOVAL of these linchpins! Which in this cycle of OUR Nation's effort to be organized is not only at the national level, with Donald Trump and the Kochtupus confederates, but statewide with Dunleavy and his

unconscious cronies! We will remember those Senate, both Statewide & National, senators and legislators who live denying this Truth and condemning OUR State & Nation to further harmful decline!

John S. Sonin

[REDACTED]

Douglas, AK 99824

[REDACTED]

From: Mike Coons [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:03 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Oppose HB 300 and 306

My name is Mike Coons and I'm speaking for myself

These two bills are nothing but smoke and mirrors. What they do is grow government with our money, money that you can't get with an income tax or sales tax, so you tax our PFD. I do hope some smart lawyer goes after this from that standpoint sometime soon. Because this is nothing more than taxation without representation, gee didn't we fight and win a revolutionary war over that? What would work would be to hear the Constitutional Amendments on spending and the PFD and to truly let the people vote. Same with the Constitutional Amendment on any taxation for approval by a vote of the people! Yet you refuse to do so!

I am one of the many unwashed Valley trash that you came to see and supposedly hear from last year on this very topic. You came with your agenda, you came with your preconceived notion of what you want and were going to do. You went on a dog and pony show to show that you wanted to listen to the voters. That was a dog and pony show and that was all it was, a show. Same with these hearings. You have zero intention of listening and acting on what the people have to say. You have every intention of stealing our money, then using that money for your socialist goals. Yes, I did say socialists because each and every one of you that is taking from we the people are or support socialism.

So, what I say here will not have a single positive aspect because you are sitting there with closed minds. So all I and we can do is do what we can to voice and put on the line not only what we want, but to call you out for the socialists and socialists supporters that you are Reps Tilton, Sullivan-Leonard, Carpenter, Merrick are the only ones in this committee that are actually standing for our State, it's people and the oath of office they took!

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From: Karl Becker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:09 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Louise Stutes; Sen. Gary Stevens
Subject: HB 300 and HB 306

I support passage of either HB300 or HB306. I lean toward stronger support for HB306 because of the enhanced community assistance program. I like its ability to offset the reduced individual dividend amounts with larger support to rural communities on a per capital basis. That can make a huge positive difference for rural residents where the cost of living is so much higher than in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

I strongly support scrapping forever the so-called "statute-based" dividend from 1982. It makes no sense for our state and I strongly disagree with those who consider the dividend their right. **The Permanent Fund belongs to all Alaskans; it is not and never was designated for individual Alaskans.** Alaska will stay strong using all of its resources for all of its peoples, not limiting some of its resources to those who happen to apply for their dividend check.

Don't waste further time. Pass a bill similar to HB300 or HB306 NOW.

Karl Becker
Cordova, Alaska

From: Linda Morrison Goss [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:36 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Please show some respect

I am observing public testimony on HB 306 and am very disturbed by Mr. Wools total disrespect to the people calling in. Laughing, joking, writing notes

Please show some respect.
Linda Goss



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From: John McDowell [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:56 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB300//306

I support HB300/306 and realistic efforts to protect Alaska fiscally, while preserving the promises of future reasonable but still healthy dividends AND their ability to CONTINUE to grow in a healthy manner for the future along with growing the corpus to that \$100 billion number in our permanent fund we are aiming for by 2030.

Thank you for your hard work on our behalves.

John McDowell – [REDACTED]

Anchorage 99509

(Spenard [REDACTED])

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: thomas willard [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:04 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Statutory payout

Good evening,

I am a Wasilla Alaska resident and homeowner and I do not support any theft of the permanent fund dividend. I demand no less than the original statutory payout.

I in no uncertain terms oppose house bill 306.
The money belongs to the people and the illegal theft must be stopped and reversed.

Further we must enshrine the decades old and original statutory payout of the PFD in the Alaska constitution.

Thank you,
Thomas Willard
Wasilla, AK
[REDACTED]

From: Alexandria Stocks [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:08 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HCR13, HB300, HB306

I Alexandria Stocks,

And my husband Jereme Stocks are very much against these ideas of stealing and robbing the PFDs. We think Pfd distribution should stick to the original formula and that the PFD should be protected by law from future attempted robbery.

