

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 14, 2002
9:20 A.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Mulder called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Representative Ethan Berkowitz; Representative Beth Kerttula

#HB403

#HB404

JUNEAU

Floyd Kookesh, Mayor, Angoon; Michael Sigler; Vint Woodyarel; Chadley McVeigh, Fairbanks; Michael Merrial, Fairbanks; Sally Smith, Mayor, Juneau; Jeff Wraley, Homer; Elfrida Nord; Peter Barnes, Anchorage; Martha Hendrickson, Homer; Jonalyn Najera; Cheryl Hull; Riena Jackson; Kelly Cornick, Homer; Doug Moore, Matsu; Loren Gerhard, Juneau;

Lois Miller, Anchorage; Regene Rodman, Anchorage; Bill Hogan, Juneau; Jeri Lanier, Fairbanks; Joyce Kitka, Juneau; Jeanette Grasto, Fairbanks; Herbert Schaan, Kenai; Roger Kilby, Juneau; Terry Shockey, Soldotna; Jodi Rumph, Juneau; Selina Everson, Juneau; Kari Onstott; Makenna Rielly ; Dee Dee Satran; Dee Smith; Albert Judson, Juneau; Katherine Myasato, Juneau; Susan Trapp, Anchorage; Don Bremner, Juneau; Elizabeth Hill, Anchorage; Debra Rose, Anchorage; Karen Hodge, Anchorage; Bob Briggs, Juneau; James Shill, Kenai; Kevin Ritchie, Alaska Municipal League, Juneau; Albert Judson, Juneau; Jan Guerein, Juneau; Sarah Jasper, Akiak; Karen Parr, Fairbanks; Joe Sonneman, Juneau; Marci Clifton, Anchorage; Cartherine Burgess, Anchorage; Althea George, Napiaskiak; Barr Gray, Homer; Helena Williams, Akiak; Nancy Koon, Anchorage; Joe Winders, Juneau; Jan MacClarence, Anchorage; Martha Stracener, Juneau; Agnes Rychnovsky; Bill Corbus, Juneau; Martin Hietola, Fairbanks; Lori King, Juneau; Joy Lyon, Juneau; Cindy Cashen, Juneau; Ruth Lister, Juneau; Emilie Souhrader, Juneau; Lisa Villano, Fairbanks.

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

NOME

Gloria Eaton; Nancy Lyman; Julie Serstand; Martha Outwater; Patricia Power; Gregory Smith; Patrick Partridge; Jim Adams; Mary Kowalczyk; Jerry Trainor; Donna Steinfort

KOTZEBUE

Eva Ohara; Jim Howell; Olinka Jones; Agnes Lie; Tricia Truce; Paula Swick; Agnes Bernhardt; Angela Valdez; Ryan Hill; Jimmy Johnson; Robert Weldy; Kimberly Haviland; Susan Jones; Nate Kotch; Bruce Ruttenberg; Barbara Janitscheck; Roswell Schaeffer, Mayor; Walter Sampson

BARROW

Elizabeth Taaffe

MATSU

Roxana Sawyer; Beth Shales; Brooke Youmans; James Garhart; Bonnie Quill; Aedene Arthur; Karen Backlund; Patricia Coyne; William Wallace; Lauren Swift; Tom Judstron; Angela Resas; Mary Ned; Aimee Herr; Wesley Coyne

HAINES

Robert Venables; Carol Lippy; Linda Moonan; Ruth Kacko; Janet Holze; Lorraine Kasko, Dr. Linda Loos; Rocky Seward; Deb Stanford; Bruce Gilbert; Lucy Harrell; Laura Fawcett; Edward Stewart

