

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Harris called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:37 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative John Harris, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Williams, Co-Chair
Representative Kevin Meyer, Vice-Chair
Representative Mike Chenault
Representative Eric Croft
Representative Richard Foster
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Reggie Joule
Representative Carl Moses
Representative Bill Stoltze
Representative Jim Whitaker

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Representative Ethan Berkowitz; Representative Peggy Wilson;
Representative Paul Seaton; Representative David Guttenberg;
Representative Sharon Cissna; Jeri Lanier, Mental Health Board, Fairbanks.

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Wrangell, Sitka, Petersburg, Homer

Ted Smith, Mayor, Petersburg; Jerry Kainulainen, Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Sitka; Chuck Johnson, Sitka; Susan Sciabbarrasi, School Superintendent, Wrangell; LaTonnie Barlow, School Board, Wrangell; Joyanna Geisler, Homer; Lauren Bell, student, Homer; Kalie Petska, middle school student, Homer; Kayley Kiefer, student, Homer; Ron Keffer, Principal, Homer High School, Homer; Merritt Mitchell, Homer; Steve Bradshaw, School Superintendent, Sitka; Nancy Wladyka, parent, Sitka; Scott McAdams, Sitka

School Board, Sitka; Carolyn Enzler, School Superintendent, Petersburg; Sheri Wikan, School Board President, Petersburg; Bernadette Arsenault, physical therapist, Homer; Darrel Behymer, Homer; Richard Ligenza, student, Homer College, Homer; Pete Swanson, parent, Homer; Ginny Epenshade, Homer; Charlie Franz, Administrator, Homer Hospital, Homer; Dan Westerburg, Homer; Charles Walsworth, Homer; Susan Drathman, parent, Homer.

Fairbanks

Niren Biswas, Professor of Physics, Fairbanks; Mary Eininger, Fairbanks; Viletta Knight, Fairbanks; Marta Mueller, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Taber Rehbaum, Chair, Legislative Committee on Arctic Alliance, Fairbanks; Chris Faeth, Access Alaska, Fairbanks; Debra Davis, Fairbanks; Cindy Frankenpach, Fairbanks; George Johnston, Access Alaska, Fairbanks; v Andy Harrington, Fairbanks; Candy Waugaman, Fairbanks; Jeanette Grasto, Fairbanks; Barbara Rich, Fairbanks; Ann Dittopper, Fairbanks; Annie Buchanan, North Pole; Annette Freiburger, Fairbanks; Kathy Helfrick, Fairbanks; Wendy Leach, Fairbanks; Sue Hull, Fairbanks; Michael Lilly, Fairbanks; David Jacobson, Fairbanks; Blaise Campbell, Youth Court, Fairbanks; Angelique Buchanan, Fairbanks; Sharice Walker, Fairbanks; Abbie Stillie, Fairbanks; Ben Angel, Fairbanks; Any Drier, Fairbanks; Julie Wild-Curry, Fairbanks; Cathy Creighton, Ionia; Kyra Aizstrauts, Fairbanks; Judy Boelts, Principle Elementary, Fairbanks; Bob Carlson, Fairbanks; Sam Bush, Fairbanks; Josh Horst, Fairbanks; Mark Ames, Fairbanks; Peggy Mead, Fairbanks; Emily Ennis, Fairbanks.

Anchorage

Rich Kronberg, President, NEA Alaska, Anchorage Tim Steele, Anchorage School Board, Anchorage; Utpal Dutta, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Barbara Sweetland Smith, Alaska Historical Society, Anchorage; Stephen Burdick, Anchorage; Paul Bryner, Teacher Anchorage; Jake Metcalfe, Anchorage School Board, Anchorage; Dennis Nottingham, Anchorage; Regina Manteyfel, Fairview Community Council, Anchorage; David Wilcox, Ph.D, Anchorage; Ed Earnhart, Anchorage; Tamela Ranicke, People First, Anchorage; Paul Brooks, AEROMAP, USA, Anchorage; Rich Sewell, Iceberg Seafood Company, Anchorage; Pat Simpson, TEC, Anchorage; Carol Comedu, Superintendent, Anchorage School District; Deborah L. Mole, Anchorage; Victoria Martin, Anchorage; Sean Ruddell, Anchorage; Haylie Ruddell, Anchorage; Kym Wolcott; Ryan Wolcott, Anchorage; Casey Reynolds, Anchorage; David J. Parks, Student Body President, University of Alaska Anchorage; Trever Fulton, Student, University of Alaska, Anchorage; Justin Darling, UAA Student, Anchorage; Tim