Future ideas should be brought to the public first and put up for vote.

The past amounts robbed from the PFDs should be returned/ refunded to the people.

- Alexandria Stocks

- Jereme Stocks

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks,AK
99701

From: Mi'chelle Barnes [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:19 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MY PFD!

Dear Legislature,
KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MY PFD! Alaskans depend on the PFD to make ends meet. The PFD helps Alaska's economy when families pay bills, buy food and pay local property taxes. Restore the original PFD formula and stop wasting tax payers money. YOU take a pay cut, stop ALL travel and cut per diem, then we will talk! This is despicable. 🚫

Michelle A. Barnes
Soldotna, Alaska

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Have a blessed day!

Mi'chelle Barnes
C: [REDACTED]
E: michelleabarnes075@gmail.com

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From: Dixie D. Banner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:22 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Do not steal our PFD

Alaskans have the right to say what happens to our PFD! You do not, and your disrespect will earn walking papers in August! Also you fail to realize we are not going to accept your behavior. We gave the right to govern but not to destroy us!!

Steal the PFD you are gone! You are not royalty...

Yesterday at 7:08 PM • 

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House.Finance@akleg.gov

Call in

Thursday March 12th at 1:30 pm.

“This will be the only opportunity the bill that proposes to change the Dividend formula from 50/50 (dividend/government) to 20/80 (dividend/government), before the full House for a floor vote. It is important to make your voice heard.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Linn McCabe [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:32 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB306 and other PFD legislation

Dear House Finance members,

I absolutely DO NOT support either of the bills scheduled for hearing today. The PFD belongs to the people, and there is a statute still on the books which provides the method by which it is calculated. If you propose a change to that statute, you must provide an opportunity for the People to vote on it.

We have been asking you to represent us for the past several years and cut the budget. It is not the People's responsibility to rescue you from the mess you have created by continually spending far more than the revenue stream provides for.

Implement a Constitutional spending cap and get this out-of-control spending to a predictable, affordable, and sustainable level. I sure wish you (generally speaking) had the will to make the necessary cuts over several years beginning a few years ago; now we are in crisis mode, which could have been much easier to weather had our budget been refined.

You must not use MY PFD to plug the deficit! NO to changing the formula without a vote of the People!

Thank you!

Linn McCabe
Big Lake

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michelle Eastty [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:45 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 300 & HB 306

I am vehemently opposed the these bills. Giving 80% of the PFD to government to spend and leaving individual Alaskans the leftovers is unacceptable and shows where legislators' loyalty lies: with government. You have not been following the lawful formula for several years and now you are proposing to make your actions legal. Please take into consideration this Alaskan's objection to these bills.

Thank you,
Michelle Eastty

From: William Topel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:46 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Joshua Revak; Representative.Mike.Pax@akleg.gov
Subject: Written Testimony on HB 300 (pdf)
Attachments: Mar12_2020_Testimony_HouseFinance_HB300.pdf

House Finance Committee:

Please include my written testimony on HB 300, since your committee switched hearing dates from tomorrow to today. Thank you.

William Topel

From: Brittany Smart [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:25 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB300 - FNSB Mayor Bryce Ward comments on State budget
Attachments: 2020-03-12_AKLeg_MayorWard_HB300.pdf

Good afternoon, House Finance members:

Please see the attached comments from FNSB Mayor Bryce Ward regarding the State budget.

Thank you,

Brittany Smart

Special Assistant to the Mayor | Economic Development

Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska

Direct: (907) 459-1302 | Office: (907) 459-1300 | Cell: (907) 328-8027

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From: Mary Corcoran [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:10 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Public Testimony HB 300 and HB 306

To House Finance Committee Members,

I support either of these bills or a combination of them to stabilize Alaska's fiscal state. I support receiving no dividend if it is fiscally untenable. Budgets have to come close to balancing now and into the future.

Thank you for your work and this opportunity to testify..