DELTA JUNCTION

Robert Allen

OFFNETS

Doug Vent, Craig; Mike Korsmo, Skagway; Kathy Snow, McGrath; Pamela Fitch, Mayor, Unalaska; Bob Ward, Skagway City Manager; Albert Dick, Mayor, Hoonah; Christine Tolson, Hydaburg; Peter Moore, Manley Hot Springs; Patricia Hicks, Wasilla; Henry Hunter, Bethel; Jill Longnecker, Wasilla; Francis Thompson, St. Mary's; Phillip Nick, Kwethluk; Tracy Wiggins, Nenana; Sylvia Peele, Hydaburg; Alexander Westdahl Sr., Toksook Bay; Frank Kelty, Dutch Harbor; Leona Kiana, Selawig; Bernadette Friday, Toksook Bay; Lamonica Claw, Galkona; Vic Dull, New Stuyahok; Roger Jenkins, Nicolai; George Guy, Kwethluk; Walton Smith, St. Mary's; Ernest Russell, Manley Hot Springs; Wilma Smith, Hooper Bay; Wassillie Paul, Kwethluk; Kristine Stone, Hooper Bay; Marie Andrew, Napaskiak; David Epchook, Kwethluk; Dana Hall; Carol Odinzoff; Donald Mironov; RoseMarie Ashepak; Bill O'Brien; Exenia A. Nicholai; Bessie Frances; Sara Waters; Fred Waters; Sara Reed; Francis Pete Sr., Stebens; Rick Gray, Manley Hot Springs; Dario Notti, Bethel; Don Graves, Unalaska; Mary Paniyak, Chevak; Marie Monroe, Fairbanks; Robert Lee, Manley Hot Springs

ANCHORAGE:

Sallye Werner; Erica Jorley; Dara Lively; Carla Burns; Robert Wilson; Heater Swaney; Bob O'Connor; Jennifer Jackson; Shane Chapple; Lee-Ann French; Mark Jarvey; Gail Stadig; Maggie McQuaid; Molly Merritt-Duren; David Sharrow; Dennis Swain; Delisa Culpepper; Bonnie Jock; Ernie Hall; Travis Erickson; Chris Ross; Fay Von Genningen; Doris Bergeron; Jason Bryne; Sara Jackson; Thelma Langdon; Cliff Livingstron; Sue Samet; Aleen Smith; Kitty Kohli; Carl Evertsbusch; Mary Crockett; Irene Persson-Gamble; Lori McClusky; Connie Kimmick; Carol Olson; Kathy Punn; Tim Fox; Daryl Nelson; Soren Wuerth; Todd Brown; Maureen Tystacwicz; Julie Guy; Arlis Sturgulewski; Stephanie McKenzie; Laura Waldon; Janice Banks; Rich Llrstin; Dale Fox; Susannah Morgan; Kathleen Fitzgerald; Valerie Baffone; Eileen M. Cally; Bernd Jilly; Cheryl Wright; Shirley Pittz; Cecilia Esparza; Lisa Penetal; Debbie Bogart; Bonnie Lange; Cheryl Haynes; Sherr Thompson; Amy Simpson; Christy Sturleis; Kenny Powers; Michelle Girault; Debra Bassett

GENERAL SUBJECT(S):

The following overview was taken in log note format. Tapes and handouts will be on file with the House Finance Committee through the 22nd Legislative Session, contact 465-

2156. After the 22nd Legislative Session they will be available through the Legislative Library at 465-3808.

STATEWIDE TESTIMONY ON THE OPERATING BUDGET
 HB 403-APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 HB 404-APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

LOG	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION
	TAPE HFC 02 - 42 SIDE A	
000	CO-CHAIR MULDER	Convened the House Finance Committee meeting and began with testimony taken from participants in Juneau.
	JUNEAU	
216	FLOYD KOOKESH, MAYOR, ANGOON	Spoke in support of fully funding Revenue Sharing. He added his support for statewide taxes. Mr. Kookesh voiced continued support for Head Start. He added that Angoon supports an alcohol tax. Mr. Kookesh testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
725	MICHAEL SIGLER, JUNEAU	Testified in support of additional funding for the Department of Education and Early Development.
932	MICHAEL MERRILL, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
1128	SALLY SMITH, MAYOR, JUNEAU	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System. She pointed out that the Alaska Marine Highway often transports medical supplies.
1415	JEFF WRALEY, HOMER	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. He admitted that he has been homeless and that it is important that there is adequate services. He urged for the Legislature to not balance the budget on the backs of the sick and needy.
1611	ELFRIDA NORD, JUNEAU	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Department of Health and Social Services.
1833	PETER BARNES, DILLINGHAM	Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence. Mr. Barnes Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
1942	MARTHA HENDRICKSON, HOMER	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs and the building bridges program. Ms. Hendrickson pointed out that Denali KidCare has helped their daughter through her understanding of her

