

HB104

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I strongly oppose HB104. I realize the motor fuel tax hasn't increased for many years. But we have had many other taxes added to the price of fuel over the years leading to some very high fuel prices in Alaska.

If you are looking for ways to balance the state budget I highly recommend doing an audit on all departments, specifically DOT M&O highways. They continue to purchase over priced equipment when they could be looking at less expensive equipment and still accomplish their job.

Also it has been brought to my attention that M&O has gone from a 7.5 hour work day to a 8 hour day. Many years ago the state reduced their hours to a 37.5 work week to cut down on the budget, so here we are in dire times and the state has increased M&O wages.

A representative a few years ago acknowledged to me that there is no doubt wasteful spending in all departments and said all we can do is appropriate the money, wow, what a statement!

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