Sincerely,
Mary Corcoran
Delta Junction AK
Ellamar AK

From: KENNETH FEDERICO [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:48 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 306

To: House Finance committee
From: Ken Federico, Wasilla, Alaska

To whom it may concern,

I am appalled that this bill was put together and even advanced to the finance committee for a hearing. I am not a state employee nor am I a union member. I work in the private sector where government does not subsidize nor support it.

I have lived in Alaska since 1977 and was around when talk of the PFD was first brought forth. I had the pleasure of discussing residency with Ron Zobel, and I was fortunate to hear Governor Hammond talk it up.

This is what Hammond was afraid of. The Legislature saying yes to everyone who had a pet project or a specific program they wanted continued. Well, after 20 years of giving away, through the budget, the state savings accounts, we are where we are now.

The Legislature has not done right by all Alaskans by the inability to, "just say no".

I compare the last 20 years budgets to a slush fund for the Legislature, to just help them get re-elected again and again.

Keep the 50/50 draw as it is. If you say the majority of your districts want the PFD to pay for state services, make a program where all those people who want to can give back their PFDs. Don't be stealing it from women and small children too. Because in essence, that is exactly what you will be doing.

Not every district has the monies like maybe south Anchorage or Bayshore do. Once again, leave the PFD as it is. Cut the budget!!!!!!

Thank You, Ken Federico 43 year resident

From: D Herrmann [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:43 PM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Grier Hopkins
Subject: HB 300 - Fix the formula!

Alaska State House Finance Committee Members:

As I understand it, HB 300 would revise how the PFD amount is calculated and ensure that a substantial amount of the fund's earnings could be used for critical functions of our state's government. If this is the case, please pass it. Revising the draw and allocation formulas should be one of the most important priorities of this legislative session. As long as residents and leaders are arguing over what residents are "owed," then state budget issues will be more controversial than they naturally are. Please make this bill, or some reasonable form of it, a priority.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Diane Herrmann

[REDACTED], Fairbanks AK 99709

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Eileen Probasco [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:14 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 300

I have reviewed the latest draft of HB 300 and the Sponsor Statement, and I am in favor of the bill as drafted. However, if I had to choose between this bill and HB 306, I would prefer 306..

FINALLY doing something different is what is needed. With the instability of oil prices, it is irresponsible to continue doing what we have always done.

And just by the way, I am not opposed to some kind of reasonable tax structure, whether income, sales, or something else. Those out of states that work on the slope or in the fishing industry should not be able take our oil money out of state without contributing in some way to Alaska. In the alternate, a sales tax is not unreasonable. One or the other....

Thank you
Eileen Probasco
Alaska Resident since 1971

From: Eileen Becker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:27 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Totally disagree with the AK State House plan to spend our PFD

Sent from my iPad

From: Eileen Probasco <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:11 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: House Bill 306

I have reviewed the latest draft of HB 306 and the Sponsor Statement, and I am in favor of the bill as drafted. If I had to choose between this bill and HB 300, I would prefer this one.

FINALLY doing something different is what is needed. With the instability of oil prices, it is irresponsible to continue doing what we have always done.

And just by the way, I am not opposed to some kind of reasonable tax structure, whether income, sales, or something else. Those out of states that work on the slope or in the fishing industry should not be able take our oil money out of state without contributing in some way to Alaska. Also, a sales tax is not unreasonable. One or the other....

Thank you
Eileen Probasco
Alaska Resident since 1971

From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Rep. Jennifer Johnston
Cc: House Finance
Subject: Permanent Fund Comments for House Finance Committee

Importance: High

To the Honorable Representative and Co-Chair of the House Finance Committee, Jennifer Johnston, and to the entire House Finance Committee,

I am unable to participate in today's hearing regarding the two bills being discussed about the use of the Permanent Fund. Thanks so much for the opportunity to share my thoughts via email.

I am supportive of either House Bill 306 or 300, both of which will limit the amount of money that will be sent to Alaskans in this year's Permanent Fund checks, in order to provide more funding for State services during this economic down turn. I have confidence that the House of Representatives will select the House Bill that is best suited to meet our needs while protecting a nest egg for the future of the Permanent Fund.