		disease. Mental health care works.
2227	JONALYN NAJERA, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs and the building bridges program. She added her support for further funding of the Department of Education.
2335	CHERYL HULL, JUNEAU	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants and added her opposition to reductions for mental health programs. She stressed that the Legislature has cut "past the bone". She urged that there be a statewide income tax be imposed.
2560	RICHARD JACKSON, JUNEAU	Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence and testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Department of Fish and Game.
3115	KELLY CORNICK, HOMER	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services. She added her opposition to the unallocated reduction for the entire budget and mental health concerns as it has helped her make something of her life. She voiced her frustration with attempting to live within the budget structure that she has.
3648	DOUG MOORE, WASILLA	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. He stated that the cuts will inhibit the State of Alaska and within the communities. Mr. Moore testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
3845	SEAN STEMPFLE, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs and how those drugs are affecting him negatively. He voiced his frustration with the system and his life. He stressed that this is enough money.
4105	LOREN GERHARD, JUNEAU	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System budget. The economy in this area is overstressed. The reduction will have a magnitude of effects. There are many isolated communities and this is our road.
4340	LOIS MILLER, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs and the building bridges program.

	TAPE HFC 02 - 42, SIDE B	
4510	REGENE RODMAN, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. Recalled her personal experiences with health services.
4128	BILL HOGAN, MEMBER ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH BOUARD, JUNEAU	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
3952	JERI LANIER, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. She pointed out that the US Constitution provides for all, she questioned how much life and liberty a person has if they are homeless or in jail because of a lack of services.
3829	JOYCE KITKA, JUNEAU	Testified in support of full funding for Department of Education and Early Development.
3730	JEANETTE GRASTO, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. She stressed that treatment works. Services prevent suicide and criminalization.
3546	HERBERT SCHAAN, COUNSELOR, KENAI	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
3124	TERRY SHOCKEY, SOLDOTNA	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
3042	JODI RUMPH, JUNEAU	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
2826	SELINA EVERSON, JUNEAU	spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence. Testified in support of full funding for therapeutic courts.
	KATHERINE MYASATO, JUNEAU	Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence.
	SUSAN TRAPP, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
	DON BREMNER, SEAAALASKA, JUNEAU	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Testified in support of full funding for Head Start. Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence.
	ELIZABAETH HILL, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. She pointed out that foster families of mentally ill children can get services that biological children cannot.
	DEBRA ROSE, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. Stressed that

		programs are working. She took 6-week classes at South-central Counseling Center in Anchorage, which were very successful.
2458	KAREN HODGE, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
2756	BOB BRIGGS, JUNEAU	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. Spoke in support of full funding for the Alaska Youth Initiative.
3020	JAMES SHILL, SOUTHCENTRAL COUNSELING CENTER, KENAI	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
3449	KEVIN RITCHE, ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, JUNEAU	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. He observed that \$400 million dollars is brought into communities through local taxes.
3707	ALBERT JUDSON, JUNEAU	Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence.
3818	JAN GUERTIN, JUNEAU	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants. Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
4122	SARAH JASPER, AKIAK	Testified in support of full funding for rural services and Denali Kid Care.
4317	KAREN PARR, FAIRBANKS	Stressed the need for early intervention of childhood problems.
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253	JOE SONNEMAN, JUNEAU	Suggested that good time be increased and the Department of Corrections' budget be reduced. Spoke in support of using the CBR.
541	MARCI CLIFTON, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. Testified in support of full funding for special education programs.
655	CATHERINE BURGESS, ANCHORAGE	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
755	ALTHEA GEORGE, NAPIASKIAK	Testified in support of full funding for Denali Kid Care.
901	BARR GRAY, HOMER	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
957	HELENA WILLIAMS, AKIAK	Testified in support of full funding for Denali Kid Care.
1221	NANCY KOON, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for Denali Kid Care.
1438	JOE WINDERS, JUNEAU	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants. Stressed the need to look at revenue

