

From: [mcleod_kenneth1](#)
To: [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#)
Subject: HB 259
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:40:04 AM

Dear Rep Spohnholz,

I am writing to ask you to oppose HB 259. Alaskans want their full statutory PFD and a repayment of monies taken by the state without their consent. I have lived and worked in Alaska since 2004 and every one of my neighbors and coworkers feel the same way.

Sincerely,

Ken McLeod

North Pole, Alaska

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

From: [janetluce132](#)
To: [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: HB259
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 10:30:12 PM

Sent from my Galaxy

Please vote NO on HB259.

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016.

Thank you

Janet Luce. Hoonah, AK. 99829

From: [Louis Imbriani](#)
To: [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: I Oppose HB259
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:56:16 PM

Members of the House Ways and Means Committee,

I listened to a majority of the public testimony and as you can hear there are many people who are upset about this bill and do not agree with it. I oppose HB259 because it doesn't matter if you do 50/50 75/25 or 90/10 because it has been proven by the Alaska Supreme Court that the governor and/or the legislature do not need to adhere to any formula and can determine what the PFD distribution will be.

This doesn't fix any problem, it just further pushes the lingering problem down the road. Those lingering problems are a bloated budget and wasteful state spending. This bill and others like it (HB37) and bills before it have not fixed the root cause of the issue. We have seen this with the ARPA funds and the CARES act funds. Those funds were doled out with no accountability for action taken after the funds were received.

Any program that the state offers or money that the state offers to a private entity should be held accountable. What did they do? What impact did they make? Is the program efficient and is the program benefiting Alaskans?

If the impact is not measurable then chances are they are wasteful and we are seeing that especially in public schools. The return on the investment is not there.

Thank you

Louis Imbriani

From: [Maggie Matheson](#)
To: [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#)
Subject: I do NOT support HB 259
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 5:01:37 PM

Hi Rep. Spohnholz,

I do not believe that this bill is in the best interest of the schools or the communities that it's supposed to be. We are electing you to be a good steward of the money that you are in charge of and this bill does not show that this would be a good, long term solution for our communities. We are in the predicament of having to scale down due to parents not having the confidence of our schools to properly educate our students. We are #51 in 4th grade reading. The amount of money that the government has thrown at our education has been frivolously spent and it's time to teach our government to spend money wisely. My taxes should not be a splurge for the state to throw at the schools that are failing.

I appreciate your time.

Thank you,

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Maggie Matheson, MBA
FNSBSD Board Member



From: [Richard Heller](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Senate Finance](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Cc: rheller@mtaonline.net
Subject: Keep the traditional formula
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 7:59:24 AM

| Year | Statutory PFD | Actual PFD | Retained PFD | Year to Date ROR | 5 Year Average ROR | Accrued Value (YTD ROR) | Owed to Alaskans that Year |
|------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2016 | 2085 | 1022 | 1063 | 3.25% | 6.35% ^a | 1063 | 1063 |
| 2017 | 2458 | 1100 | 1358 | 12.75% | 8.94% ^b | 1198.5 | 2556.53 |
| 2018 | 2924 | 1600 | 1324 | 10.74% | 8.91% ^c | 2831.1 | 4155.11 |
| 2019 | 2884 | 1606 | 1278 | 6.32% | 7.31% ^d | 4417.7 | 5695.71 |
| 2020 | 2895 | 992 | 1903 | 2.01% | 6.44% ^e | 5809.6 | 7712.62 |
| 2021 | 3687 | | 3687 | 28.46% | 11.62% ^f | 9907.6 | 13,594 |

a Source APFC Board of Trustees *Monthly Performance Report* , June 30, 2016, Line 18, Column G
 b Source APFC Board of Trustees *Monthly Performance Report* , June 30, 2017, line 1, column G
 c Source APFC Board of Trustees *Monthly Performance Report* , June 30, 2018, line 1, column G
 d Source APFC Board of Trustees *Monthly Performance Report* , June 30, 2019, line 1, column G
 e Source APFC Board of Trustees *Monthly Performance Report* , June 30, 2020, line 1, column G
 f Source APFC Board of Trustees *Monthly Performance Report* , May 30, 2021, line 1, Column G
 g Prior year carry over times YTD ROR reported by the APFC Board of Trustees Report
 2017 Total Fund Return Objective is the CPI plus 5%

Each Alaskan who met the residency requirements for each year since 2016 are owed \$13,564

Please go back to what we had in place, by law, prior to the 2016 changes. We deserve to have these monies as the law states.