Thank you,

Lezlie Murray
[REDACTED]
Anchorage, AK 99516

From: Ronald Gillham [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:17 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB300 & HB306

Good day,

I would like to go on record with my opposition of HB300 & HB306. IF there are any changes to be made to the original pfd calculations it should not be done without the vote of the Alaskan citizens. I believe that in changing the original calculation of the pfd program without the vote of the citizens is unlawful and therefore should not be considered.

Thank you,
Ronald Gillham
Soldotna, Ak.

From: Shelly Erickson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:57 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: PFD restructured

I am opposed to a 20/80 split of the PFD. Leave it as it is.

Last years political maneuvering has made the legislature untrustworthy to make sound and reasonable decisions on matters of this importance.

If you feel it is so important to restructure, than it needs to be voted on by the people. It should not be decided on by a few.

Shelly Erickson
[REDACTED]
Homer, AK 99603
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From: Dixie D. Banner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:47 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: DO NOT TOUCH the PFD

Do not touch the PFD. You are out of line for the funds belong to the People of AK. If the rate changes we should be the ones to vote on it!

The idea of Right Sizing Government and cutting the budget is a must! Your vote to steal and to destroy the state will be on your slate!

We are not impressed with the games and in August you will feel the consequences of your actions! God is watching!

Have a great day
Dixie

Yesterday at 7:08 PM • 

!! CALL TO ACTION !! ALL ALAS

You can mail your testimony to:
House.Finance@akleg.gov

Call in

Thursday March 12th at 1:30 pm.

“This will be the only opportunity the bill that proposes to change the Dividend formula from 50/50 (dividend/government) to 20/80 (dividend/government), before the full House for a floor vote. It is important to make your voice heard.

Sent from my iPhone

From: charles ashley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 2:47 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 306 PFD/GF APPROPS; EARNINGS RESERVE

Hello,

My name is Charles Ashley, I'm 60 yrs old & my wife Tammy (62) live in Palmer Ak. We are in complete & total opposition to this legislation that would re-distribute the Wealth of Our state from the people to bureaucracy. We Count on a Full PFD allocation, we use it to pay off medical bills, stock up on necessary items like replacing tires, getting our car fixed to stocking up food and other needs at Costco in Anchorage. In other words our checks go Back Into the state's business sector which in turn Grows Our economy. Under this legislation we are Robbed of this as the majority of our state's wealth (Meant for the People) instead is re-distributed to You in the legislature who then spend it frivolously while Needed infrastructure (roads/ferry system) gets neglected! Yet you vote yourselves raises and increase your per diem checks while dilly dallying. Screw That! We Demand you vote this legislation down today! This Permanent Fund is Meant for US the people of Alaska and You can't have it as you've shown continually that you can Not be Trusted.

Sincerely,
Charles Ashley

[REDACTED]
Palmer, Ak, 99645
[REDACTED]

From: Francesca A [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:50 AM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard
Subject: Public testimony HB300 HB306

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am not in support of HB 300 HB306

The PFD is not revenue for State Budget. We Alaskans own the PFD and it's resources. We are the source of government. Follow traditional statutory law. The PFD should not be included in the budgeting as revenue funds. No changes the PFD without a vote of the People. Enough is enough.

We should not have any bills that are going against the PFD traditional statutory law. If you want to change that put it up to a vote by the people who own it.

It is 50/50 not 20/80.

I do not consent to theft of our PFD royalties. Return our withheld royalties. Follow traditional statutory law.

I oppose HB 300 HB306

No deficit budget.

We want a vote.

Francesca Allegrezza

Sent from my iPhone

From: desiree cook [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:30 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: PFD