		raising measures.
1640	JAN MACCLEARANCE, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
1924	MARTHA STRACENER, JUNEAU	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health and developmental disability programs.
2342	BILL CORBUS, JUNEAU	Spoke in support of a long-range fiscal plan.
2506	MARTIN HIETOLA, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
2836	LORI KING, JUNEAU	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants. Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
3450	JOY LYON, JUNEAU	Testified in support of full funding for programs for the education and health of children.
3712	CINDY CASHEN, JUNEAU	Testified in support of full funding for prosecuting attorneys. Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions.
3854	RUTH LISTER, ALASKA WOMEN'S LOBBY, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of full funding for Denali Kid Care. Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services.
	RECESSED	The Committee Recessed at 12:22 P.M.
	RECONVENED	The Committee Reconvened at 1:30 P.M.
	NOME	
4143	GLORIA EATON, NOME	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
4351	NANCY LYMAN, NOME	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
4632	JULIE SERSTAD, NOME	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. Ms. Serstad voiced opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Department of Health and Social Services.
	TAPE HFC 02 - 43, SIDE B	
4336	MARTHA OUTWATER, NOME	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
4109	PATRICIA POWER, NOME	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants. Ms. Power voiced support for further funding for pre-maternal homes.
3848	GREGORY SMITH, NOME	Testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
3706	PATRICK PARTRIDGE, NOME	Voiced opposition to cuts to the Infant Learning program. He noted the size of

		the current wait-list.
3514	JIM ADAMS, NOME	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the entire budget.
3429	JERRY TRAINOR, NOME	Addressed the lack of skilled work force in the village communities. These people are not adequately trained to join well paying work force. Testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs, which results from poor paying jobs. He urged refinancing the STEP program.
3221	MARY KOWALCZYK, NOME	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the entire State budget. Testified in support of full funding for the Division of Parks.
3103	DONNA STEINFORT, NOME	Echoed comments made by Ms. Kowalczyk and testified in support of full funding for the Division of Parks.
	KOTZEBUE	
3004	ROSWELL SCHAEFFER, MAYOR, KOTZEBUE	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the entire budget. He voiced his support for HB 20 and statewide income tax.
2645	WAKTER SAMPSON, KOTZEBUE	Testified in support of full funding for Governor's proposed budget. He noted that he supported HB 20 and creating other revenue sources for the State. Mr. Sampson testified in opposition to reductions in village public safety officers.
2436	BARBARA JANITSCHKE, KOTZEBUE	Stated that the village areas have the highest rate of mental illness and alcohol funding. Testified in support of full funding for budget to the current level.
2233	EVA O'HARA, KOTZEBUE	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the entire budget and especially those programs that will affect the elders.
2155	OLINKA JONES, KOTZEBUE	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Department of Health and Social Services and the Infant Learning Program.
2038	AGNESS BERNHARDT, KOTZEBUE	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Department of Health and Social Services and the health aides that serve the village areas.
1923	RYAN HILL, KOTZEBUE	Spoke in support of continued services to the rural areas. He voiced concern with the impact of the proposed cuts. Further