Richard Heller

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Kelly Nash](#)
To: [House Ways and Means](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); sen.natasha.vonlmhof@akleg.gov; [Senate Finance](#)
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:19:12 AM

SB 199 NO
SB200 NO
HB 259 NO

WE WANT THE PFD AS TRADITIONALLY CALCULATED PRIOR TO 2016

Thank you
Kelly Nash
Fairbanks 99701

From: [Tiffany Damota](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Senate Finance](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: NO!!!
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:36:17 PM

I am writing to tell you NO! We do not want SB199. No! We do not want Sb200 no! HB 259 no!

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016

Thank you,

Tiffany DaMota Supplee, Fairbanks 99712

From: [Harmony Tomaszewski](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Senate Finance](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: PFD
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 12:58:01 PM

Greetings,

The traditional payout, as done prior to 2016, should be how the PFD is dispersed to all Alaskans. The misappropriation over the last many years is a regressive tax on the lowest income earners. It has hurt our economy and shuttered many businesses. Please do the right thing and support a full and statutory PFD consistent with those paid prior to 2016.

Many thanks,
Frank Tomaszewski
Fairbanks
District 34

From: [sheldon coles](#)
To: [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: PFD
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 2:17:44 PM

SB199. No. Sb200 no HB 259 no

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016

Thank you,

Sheldon Coles, Anchorage , Alaska 99507

From: [Alisha](#)
To: [House Ways and Means](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Mike Prax](#); [Rep. Andi Story](#); [Rep. Calvin Schrage](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#)
Subject: Public testimony against HB 259 by Alisha Asplund on February 17 2022
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:50:41 AM

Hello, my name is Alisha Asplund, I live in D8; I am representing myself today and wish to testify against HB 259

I wish to thank the chair of the Ways and Means Committee and the Committee members for letting me testify against HB 259 today February 17, 2022

I wish to thank Spohnholz for explaining her bill so that I now know in which of the 4 categories of bills fits in. I explained about these four categories in my public testimony which I emailed to the House Education committee testimony on February 4, 2022. And this bill fits into the three categories that I do not find acceptable because the undermine the integrity of the legislature and the rule of law.

- **Category #2** This is a bill that Spohnholz believes would create an unconstitutional law if it were a “true” law that is binding and enforceable.
- **Category #3** This is a bill Spohnholz and the lawyers of the legislature have purposely written to create a non-binding “law” a “law” to be ignored. Undermining the integrity of the rule of law.
- **Category #4** This Bills that will result in statutes/laws that can be disregarded because current legislators believe Representative Spohnholz’s statement from the April 29th House Ways and Means Committee, “Because we ultimately make the laws and therefore, we have the ability to disregard law” after hearing Spohnholz’s comments in the February 4, 2022 Education meeting I see how current legislators could believe this statement is true, if they no longer believes that a law is – A rule formally recognized as **binding and enforced** by controlling authorities, but instead current legislators and the lawyers who advise them believe a “law” is – merely a suggestion that can be disregarded. That is a terrifying idea for the law enacting branch of the government to have.

As Spohnholz pointed out in her explanation of HB259 in the House Education Committee on Feb 4, 2022, current legislators believe any statute written to only changes the PFD formula without a containing a constitutional component, and putting it before the people for a vote, will turn the PFD in to a mere suggestion which can be ignored.

So, it seems that in the eyes of current legislators any bill that deals with the PFD formula without also fixing the loop hole that the Wielechowski case created in the constitution and is not brought before the people for a vote, would be unconstitutional if it were binding. I feel spending so much time and resources on mere suggestions which can be ignored is a waste of the limited time and resources made available for the legislature to fulfill its constitutional required duty to pass a balanced budget each year.

She seemed to be saying that her bill was purposely written to be non-binding because she believed that if it were binding it would violate the appropriation power of legislators. So, it seems that current legislators feel that they can fix unconstitutional laws by just making them non-binding. But if a “law” is non-binding is still a law?

If so, have current legislators decided that the definition of a law should be changed to say laws are mere suggestions and are no longer - a rule formally recognized as binding and enforceable.

Given the definitions supplied in the legislature's web site.

- Statutes-The codified body of laws enacted by the Legislature, known as the Alaska Statutes.
- Law - A rule formally recognized as **binding and enforced** by controlling authorities. Statute law is law enacted by the Legislature. Common law is law set by precedent in court and by interpretation of the Constitution and statute law.