I am an Alaskan resident from Wasilla. At this point in time, I am unsure if my point of view means anything to any of the legislators sitting in Juneau. I seem to get more and more disappointed by what's going on there. I am really tired of special interests and selfish antics by legislators that are so out of touch that they can't remotely relate to most of Alaska ruling the show. There is without a doubt a SEVERE need to reduce the budget. Please for the love of Alaska, do that. Make it happen. Secondly, reducing the PFD to \$900. Refusing to payout what is legally ours under the old statutes and continuing to making the PFD part of the state's budget is NOT the right direction to take. Nickel and diming Alaskan's out of this state is so short sighted that it surprises me that you aren't considering this. I will also acknowledge that we are also in severe need of a way to pay the bills however, HB 300 is the not the way to do so. We pay the taxes. We keep the economy going. We pay ridiculous prices for subpar education at UAA. We elect you to office. YOU are SUPPOSE to represent US. YOU are suppose to watch out for ALASKANS. Pandering to special interest groups and very small portions of the Alaskan demographic is not cutting it. Is not making this state better and is heading toward becoming a state like California... which by the way, I don't want to live there. HB 300 must be thrown out of consideration. Other means of paying the bills must be accomplished. I would 100% back a modest sales tax AFTER the budget is reduced and the size of government is reduced. A sales tax will ask everyone to contribute evenly as well as take advantage of the massive influx of tourists.

Respectfully,
Desiree Cook

From:

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Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:47 PM

To:

House Finance

Subject:

HB306 opposed !

I'm opposed to the house bill306 ! Alaskan's are hurting now in our recession ! Winter time is a tough time for Alaskan's ; Heating cost's , surprise repair's , inflation , Medical , fuel cost's – all are very highly over priced in Alaska ! The PFD has always been a boom to the Alaskan economy for necessities for most ; It was a boom to local businesses ; Now , people are closing up shop & leaving state !

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Michael Ball [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:34 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: PFD formula

I am strongly opposed to changing the formulation to 20/80 in favor of bloated government and out of control spending.

Little to nothing has been done to curb state spending. How can you people possibly justify stealing the PFD and to do it without a public vote.

I am watching and will be voting accordingly as well as my spouse and our other family members.

From: stephensteste00 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:26 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Do not support

I do not support HB 306
Vote no!!!!
Stop trying to steal our money,
Alaska govt is spending out of control!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Linda Morrison Goss [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 8:36 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: NO TO HB 306

I am a life long Fairbanks resident with grown children and grand children and I absolutely NOT in favor of HB 306. It is an unfair tax put on the backs of all Alaskans and especially the most vulnerable. babies, children, elderly and low income families.

I am sick and tired of of hearing how government needs the PFD money to subsidise your special interest groups. Cut the bloated budget. I have seen so much waste in the legislature. You cannot tax Alaskans without a vote and you cannot change the PFD formula without a vote. You are stealing money and trying to justify it with stupidity.

Tell me how is it that giving a full PFD based on the 50/50 split is going to drain the fund any different than GOVERNMENT taking 80% and giving 20% to the citizens. Your talking about the same dollars. YOU JUST WANT TO STEAL MORE!!!!!! WE ARE NOT STUPID THE MATH DOESNT WORK.....

You are breaking the law and we are getting tired of it.

Follow the law, give Alaska citizens the right to vote on any changes to the PFD and keep your hands off of money that does not belong to you.

YOU ARE TAKING MY BELOVED STATE OF ALASKA DOWN AND I AM SICK OF IT.

NO TO HB 306

**Linda Morrison Goss
65 year resident Fairbanks, Alaska**

From: Rainbow Chaser [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:26 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: Opposition Testimony to HB306 -PLACE IN RECORD

To the members of House Finance Committee,

My Name is James Squyres from Rural Deltana, District 9. I AM OPPOSED TO HB306 PLEASE PLACE THIS TESTIMONY IN THE RECORD. I support the original calculation for the PFD that is currently in statute. To change the PFD calculation to anything else is nuts. You MUST reduce the size, scope and footprint of government radically to mitigate the PERFECT STORM of "fiscal" virus that is attacking our great state. Oil crash, reduced PFD values and tourism reduction on Coronavirus fears. The problem is that if you support the current size of government by robbing from the PFD, the size of government will quickly outgrow 100% of the PFD. Then you will try to unsustainably tax a small population for your negligence, further exasperating the problem.