		cuts will keep important programs in the village communities. He addressed public health programs and their importance.
1725	JIM HOWELL, KOTZEBUE	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the public health programs.
1657	AGNES LIE, KOTZEBUE	Voiced continued support for the vital emergency medical services for the village areas.
1600	PAULA SWICK, KOTZEBUE	Echoed support for public health nursing funding. She noted the small number of numbers of nurses in these areas and the number of people served by such a few.
1340	ANGELES VALDEZ, KOTZEBUE	Voiced concern with the reduction to public health nursing and how that will affect the children of that area. Every cuts will affect the health of the children.
1251	JIMMY JOHNSON, KOTZEBUE	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Department of Health and Social Services, Public Health aid.
1200	DR. ROBERT WELDY, KOTZEBUE	Testified in support of full funding for Department of Health and Social Services. He addressed how the cuts will affect medical needs of the local village communities. He stressed that it will be devastating and the funding needs to be continued.
1000	KIMBERLY HAVILAND, KOTZEBUE	Testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
733	SUSAN JONES, KOTZEBUE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions that will affect the village areas. Budget cuts are not budget cuts but rather they are service cuts. Those cuts will dramatically affect families and the quality of services will suffer. She urged increasing revenues for the State.
532	DR. BRUCE RUTTENBERG, KOTZEBUE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. He noted that there had been six suicides in the past few months. He addressed concern with the elimination of the suicide prevention from the Governor's budget.
151	NATE KOTCH, KOTZEBUE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions to community health services and the mental health budget for the State of Alaska. He warned of the dangerous impacts from the proposed cuts.
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	SIDE A	
	OFF NET	
259	ELIZABETH TAAFFE, BARROW	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
427	ROBERT ALLEN, DELTA JUNCTION	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions.
	HAINES	
700	CAROL LIPPY, HAINES	Voiced support for further funding for Head Start.
809	LINDA MOONAN, HAINES	Voiced support for further funding for Head Start.
847	RUTH KACKO, HAINES	Spoke against any reductions that would affect the native population.
921	JANET HOLZE, HAINES	Testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs. Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
1222	LORRAINE KASKO, HAINES	Testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
1311	LINDA LOOS, PHD, HAINES	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
1505	JAMES GARHART, MATSU	Suggested that the budget be forward funded from the Permanent Fund and the revenues of that year be placed 50% into the CBR and 50% to the Earnings Reserve to be used for dividends/state government.
1947	BONNIE QUILL, MATSU	Testified in support of full funding for tourism marketing.
2059	AEDENE ARTHUR, MATSU	Testified in support of full funding for avalanche safety funding. Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
2402	KAREN BACKLUND, MATSU	Testified in support of full funding for the Department of Public Safety, Department of Health and Social Services.
2724	PATRICIA COYNE, MATSU	Testified in support of full funding for avalanche safety funding.
2840	WILLIAM WALLACE, MATSU	Testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
2954	ROCKY STEWART, HAINES	Testified in support of full funding for the value added timber sales program.
3122	LUCY HARRELL, HAINES	Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures. She spoke in support of an income tax or seasonal sales tax. She recommended that the senior property tax exemption be a local option.
3759	EDWARD STEWART, HAINES	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Testified in support of full

		funding for the value added timber sales program.
4006	LAUREN SWIFT, MATSU	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
4214	TOM JUDSTRON, MATSU	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions.
4225	ANGELA RESAS, MATSU	Spoke in support of fully funding Revenue Sharing.
4351	MARY NED, MATSU	Testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
4426	AIMEE HERR, MATSU	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants and special needs.
4554	WESLEY COYNE, MATSU	Spoke in further support for avalanche awareness.
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039	KAREN BACKLUND, MATSU	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
207	ROXANA SAWYER, MATSU	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants. Asked for families needs to be the priority.
0420	BETH SHALES, WASILLA	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures. Spoke in support of capping the Permanent Fund.
	OFFNETS	
0620	DOUG VENT, CRAIG	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Medicaid Program.
1215	PAMELA FITCH, MAYOR, UNALASKA	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions to the Heath and Social Services Department. Testified in support of additional funding for fish and wildlife protection in the Department of Fish and Game.
1459	BOB WARD, CITY MANAGER, SKAGWAY	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
1830	TIM DOURCY, MAYOR, SKAGWAY	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions.
2105	ALBERT DICK, MAYOR, HOONAH	Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures. Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System.
2245	PETER MOORE, MANLEY	Spoke in opposition to further budget

