

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
March 08, 2001  
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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Mulder called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:41 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair  
Representative Bill Williams, Co-Chair  
Representative Con Bunde, Vice-Chair  
Representative Eric Croft  
Representative Carl Moses  
Representative Richard Foster  
Representative John Harris  
Representative Bill Hudson  
Representative Ken Lancaster  
Representative Jim Whitaker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative John Davies

ALSO PRESENT

Representative Ethan Berkowitz; Representative Peggy Wilson

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

**CORDOVA:** No testifiers

**DILLINGHAM:** Brad Angasan; Ward Jones; Cathy Flavin; Greg Donewar; Cristy Tilden; Fred Nishiumra; Blanche Murphy

**HOMER:** Karen Willows; Colleen James; Susan Kernes; Elaine Olson; Hal Smith; Diane McBride; Cindy Quijada

**KENAI:** Jan Henry; Joan Bennett Schrader; Patrick Hickey; Karen Roger; Len Malmquist; Lotte Bogard; James Fisher; Virginia Espenhorde; Shirley Henley

**KODIAK:** Dave Perkins; Don Roberts; Dave Jones; Mike Milligan

**SEWARD:** No testifiers

**VALDEZ:** Bill Comer; Bob Benda

**BARROW:** Bruce Culver; Lucienne Harger; Paul Carr

**BETHEL:** Caroline Renner; Andrew Garrison; Carrie Enoch; Cheryl Thompson; Paula Albert; Les Daenzer; Bill Ferguson

**DELTA JUNCTION:** Dan Beck, Superintendent

**GLENNALLEN:** No testifiers

**KOTZEBUE:** Ross Schaeffer; Greg Russell; John Creed

**NOME:** Julie Serstad; Josie Stiles; LaVerne Smith; Ric Schmidt; Liz Gill; Marsha Maroelli; Taffy Fox; Wesley Perkins; Tom Okleasik; Jane Franks; Lavern Smith; Ric Schmidt; Liz Gill; Marsha Maroelli; Taffy Fox; Wesley Perkins; Tom Okleasik; Jane Franks

**TOK:** Mary Wright

**OFFNETS:** Chief Jim Hasenohrl, Unalaska; Teresa Socpelaluk, Shaktoolik; Dallas Lee Dexter, Northslope; Neal George, North Slope; Robert Brown, Ekwok; Reuben Mixsooke, Unalaska; Stanley Active Jr. Togiak; Henry Anelon Jr., Levelock; Eric Beghart, Kake; Gust Tunauing, Kalibnik; Lucy Eningowuk, Shismaraff; Mina Nayokpuk, Shismaraff; Katrina Church, Prince William Sound Community College; Doug Zeit, Craig; Margaret O'Neil, Craig; Suzanne Falvoni, Prince William Sound College

**HAINES:** No testifiers

**KETCHIKAN:** Bill Hardy; Patty Green; Rebecca Kleinschmidt; Mike Wisnewski; Penny Dillard; David Deal; Bob Weinstein

**PETERSBURG:** Ted Smith; Linda Quarles; Mary Francis; Dave Carlson; Barry Bracken; Tiffany Borges; Dale Stone

**SITKA:** Thomas Conley; Fred Reeder; Marlys Tedin; Mollie Kabler; Jean Frank; Alice Johnstone

**WRANGELL:** Janelle Privett; Pamela McCloskey; David Galla; Tonnie Barlow; Woody Wilson; Pam Rope

**FAIRBANKS:** Ruthamae Karr; Jim Knoske; Marta Mueller; Vera Becker; David Jacobson; Ruth L'Hommedieu; Colleen Chinn; Jean Becker; Tim Doran; Jeff Walters; Joe Hardenbrook; John Ashcraft; Jeri Lanier;

#HB103  
#HB104

GENERAL SUBJECT(S):

**STATEWIDE TELECONFERENCE  
HB 103-APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET  
HB 104-APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET**

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LOG	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION
	<b>TAPE HFC 00 - 36 SIDE A</b>	
000	CO-CHAIR MULDER	Opened the House Finance Committee meeting on statewide teleconferencing, noting that each testifier would be given a time-limited opportunity to testify in support or against proposed budget changes.
158	DAVE PERKINS - KODIAK	Testified in support continued funding for the Kodiak radio broadcasting and the current satellite system.
323	DON ROBERTS - KODIAK	Requested continued and greater funding for people suffering from disabilities. He noted his request for continued funding for the State's independent Living Council.
437	DAVE JONES - KODIAK	Requested transportation costs for the Alaska Marine Highway be funded at 100%
510	MIKE MILLIGAN - KODIAK	Referenced Section 7 & Section 15 and the motor fuel tax. Mr. Milligan spoke in support of paying an income tax rather than taking money from the Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR). He recommended raising the State fuel tax.
700	Co-Chair Mulder	Noted that the State would receive an additional \$40 million federal dollars this year.
741	KAREN WILLOWS - HOMER	Voiced concern with the proposed funding for fish and wildlife concerns throughout the State. She noted that problems have been increasing. She recommended more dollars for the laws passed over the past few years for greater public safety.
830	Co-Chair Mulder	Pointed out that there was funding provided for one general fund supported trooper and five federal funded troopers.