I do not see how it would be the intent of the constitution for legislators to purposely create non-binding laws that contradicts the definitions given which clearly shows that statutes are meant to be recognized as binding. Therefore, in my opinion this kind of action undermining the very idea of the "rule of law". These non-binding suggestions that current legislators are representing as Statutes/laws - should not be called statutes because that would be the legislators setting precedents that statutes need not be binding and can be mere suggestions, thus undermining the 'rule of law' that is critical for Statute to be respected by the public.

Why would legislators wish to turn laws into mere suggestions because then the definition for a statute or law could be interpreted as "a rule formally recognized as a mere suggestion and not binding". I do not believe that this is a, wise or constitutionally intended, precedent which legislators should be reinforcing and validating.

Instead of calling these suggestions, statutes/laws, it should be made clear to those in the general public, who do not have time to watch every committee meeting, that legislators are creating suggestions not laws/statutes and since they are mere suggestions which have little to no significant value to any long-term fiscal solution since current legislators are purposely wording them so that they can be ignored.

I feel that spending all this time making bills that will result in suggestions that are made to be ignored, is not a wise use of time and resources that should be being used to fulfill the legislature's constitutional requirement of passing a balanced budget in the 90-day regular session. Any time wasted in making mere suggestion that will result in the legislator ignoring the 90-day regular session statute that represents the people's will and results in legislators having an excuse to extend the regular session to 120 days which costs all Alaskans money that could have gone toward their PFDs or other needed services but instead would go toward rewarding legislators for not completing their constitutional required work done on time, by increasing their yearly income.

I feel that wasting time creating suggestion and then calling them laws, against constitutional intent. It also goes against the ethics act AS 24.60.010 because it undermines the "trust, respect, and confidence of the people of the state" in the legislative branch of government and does not "preserve the integrity of the legislative process"

Thank you for your time.

Alisha Asplund
District D8

Wasilla, Ak 99623

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Jan DeLand](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Senate Finance](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: Reject SB199, SB200 & HB 259
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 2:06:42 PM

Senators and House members, Reject SB199, SB200 and HB259.

As a life-long Alaskan, I have seen the devolving of the PFD by politicians who wish to have more control over spending.

Trust the people to take care of their portion and keep the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016.

Jan DeLand, Anchorage, Alaska 99507

From: [Aileen Cotter](#)
To: [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#)
Subject: SB 199; SB 200; HB 259
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 8:09:39 PM

NO

Ella Cotter
North Pole

Sent from my iPhone

From: [corey allen](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Senate Finance](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: SB199. No. Sb200 No HB 259 No
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 4:50:08 PM

SB199. No SB200 No HB 259 No

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016.

PLEASE! No more cutting from the people. The people know how money will best help them and their families. Don't cut from seniors and the vulnerable! Stop cutting from small businesses and people who need it most. Alaska spends the most per capita on education. More money will solve nothing. Stop sucking more money from Alaskan families while we are trying to navigate this covid recovery and insane inflation. It will solve nothing!

Sincerely,

Corey Allen
Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701

From: [ArtDuncan](#)
To: [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: SB199. No. Sb200 no HB 259 no
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 1:47:26 PM

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016

Arthur Duncan
Two Rivers 99716

Sent from ProtonMail mobile

From: [Nina Delain](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Senate Finance](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: SB199. No. Sb200 no HB 259 no
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 8:45:07 AM

SB199. No. Sb200 no HB 259 no

We want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016.

PLEASE! No more cutting from the people. The people know how money will best help them and their families.

We have 5 children. I have lived in Alaska over 30 years and grew up here. We spend our PFDs on buying back to school items, heating fuel, meat, winter gear, and paying for medical and dental bills while also contributing to our childrens savings accounts for their futures. That's how we have been spending ours. Just as my family did growing up. Not everyone has the biggest budget especially with this inflation. Now with this inflation you want to take more from the people. But then you want to wrap it up in "for the children" gift wrap by "sending it to education". That leads me to ask you all a very serious question. How much money will it take for quality education in Alaska? Per capita we are a state that spends the highest amount per child at yet we are one of the lowest ranking states as far as education.

With sticking things like the liberal agenda in public schools and turning them into propaganda echo chambers thousands of parents have pulled there students from schools. Enrollments in public schools have been on a decline in this state for years. Then add Covid 19 and it added fuel to the fire. I already pay insane amounts in taxes to public schools I don't use. Why do I want more money being fed into a failing education system?