	HOT SPRINGS	reductions. Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System.
2641	PATRICIA HICKS, WASILLA	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants. Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Medicaid Program.
3150	HENRY HUNTER, BETHEL	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for Public Health services stressing immunizations.
3425	JILL LONGNECKER, WASILLA	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
3849	FRANCIS THOMPSON, ST. MARY'S	Testified in support of additional funding for the Department of Education and Early Development. Testified in support of full funding for Suicide Prevention programs.
4125	WALTON SMITH, ST. MARY'S	Testified in support of full funding for the Department of Environmental Conservation food service safety inspectors. Testified in support of full funding for Power Cost Equalization. Voiced Support for continued funding for Public Health services stressing immunizations.
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4659	PHILLIP NICK, KWETHLUK	Testified in support of additional funding for the Department of Education and Early Development emphasized the Head Start Program. Voiced support for Upik Language program. Testified in support of full funding for the Power Cost Equalization Program.
4107	DAVIS EPCHOOK, KWETHLUK	Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
3816	FRANK KELTY, DUTCH HARBOR	Testified in support of additional funding for fish and wildlife protection in the Department of Fish and Game.
3341	DANA HALL, BETHEL	Spoke on behalf of John Macentire. Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. Testified in support of additional funding for fish and wildlife protection in the Department of Fish and Game.
3203	CAROL ODINZOFF, BETHEL	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs stressing Behavioral Health programs.
3055	DONALD MIRNOFF, BETHEL	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs with emphasis on suicide prevention. Testified in support

		of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
2910	ROSEMARIE ASHEPECK, BETHEL	Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence.
2832	BILL O'BRIEN, BETHEL	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs stressing wellness counselors and suicide prevention.
2504	EXENIA A. NICHOLAI, BETHEL	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
2414	BESSIE FRANCIS, BETHEL	Testified in support of full funding for emergency medical technician (EMT) and health aide training.
2241	FRED WESTON, BETHEL	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
2033	SARA REED, BETHEL	Testified on behalf of Tom Fazzinni. Testified in support of funding for EMT and health aide training.
1740	ERICA MATTHEWS, BETHEL	Testified in support of funding for EMT and health aide training.
1528	DENNIS STOYER, SELAWIG	Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures for the bush communities.
1232	LEON KIANA, SELAWIG	Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures. Discussed revenue sharing and municipal assistance. Mentioned HB 20.
915	BERNADETTE FRIDAY, TOOKSOOK BAY	Testified in support of additional funding for the Department of Education and Early Development stressing importance in rural areas and the Head Start Program.
715	LAMONICA CLAW, GALKONA	Testified in support of full funding for Suicide Prevention programs.
553	VIC DULL, NEW STUYAHOK	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
416	ROGER JENKINS, NICOLAI	Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures. Testified in support of full funding for Power Cost Equalization.
120	GEORGE GUY, KWETHLUK	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions with emphasis on rural areas. Testified in support of full funding for Power Cost Equalization. Stressed continued funding for the Head Start program.
	TAPE HFC 02 - 46, SIDE A	
315	KATHY SNOW, MCGRATH	Testified in support of full funding for Power Cost Equalization. Testified in support funding for Alaska State