857	SUSAN KERNES - HOMER	Testified in support of full funding for public broadcasting.
998	ELAINE OLSON - HOMER	Testified in further support for alcohol treatment programs.
1116	HAL SMITH - HOMER	Testified in support of full funding for public broadcasting, specifically public radio.
1187	JAN HENRY - KENAI	Testified in greater financial support for the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs budget and specifically regarding the local emergency planning committee proposed move from Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to the Department of Environmental Conservation. He stressed that funds need to be appropriated to keep local emergency committees afloat. Mr. Henry requested further support for the Alaska State Troopers.
1329	JOAN BENNETT SCHRADER - KENAI	Requested increased funding for mental health concerns and additionally for the Alaska State troopers.
1425	PATRICK HICKEY - KENAI	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
1525	KARN ROGER - KENAI	Spoke in support of greater funding for the juvenile probation officers in the Kenai area.
1580	BILL COMER - VALDEZ	Spoke in support for increased funding for the local jails and the Department of Corrections.
1653	Co-Chair Mulder	Commented on the concerns voiced regarding the Valdez jail.
1665	DIANE MCBRIDE - HOMER	Testified in support of full funding for public broadcasting and the Alaska connection project.
1797	LEN MALMQUIST - KENAI	Voiced support for greater funding for the local emergency planning committees. He noted that he had provided written testimony regarding Emergency Medical Services (EMS) services on the Kenai Peninsula.
1893	Representative Croft	Asked if guaranteeing funding for fire suppression could keep the fires smaller.
1910	Mr. Malmquist	Replied that it would, adding that it would be money well spent. He offered to provide researched data.
1946	Co-Chair Mulder	Asked how this could differ from the current "hot shots".
1959	Mr. Malmquist	Replied that currently fire-fighting crews are assigned and are on mobile stand-by. The funding could change that delegation.
1980	Representative	Noted that appeal had been indicated in

	Hudson	Subcommittee. He understood that the placement would be throughout the State. He asked for further ideas for operational prevention of fires.
2025	Co-Chair Mulder	Advised the Legislature's reluctance to start new programs.
2039	LOTTE BOGARD - KENAI	Spoke in support of the Governor's Back to Basic's Health initiative, which would help the State deal with the tuberculosis (TB) outbreaks throughout the State. She noted the need for additional funding for public health nurses.
2149	JAMES FISHER - KENAI	Spoke to legislation that would provide protection and treatment for women that are not covered on Medicaid or Medicare, which could improve their chances for survival from cervical and breast cancer.
2209	Co-Chair Mulder	Advised that those funds had been attached as a fiscal note to the Governor's bill.
2228	BRAD ANGASAN - DILLINGHAM	Testified in support of the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries.
2311	WARD JONES - DILLINGHAM	Spoke in support of greater funding for the Department of Environmental Conservation's budget component.
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046	CATHY FLAVIN - DILLINGHAM	Voiced support for full effective funding for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.
176	GREG DONEWAR - DILLINGHAM	Requested full restoration of funding for contact jails and the utilization of community jails.
351	Co-Chair Mulder	Acknowledged that Dillingham does have the most problems with the contact jails and overcrowding.
379	PAUL SHADURA - KENAI	Voiced support for full funding for the Department of Fish and Game's budget. He noted that his testimony would be faxed in.
612	SHIRLEY HENLEY - KENAI	Stated that public health nurses need greater support. She indicated support for Governor Knowle's Back to Basics program.
686	CRISTY WILLER TILDEN - DILLINGHAM	Spoke in support of increased funding for the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.
819	Representative Croft	Asked how the 5% on prevention was playing-out in other states.
834	Ms. Tilden	Commented on a recent budget analyzed for each State in the Union. She noted that Alaska was a third down that list.
883	FRED NISHIMURA -	Testified in support for an additional

