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## Sectional Analysis

House Bill 259 v. A

*"An Act relating to use of income of the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the amount of the permanent fund dividend; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; relating to funding for state aid for school districts, the state boarding school, centralized correspondence study, and transportation of pupils; and providing for an effective date."*

**Section 1:** Amends AS 14.17, providing that if the amount appropriated under section six of the bill is not sufficient to satisfy foundation formula funding for K-12 education, the remaining need may be met via appropriation by the general fund.

**Section 2:** Amends AS 37.13.140, to require that the amount available for appropriation may not exceed the balance of the earnings reserve account.

Repeals the old formula for calculating permanent fund dividends.

**Section 3:** Amends AS 37.13.145(b), allowing appropriations from the earnings reserve account in accordance with the statutory point of market value (POMV) draw as follows: 25% to the dividend fund for distribution for PFDs and 75% to the general fund.

**Section 4:** Amends AS 37.13.145(c), clarifying that an appropriation is required to move funds from the earnings reserve account to the principal of the permanent fund for purposes of inflation proofing.

**Section 5:** Amends AS 37.13.145(d) relating to funds associated with the *Amerada Hess* settlement. Inserts language clarifying that income from the permanent fund is appropriated, not transferred.

**Section 6:** Adds a new subsection providing that at least half of the portion of the POMV draw distributed to the general fund (75%), may go to the public education fund for state aid to school districts to satisfy the foundation formula.

In the case that this portion of the POMV for education exceeds the minimum amount required by the formula, the excess may be distributed directly to school districts according to the same formula.

**Section 7:** Amends AS 37.13.300(c), related to income from the mental health trust fund. Inserts language clarifying that income from the permanent fund is appropriated, not transferred.

**Section 8:** A technical change which inserts language on how the Permanent Fund Corporation calculates the net income of the mental health trust fund and removes a reference to that same language under another section of state statute.

**Section 9:** Amends AS 43.23.025(a), clarifying that funds must be appropriated to the dividend fund, rather than transferred as current statute provides.

**Section 10:** Repeals AS 37.13.145(e) and (f). These sections prohibited appropriations from the earnings reserve account to the general fund that exceed funds available for appropriation. This language was moved to AS 37.13.140 under section two of the bill by the legal drafter.

**Section 11:** Effective date of July 1, 2023.