When I see that you folks worked against the Governor's proposed cuts last year, gave no consideration to the Governor's SB57/HB59 (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.facebook.com_groups_1617128385183698_permalink_2343718929191303_&d=DwICaQ&c=Q8iJasR7RZ-

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OBJECT FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE, VOTE NO ON HB306 AND KILL THIS BILL IN COMMITTEE

Thank you for your careful consideration of these comments,

James Squyres, Rural Deltana

From: Delayna Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 4:06 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB306

I vote NO on HB 306.
Thank you,
Delayna West

Sent from my iPhone

From: Adam Hykes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 1:33 PM
To: House Finance
Subject: HB 300 & HB306

On behalf of my self and my wife, as residents of Homer Alaska, we oppose both HB300 and HB306.

We will continue to oppose any changes to the traditional pfd calculation and pay out that is conducted without the consent of the voters in Alaska.

These bills are not the honorable way in which the Alaskan Legislation should conduct its affairs on behalf of their constituents. You are all better than this.

-Adam & Kayla Hykes

From: Mark Desinger [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 10:52 AM
To: House Finance
Cc: Rep. Jennifer Johnston
Subject: RE: House Finance to Hear Permanent Fund Bills This Week

I first came to Alaska in 1971 when fresh fruit, vegetables and milk was not available in grocery stores and TV was viewed on a two-week delayed basis. There was a modest state income tax and the first ten dollars of pay went to the School Tax.

The state has come a long way since then but has morphed into an odd socialist state in which the income tax and school tax was discontinued and the oil industry is taxed to support the state including the PFD (Permanent Fund Dividend) in which the state pays money to its citizens once a year for just staying alive and not leaving the state for too long during the year. Many Alaskans have come to think they are entitled to this money and are upset that they are not getting more but demand all the services that the state offers. A lot of time is spent by the Alaska legislature arguing about minor details around the PFD payment at the expense of dealing with serious structural problems with the state budget. Our bonds cost more because of the lack of direction and focus by the legislature.

House bills 300 and 306 have been proposed to deal with the budget in an open, structured way. I don't have a strong opinion about which bill is best but I do have strong opinion that a structured, open and rigid system needs to be in place so that the budget discussions are about dividing the pie, rather than making the pie. I think the budget should support infrastructure such as roads, bridges, airports and the ferry system; the education system such as payment to local districts for primary and secondary education and supporting the University of Alaska; and social support systems such as Medicaid and the Alaska Psychiatric Institute. To pay for this, I propose that Alaska continues to tax the oil industry at current rates; continues to draw from the Permanent Fund (funding state operations was the original intent of the Permanent Fund); reinstates an income tax; reinstates the school tax at \$50; and institutes a state sales tax imposed between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Rationale and further discussion:

- Outside of the Permanent Fund, the oil industry will continue to be the main source to money for the state for the foreseeable future. We should realize that Alaska is competing with rest of the world for oil industry operations and not the industry itself. Hypothetically, if \$10 spent in Alaska results in \$20 of profits, but the same \$10 spent in Indonesia results in \$30 of profits we shouldn't be surprised that oil money goes to Indonesia. What Alaska could offer is tax stability to offset other risks that Indonesia has such as nationalization. Alaska needs to stop tinkering with the oil tax structure so that the industry can plan. Constantly raising oil taxes causes the industry to go somewhere else in the world. Why do you think BP is leaving?
- The Permanent Fund money should be enough to balance the budget. The budget needs to adjusted so ensure the Permanent Fund is permanent.
- An income tax would not only help with the budget, but would give the citizens a reason to be involved with how the money is spent and help break the entitlement attitude that is tying up the State in fruitless discussions about the pie. Furthermore, it would tax the out-of-state workers who use Alaska's infrastructure but pay nothing to support it. I suggest making a simple system that makes the tax some low percentage of the federal income tax.
- A School Tax of \$50 is equivalent to the \$10 tax in the 70s.
- A seasonal sales tax will fully tax tourists and half-tax residents.
- Please note that \$1 spent in social support systems saves approximately \$5 spent in the judicial system. Incarceration is a very inefficient and expensive way to deal with homelessness and mental illness even if you think it is a moral issue rather than a medical issue.

I urge the legislature come up with a structured and permanent fix to the budget problem that maintains our infrastructure, keeps the oil industry here and breaks the entitlement mentality. Thanks for reading.

Mark Desinger
[REDACTED]

"Us Mathematicians don't need no English" (Anonymous)