	DILLINGHAM	ranger for State Parks.
1030	Representative Croft	Asked if the State had made specific commitments for park ranger funding.
1050	Mr. Nishimura	Replied that the agreement was signed in 1985 and noted that there were no provisions within the agreement.
1166	BLANCH MURPHY - DILLINGHAM	Testified in support for additional funding for Head Start programs. Testified in support for increased funding for State VPSO's. Ms. Murphy noted her support for additional funding for education and testified in support for the Governor's request for increased funding for alcohol treatment systems.
1361	CINDY QUIJADA - HOMER	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.
1424	BOB BENDA - VALDEZ	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.
1581	CAROLINE RENNER - BETHEL	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
1776	Co-Chair Mulder	Questioned the findings that indicate that 74 percent of Alaskan's use snuff.
1813	Vice-Chair Bunde	Observed that children as young as five chew tobacco.
1895	ANDREW GARRISON - BETHEL	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
1941	Vice-Chair Bunde	Questioned the number of the patients that had quit.
1963	Mr. Garrison	Noted that 55 patients had quit for up to a year.
1975	CARRIE ENOCH - BETHEL	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
2006	CHERYL THOMPSON - BETHEL	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
2067	PAULA ALBERT - BETHEL	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
2143	DAN BECK - DELTA JUNCTION	Testified in support of additional funding for education. Testified in support of inflation proofing the education foundation formula. Testified in support of full funding for pupil transportation.
2238	Mr. Beck	Responded to questions by Co-Chair Mulder.
2250	JULIE SERSTAD - NOME	Testified in support of the governor's request for Back to Basic health services.

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069	Ms. Serstad	Continued her testimony.
159	Vice-Chair Bunde	Questioned if the rate of TB was tenfold in their area.
183	Ms. Serstad	Affirmed and stated that the cold arctic environment and close spaces along with transportation to and from Russia has increased the incidents of TB.
249	Vice-Chair Bunde	Noted his concern with the rate of TB in Nome.
281	Representative Croft	Agreed that TB is a problem in other areas of the State. He noted that the Governor's request for Back to Basics was \$1.5 million dollars. He questioned what steps would be taken to combat TB.
345	Ms. Serstad	Stated that none of the funding was slated to come to their program at this time. She indicated that a team of nurses had been sent to areas afflicted with TB.
472	Representative Croft	Questioned the rate of epidemic and the cost of treatment.
489	Ms. Serstad	Thought that 25 or 30 people inflicted would be considered an epidemic. She did not know the cost of treatment. She commented on the cost in administering the medicines. TB is a terminal disease if it is not treated.
663	JOSIE STILES - NOME	Testified in support of state support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries.
792	TOM BOLEN - KOTZEBUE	Testified in support of Local Emergency Planning Commission grants.
1172	ROSS SCHAEFFER - KOTZEBUE	Testified in support of State support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries and the addition of 20 troopers. Testified in support of the Governor's request for increased funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs and added his support for additional funding for Head Start programs.
1343	GREG RUSSELL - KOTZEBUE	Requested full restoration of funding for contact jails and the utilization of community jails.
1511	JOHN WARD - KOTZEBUE	Requested full restoration of funding for contact jails and the utilization of community jails.
1601	BRUCE CULVER - BARROW	Spoke in greater funding for the natural disaster and oil hazards.
1685	LUCIENNE HARGER - BARROW	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
1899	Co-Chair Mulder	Indicated that it would be more efficient to block grant education funds.

1922	PAUL CARR - BETHEL	Requested full restoration of funding for contact jails and the utilization of community jails. He added support for further funding for the VPSO's and the Department of Public Safety budget.
1995	LAVERN SMITH - NOME	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
2059	Co-Chair Mulder	Advised that there is a misunderstanding where those funds are directed.
2090	RIC SCHMIDT - NOME	Testified in support of full funding for public broadcasting.
2198	LIZ GILL - NOME	Testified in support of additional funding for education and substance abuse programs.
2294	MARSHA MAROELLI - NOME	Testified for greater funding for substance abuse and the tobacco abuse funding. She noted that tobacco funding has not been available to the Nome area.
2350	TAFFY FOX - NOME	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
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069	WESLEY PERKINS - NOME	Testified in support of State support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries.
148	TOM OKLEASIK - NOME	Testified in support of State support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries and the Department of Public Safety budget.
350	Representative Hudson	Asked about the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) funds source.
367	Co-Chair Mulder	Explained that Senator Stevens had put \$15 million dollars in through the Department of Education.
403	Mr. Okleasik	Understood that to be true. He noted that those would be a one-time fund appropriation.
441	JANE FRANKS - NOME	Spoke to the problems with alcohol, which goes hand in hand with the VPSO's and the substance abuse programs throughout the State and the Department of Public Safety's budget.
530	LES DAENZER - BETHEL	Testified in support of additional funding for education and for Head Start and other preschool programs. Mr. Daenzer requested greater funding for the Department of Public Safety and indicated how that would provide safety for the children and the village areas.
790	BILL FERGUSON - BETHEL	Testified in support of additional funding for education and drug and

