



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

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## **Senate Bill 87 Sponsor Statement**

Senate Bill 87 would reject the recommendations of the Alaska State Officers Compensation Commission (ASOCC), which were issued on January 29, 2025, as directed by AS 39.23.540(a).

In the latest report, the Commission made two recommendations:

1. Automatic salary adjustments, based on the Anchorage Consumer Price Index (CPI), for the Governor, Lt. Governor, department heads, and legislators beginning in calendar year 2027.
2. Revise the operations of the ASOCC and legislative treatment of its recommendations, reflective of those found in the House State Affairs Committee Substitute for House Bill 140 in the 33rd Alaska Legislature.

As the appropriating branch of government, the legislature is faced with a substantial budget deficit in the current fiscal year, with an outlook unfavorable in the years ahead.

Right now, Alaska is facing significant budget deficits, and it is our responsibility as elected officials to solve the problems we face as a state. As legislators, we need to address the challenges facing Alaskans today before we consider looking out for ourselves.

Second, Legislative Legal Services advised ASOCC may be able to enact several of the recommended policy changes through a matter of practice, without legislation, as recommended in their report. However, the legislature may choose to introduce a bill to revise ASOCC statutes anytime, regardless of whether we pass this bill today.

A yes vote on SB 87 rejects the 2025 ASOCC report, effectively declining the recommended 2027 pay raises for the Governor, Lt. Governor, department heads, and legislators. Per AS 39.23.540(d), the deadline to reject the report is March 31.

I thank my colleagues for their swift action on this bill.