You think you know what's best, but this will hurt so many Alaskan families, small businesses and especially our seniors.

What will cutting the people's PFD do? Well it will feed the government! More government jobs and state positions to bloat yourselves even more. We have WAY too many state positions for the population we have compared to other states.

Ridiculous.

I really hope you start working for the people instead of continuing to work against them. When I see the needs of people not being met because the government only ever increases....the true pandemic then becomes our own government!

My property taxes went up because inflation said the value of my home went up 58%!!!! Thats 58% in one year! My electric bill was over \$600 for one month. I am hearing the same for many people and many of our friends and family have begun to move or are taking about moving out of state. This is not sustainable! People can't deal with this nonsense anymore. You are driving people away.

Stop sucking the life out of Alaskans,

Nina Delain, Fairbanks AK 99712

From: [janetluce132](#)
To: [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Senate Finance](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: SBS199. Sb200. HB 259
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 10:21:18 PM

Please vote NO on SB199 and please vote NO on Sb200.
I want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016.
Thank you
Janet Luce. Hoonah, Ak. 99829

Sent from my Galaxy

From: [Joe Sallee](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Senate Finance](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: Statutory PFD
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 2:51:18 PM

To whom it may concern

Say SB199. No. SB200 No HB 259 No

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Sincerely,

Joseph Sallee
Homer Ak, 99603

Sent from my iPad

From: [jennifer sampson](#)
To: [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: Testimony
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 4:14:26 PM

We OPPOSE HB 259!!!!

From: [jennifer sampson](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Senate Finance](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: Testimony
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 4:25:22 PM

I staunchly oppose SB199, SB200, and HB 259.

I want the PFD as traditionally calculated prior to 2016

Thank you,

Jennifer Sampson
Fairbanks
99709

From: [Linda Morrison Goss](#)
To: [Senate Finance](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: Written Testimony NO on SB199 and SB200
Date: Saturday, February 19, 2022 4:33:38 PM

Senate Finance Committee,

We are getting sick and tired of your new ideas to try and take the Alaskan citizens PFD. What part of NO do you not understand? You are pushing your constituents to vote yes to a Constitutional Convention. We are tired of not being heard.

You push people too far and you will end up losing in the long run.

VOTE NO ON SB199 AND SB200. LEAVE THE PFD ALONE, GIVE THE CITIZENS OF ALASKA WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS. STOP STEALING FROM EVERY CHILD, GRANDCHILD AND EVERY ALASKAN.

YOUR ARE HURTING OUR GREAT STATE. STOP

**Linda Morrison Goss
67year resident, Fairbanks, Alaska**



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From: [kathleen shoop](#)
To: [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: hb259
Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:38:11 PM

Dear House Ways and Means;

My Name is Kathleen Shoop, Alaska resident since 1992.

Please vote no,no,no,no,no for HB 259 25/75 PFD split and education.

The residents need their PFD just to survive in Alaska where the cost of living is far higher than the lower 48, especially our electric/energy bills.

Education does not work in Alaska and there is no possible I would ever send a child to school in Alaska. The education system is a sham, and we pay more than anyplace else in the country and the children can't read. It's disgusting.

I do a lot of volunteer work to help make up for the problems in this State.
I need my PFD!

Kathleen Shoop

From: [Michelle Myers](#)
To: [House Ways and Means](#)
Subject: HB 259
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 9:22:10 AM

Please as you read this, take huge deep breathe and let it out slowly. Protests are about small rules that hurt people and these rules are everywhere. Business as usual in Juneau, Please Please Just Don't.

Little rules have unintended impacts. Same old approach with no thought about how it is impacting people who work is creating more and more anger. Parents want to be heard and given workable options.

Just say NO to mandatory PFD allotments to Education.

How do we improve education in Alaska?

First get the University of Alaska to teach an inclusive of all learning styles approach to reading and writing.

Second is get the University of Alaska to offer an online teacher apprenticeship based program. This program needs a Certified Teacher Aid to help fill in immediate needs. This should include daycare to highschool. Th programs.

Encourage each local school board to consider new options that include early identification of Dyslexia, ADHD, FASD, etc and early intervention.

Read Hammonds report on Dyslexia. Realize that over 30 years ago it was known that getting programs like hooked on phonics in the hands of parents and at daycare centers can make a huge difference in outcomes for many.

Encourage alternatives to one long summer break.

Thanks for reading.

Michelle

Sent on my own time and these are my own thoughts.