		alcohol abuse counseling funding. He recommended that the problems be looked at holistically.
1008	JIM HASENOHRL - UNALASKA	Requested full restoration of funding for contact jails and the utilization of community jails. Testified in support of State support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries.
1090	TERESA SOCPALALUK - SHAKTOOLIK	Spoke against reduced funding for substance abuse and mental health services. She encouraged full funding for the rural human services programs.
1166	DALLAS LEE DEXTER - NORTHSLOPE	Spoke in support for the North Slope Institute of Learning. She reiterated her support for the infant learning program, which provides for the needed early intervention.
1421	NEIL GEORGE - NORTH SLOPE	Testified in support of additional funding for education. Testified in support of the Governor's request for increased funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs.
1527	JOHN CREED - KOTZEBUE	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.
1589	ROBERT BROWN - EKWOK	Testified in support of State support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries.
1641	Representative Croft	Asked about the AFN grant. He asked how many villages have banned the use of alcohol.
1669	Mr. Brown	Replied that in Bristol Bay, there are three communities that have voted to go dry. He added that there are 10 villages in that area with VPSO's.
1715	REUBEN MIXSOOKE - UNALASKA	Requested funding for a children's home bed for children that are abandoned because of alcohol abuse. He noted that there are 15 villages in that area.
1786	Representative Hudson	Asked where most of the people go for treatment.
1797	Mr. Mixsooke	Replied it would be depend on where they were "caught". It would be either Kotzebue or Anchorage. The Nome outlet is outpatient only.
1832	Representative Hudson	Questioned the concept of a multi-generational home.
1843	Mr. Mixsooke	Voiced his support of that the idea and that it stays in the village area.
1866	STANLEY ACTIVE JR. - TOGIAK	Testified in support of state support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries.
1953	HENRY ANELON JR. - LEVELOCK	Testified in support of state support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries.
2010	ERIC GEBHART - KAKE	Testified in support of additional

		funding for education.
2069	GUST TUNGUING - KALIBNIK	Testified in support of State support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries.
2123	LUCY ENINGOWUK - SHISMARAFF	Testified in support of the Governor's request for increased funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs.
2192	MINA NAYOKPUK - SHISMARAFF	Testified in support of the Governor's request for increased funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs.
2280	KATRINA CHURCH - PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.
2298	DOUG ZEIT - CRAIG	Spoke in support of an income tax or use of the permanent fund for mental health programs.
2345	MARGARET O'NEIL - CRAIG	Testified in support of the mental health budget. Testified in support of the Governor's request for increased funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs. Testified in support of State support for the 15 percent increase in VPSO salaries and social workers.
184	Representative Foster	Observed that only three persons had testified on behalf of paying taxes to raise revenues.
252	SUZANNE FALVONI - PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND COLLEGE	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska and community colleges.
361	VICE-CHAIR BUNDE	Asked if there are allowances for special needs students that want to take a GED test.
430	Ms. Falvoni	Stated that additional resources are needed for special education students such as material on tape. The Committee took an "at ease" for a dinner break at 5:00 p.m.
889	Co-Chair Williams	Reconvened the Committee at 6:05 p.m.
933	BILL HARDY - KETCHIKAN	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
1040	PATTY GREEN - KETCHIKAN	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
1159	REBECCA KLEINSCHMIDT - KETCHIKAN	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
1226	MIKE WISNEWSKI - KETCHIKAN	Voiced support for \$160 thousand dollars funding to the State Parks budget.
1275	TED SMITH, MAYOR - PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of increased funding for the Alaska Marine Highway system.
1365	LINDA QUARLES - PETERSBURG	Requested greater funding for the Highway Stabilization fund.