		Troopers. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
543	FRANCIS PETE SR., STEBENS	Testified in support of continued funding for the Head Start program.
759	WASSILLIE PAUL, KWETHLUK	Testified in support of continued funding for the Head Start Program.
935	KRISTINE STONE, HOOPER BAY	Testified in support of continued funding for the Head Start Program. Testified in support of full funding for of Denali Kid Care. Stressed the importance of these programs in rural areas.
1210	DARIO NOTTI, VICE- MAYOR, BETHEL	Testified in support of full funding for Power Cost Equalization. Testified in opposition to reductions in village public safety officers. Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures, especially in rural areas.
1604	DON GRAVES, UNALASKA	Testified in support of additional funding for fish and wildlife protection in the Department of Fish and Game. Testified in opposition to the unallocated reductions for the Department of Environmental Conservation. Mentioned a Hold Harmless provision for HB 20. Spoke in support of capping the Permanent Fund.
2040	MARIE MONROE, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Tourism Industry. Mentioned a 30 % decrease in tourism-scheduled activity in that area.
2252	ROBERT LEE, MANLEY HOT SPRINGS	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Tourism Industry and road service in to Manley Hot Springs. Spoke in support of capping the Permanent Fund.
2550	MIKE KORSOMO, SKAGWAY	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System. Supported sales Tax
2610	RECESS	The committee recessed at 5:20 P.M.
	RECONVENED	The committee reconvened at 6:23 P.M.
2652	SALLYE WERNER, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Ms. Werner stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures providing a balance fiscal plan.
3230	ERICA JORLEY, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Department of Health and Social Services.
3410	DARA LIVELY, ANCHORAGE	Addressed the concerns in working with child abuse and children services. She

		stressed that the priorities are simple. She noted support for an increase in the Testified in support of increased alcohol tax.
3637	CARLA BURNS, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions.
3704	ROBERT WILSON, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
3750	HEATER SWANEY, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
3827	BOB O'CONNOR, ANCHORAGE	Felt that the proposed budget would not benefit children.
3901	JENNIFER JACKSON, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services. Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
4012	SHANE CHAPPLE, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services. Stressed that children of today are Alaska's future.
4157	LEE-ANN FRENCH, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services.
4320	MARK JARVEY, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services.
4419	GAIL STADIG, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services.
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4336	MAGGIE MCQUAID, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services.
4115	MOLLY MERRITT-DUREN, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for the Department of Health and Social Services. She maintained that under-funding would result an increase in ATAP recipients. Testified in support of full funding for the Department of Education and Early Development.
3903	DAVID SHARROW, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Council of Safety Standards.
3554	DENNIS SWAIN, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services.
3426	DELISA CULPEPPER, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for Department of Health and Social Services and Testified in support of additional funding for alcohol and substance abuse programs.
3401	BONNIE JACK/ERNIE HALL, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions and in support of a fiscal plan.
3128	TRAVIS ERICKSON,	Testified against reductions to the

	ANCHORAGE	Division of Family and Youth Services.
2805	CHRIS ROSS, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Alcohol Safety Action Program.
2732	FAY VON GEMMINGEN, ASSEMBLY, ANCHORAGE	Expressed support for a municipal dividend. Spoke in support of fully funding revenue sharing and municipal assistance. She spoke in support of a long-range fiscal plan.
2329	VICE-CHAIR BUNDE	Questioned if the senior citizen property exemption should be a local option.
2306	MS. GEMMINGEN	Stated that she would not support a local option. She felt that it should be uniformed and added that a discussion should occur regarding a change in the program to a needs based or another option.
2154	JASON BRYNE, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for Alaska Mineral and Resource Fund.
2008	CO-CHAIR MULDER	Clarified that the elimination of AMRF was at the direction of the Department of Education and Early Development.
1931	ED MARTIN, COOPERS LANDING	Spoke in support of the budget reductions.
1316	SHERMAN SMITH, COOPERS LANDING	Spoke in support of the budget reductions.
701	SARA JACKSON, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for Department of Health and Social Services. Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
248	THELMA LANGDON, ANCHORAGE	Observed that she is a life long resident. She noted that the projections of budget deficits were correct. Expressed support for a fiscal plan.
52	VICE-CHAIR BUNDE	Pointed out that the governmental process is not efficient. He noted that House Finance Committee provided leadership by placing a plan on the ballot, which was rejected by the citizens. He noted that progress is being made and that the public now seems ready to accept the need form a plan.
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100	CLIFF LIVINGSTON, ANCHORAGE	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
304	SUE SAMET, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for programs to benefit the elderly and Department of Health and Social Services.
420	ALEEN SMITH,	Testified in opposition to reductions for

	ANCHORAGE	mental health programs. stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
803	KITTY KOHLI, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
947	CARL EVERTSBUSCH, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
1137	MARY CROCKETT, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for Department of Education and Early Development.
1233	IRENE PERSSON- GAMBLE, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for programs that support children. Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions.
1423	LORI MCCLUSKY, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions and in support of Department of Health and Social Services.
1720	CONNIE KIMMICK, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services.
1844	CAROL OLSON, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
2207	KATY PUNN, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of a long-range fiscal plan. Testified in support of full funding for tourism funding.
2437	TIM FOX, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for programs that support children.
2840	REPRESENTATIVE CROFT	Pointed out that legislators have a responsibility to lead.
2926	DARYL NELSON, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
3356	SOREN WUERTH, ANCHORAGE	Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures. Testified in opposition to reductions for mental health programs.
3624	VICE-CHAIR BUNDE	Pointed out that the largest deposit into the Permanent Fund was by the legislature.
3816	MAUREEN TYSTACWICZ, ANCHORAGE	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
3922	JULIE GUY, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of capping the Permanent Fund. Testified in support of income tax. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
4123		Spoke in support of a long-range fiscal plan. Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Testified in opposition to the elimination of the Division of Subsistence. Pointed out the loss of qualified employees. Testified in support of full funding for the Department of Environmental Conservation food service safety inspectors. Stressed moving away from pointing fingers.

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4530	CO-CHAIR MULDER	Commented on the difficulty of the responsibility for devising a long-range fiscal plan.
4403	ARLISS STUTGULEWSKI,	Responded the importance of alerting the public of the Legislature's plans.
4130	CO-CHAIR MULDER	Assured that there would be leadership shown by the legislature.
4100	REPRESENTATIVE DAVIES	Stated that it was unjustified to continue cutting the budget.
3950	REPRESENTATIVE LANCASTER	Noted the momentum building in the fiscal policy caucus.
3916	STEPHANIE MCKENZIE, ANCHORAGE	Suggested that funds be used to build more housing.
3759	LAURA WALDON, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions specifically suicide prevention.
3525	JANICE BANKS, ANCHORAGE	Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
3400	RICH LLRSIN, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Stressed Supportive Service funding.
3145	DALE FOX, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for the Tourism Industry.
3023	SUSANNAH MORGAN, ANCHORAGE	Testified in opposition to the unallocated reduction for Public Assistance.
2824	VALERIE BAFFONE, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions.
2413	EILEEN CALLY, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for Department of Health and Social Services and the University of Alaska. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
2141	BERND JILLY, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Testified in support of full funding for Department of Health and Social Services.
1757	CHERYL WRIGHT, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for University of Alaska.
1553	SHIRLEY PITTZ, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Testified in support of full funding for programs to benefit children. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
1257	CECILIA ESPARZA, KODIAK	Spoke in support of capping the Permanent Fund. Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Testified in support of full funding for children and the elderly.

1113	LIDA PENETAL, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services. Spoke in support of capping the Permanent Fund.
846	DEBBIE BOGART, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for the Community School Program.
625	BONNIE LANGE, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for foster care programs.
409	SHERRY THOMPSON, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in opposition to further budget reductions. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures. Spoke in support of capping the Permanent Fund. Testified in support of full funding for University of Alaska.
222	AMY SIMPSON, ANCHORAGE	Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures. Testified in support of full funding for the Department of Health and Social Services. Testified in oppositions to reductions in the developmental disability grants.
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029	CHRISTY STURLEIS, ANCHORAGE	Testified against reductions to the Division of Family and Youth Services.
206	KENNY POWERS, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for the Division of Parks.
641	DEBRA BASSETT, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of full funding for foster care and social service programs.
907	MIKE SCOTT, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of fully funding revenue sharing and municipal assistance. Stressed the need to look at revenue raising measures.
1406	LISA VILLANO, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of full funding for University of Alaska.
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

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