1396	MARY FRANCIS - PETERSBURG	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
1511	DAVE CARLSON - PETERSBURG	Requested fully funding the Alaska Marine Highway stabilization fund.
1547	BARRY BRACKEN - PETERSBURG	Requested fully funding the Alaska Marine Highway stabilization fund.
1611	THOMAS CONLEY - SITKA	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
1735	Representative Hudson	Asked to what extent would the economic decline would have on funding for educational needs.
1817	Mr. Conley	Acknowledged that there had been a substantial effect and changes noted toward that in the past year. He stated that it had not affected real estate costs in Sitka.
1847	FRED REEDER - SITKA	Testified in support of additional funding for education. He noted that \$18 million dollars was going to grants. He asked where the money promised by the legislators was. He stressed the need to fully fund education. Testified in support of full funding for pupil transportation. Mr. Reeder recommended adding \$200 dollars on the ATM. He stressed that students cannot pass the exit exam with the current allocated funding.
2000	Co-Chair Mulder	Stated that the State was fully funding the education formula according to statute. Noted that the amount that was going into pupil transportation was at the last level for the past three-years.
2056	Mr. Reeder	Recommended changing the statute.
2078	Representative Croft	Noted that the Legislature wrote the statute and stressed that the Legislature has the responsibility to change that statute.
2111	MARYLS TEDIN - SITKA	Requested further funding for the State Parks system.
2169	MOLLIE KABLER - SITKA	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
2200	JANELLE PRIVETT - WRANGELL	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
2248	PAMELLA MCCLOSKEY - WRANGELL	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
2284	DAVID GALLA - WRANGELL	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
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007	TONNIE BARLOW - WRANGELL	Testified in support of additional funding for education.

129	PENNY DILLARD - KETCHIKAN	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
225	DAVID DEAL - KETCHIKAN	Requested greater funding for trooper coverage to help prevent burglaries. He noted further concern with drunk drivers.
302	BOB WEINSTEIN, MAYOR - KETCHIKAN	Testified in support of additional funding for education. Mayor Weinstein voiced concern with the current funding proposed for the Alaska Marine Highway System. He believed that would exasperate the economic harm already experienced throughout Southeast Alaska.
469	WOODY WILSON - WRANGELL	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
553	PAM ROOPE - WRANGELL	Testified in support of additional funding for education.
635	Representative Croft	Noted that the recommendation for the 1st year was a 4% increase to the foundation formula. He questioned if that was what was needed.
677	Ms. Roope	Explained that could keep the community even. It would not allow for any growth.
700	TIFFANY BORGES - PETERSBURG	Testified in support of the Governor's request for increased funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs.
746	JEAN FRANK - SITKA	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
838	ALICE JOHNSTONE - SITKA	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source. Ms. Johnstone spoke in support of the Governor's request for increased funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs.
971	DALE STONE - PETERSBURG	Spoke in support for full funding for the Department of Public Safety and all the Village Public Officers funding.
1130		At-Ease 6:55 p.m.
		End of recess: 7:15 p.m.
1151	RUTHAMAE KARR - FAIRBANKS	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source. Alaskans are over 38% tobacco users.
1334	Representative Hudson	Asked what programs would be effective. He asked for her to submit that information.
1376	Ms. Karr	Explained that there would need to be a comprehensive program. She offered to provide that information.
1401	JIM KNOSKE - FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for full funding for the Department of Public Safety and the VPSO

		15% increases.
1522	MARTA MUELLER - FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska and support the budget provided by the Governor. She recommended capping the Permanent Fund Dividend and also adds a personal property tax.
1658	VERA BECKER - FAIRBANKS	Stressed the need to fund tobacco cessation programs and pointed to tobacco settlement funds as a funding source.
1780	RUTH L'HOMMEDIEU - FAIRBANKS	Encouraged further funding for Independent Living Centers throughout the State.
1901	DAVID JACOBSON - FAIRBANKS	Encouraged further funding for Independent Living Centers throughout the State.
2032	COLLEEN CHINN - FAIRBANKS	Noted support for greater funding for the infant learning program.
2165	TIM DORAN - FAIRBANKS	Expressed support for the recommendations of the Education Task Force Report. Testified in support of additional funding for education.
2341	Representative Hudson	Questioned if enrollment is down in the Fairbanks North Star Borough
2356	Mr. Doran	Acknowledged that enrollment is down, however, emphasized that the needs of the kids is great. He noted that kids today are not prepared for school.
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28	Vice-Chair Bunde	Questioned if Fairbanks had taken advantage of school quality school grants.
62	Mr. Doran	Stated that they had taken advantage of some of the quality school programs and gave examples.
129	Vice-Chair Bunde	Noted that schools needed to align with the elementary benchmark and asked what information was provided.
161	Mr. Doran	Responded that goals and objectives were aligned with State standards. He was confident that the majority of their students would pass.
467	BETTY DUPEE - FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.
524	BRIAN BRUBAKER - FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.
604	JEFF WALTERS - FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of additional funding for education. He noted the need to protect art in school.
836	JOE HARDENBROOK - FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.

976	JOHN ASHCRAFT	Testified in support of full funding for the University of Alaska.
1048	JERI LANIER - FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of the mental health budget. Testified in support of the Governor's request for increased funding for alcohol and drug abuse programs.
		<b><u>ADJOURNMENT</u></b> The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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