Morgan, Anchorage; Todd Brown, Anchorage; Sol Neely, UAA Student, Anchorage; Sally Suddock, Executive Director, Alaska High Tech Council, Anchorage; Fay Von Gemmingen, President, Alaska Municipal League; Cindy Michou, Anchorage; Joe Inuach, Anchorage; Susan Rudday, Vice Chancellor, UAA, Anchorage; Elizabeth Putman, Anchorage; Chad Hufford, UAA Student, Anchorage; Jacob Gondek, Vice President, UAA Student Body, Anchorage; Gail Opalinski, Executive Director of Middle School Education, Anchorage; Dick Traini, Chairman, City Assembly, Anchorage; Allen Johnson, Anchorage; John Rathjen, Anchorage; Michele Czoykowski, Anchorage; Anna Bateman, UAA Alumni, Anchorage; Trisa Northeitt, Anchorage; Malcom Ray, Advisory Board, Community Schools, Anchorage; Justin Humprey, Anchorage; Christian Rose, youth, Anchorage; Beth Rose, parent, Anchorage; Sue Sherif, Anchorage; Jesse Foster, UAA Student, Anchorage; Casino Carley, UAA student, Anchorage; Anna Atla, Anchorage; Lee Gorsuch, Chancellor, UAA, Anchorage; Debra Wright, Anchorage; Kevin Dickerson, Anchorage; Natasha Korshin, Anchorage; Rebecca O'Hara, Anchorage; Ralph Courtney, Anchorage; Audrey Aanes, Anchorage.

Juneau

Dirk Miller, Juneau

GENERAL SUBJECT(S):

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HOUSE BILL NO. 75

An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date.

HOUSE BILL NO. 76

An Act making appropriations for the operating expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

LOG	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION
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000	Co-Chair Harris	Began public testimony on the FY 04

		Operating Budget.
		WRANGELL, SITKA, PETERSBURG, HOMER
0102	Ted Smith, Mayor, Petersburg	Testified in opposition to cuts in municipal revenue sharing. He noted that many cities could not provide services to their citizens with further revenue decreases.
0502	Jerry Kainulainen, Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Sitka	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants. He stressed that community based services were one third of the cost of long-term facility care.
0715	Chuck Johnson, Sitka	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants. Noted that he was able to live on his own due to this service.
0928	Susan Sciabbarrasi, School Superintendent, Wrangell	Testified in support of full funding for the foundation formula. She also requested adequate and equitable funding for Education. She noted that Wrangell could not continue to pay for one third of its education costs without eliminating teachers and programs.
1150	LaTonnie Barlow, School Board, Wrangell	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She noted the increase in federal mandates for schools. She noted the importance of pupil transportation and debt reimbursement, as well as personnel cutbacks in her district.
1429	Joyanna Geisler, Homer	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants. She noted a lack of understanding among some legislators about the value of this service.
1710	Glen Szymoniak, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
1815	Lauren Bell, high school student, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She noted that 213 students in Homer, nearly the entire student body, had expressed interest in testifying.
1932	Kalie Petska, middle school student, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She noted that budget cuts were leading to over crowding in classrooms.
2100	Kayley Kiefer, middle school student, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She noted the loss of teachers and over crowding in classrooms.
2202	Ron Keffer, Principal, Homer High School, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. He noted loss of teachers and a lack of supplies, as well as the loss of classes to accommodate budget cuts. He urged an increase of the

		basic student allocation to \$4,300.
2421	Merritt Mitchell, Homer	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. He is a 50-year University of Alaska alumni.
2546	Steve Bradshaw, School Superintendent, Sitka	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. He noted that the Sitka schools had already cut \$900 thousand. He stressed that the school could not function with further cuts, especially in light of State mandated testing.
2724	Nancy Wladyka, parent, Sitka	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School. She maintained that cutting this program would actually cost the State money. She emphasized the high academic standards of the program.
3037	Scott McAdams, Sitka School Board, Sitka	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. He listed current cuts, such as 8 teaching positions, supplies, and summer school. He noted that the district was utilizing reserves to meet their current budget. He asked that all components be funded and that bond projects not be cut.
3400	Carolyn Enzler, School Superintendent, Petersburg	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She noted the reduction in school population and decreases in staff. Their district has cut over \$500 thousand even without the proposed state budget cuts.
3610	Sheri Wikan, School Board President, Petersburg	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Requested increases in funding.
3657	Bernadette Arsenault, physical therapist, Homer	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants. She noted that the program was cost effective and valuable. She also spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She also asked for an increase in inflation proofing and per student allocations.
3924	Darrel Behymer, Homer	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. He noted its importance to future employment and a strong economy.
4005	Richard Ligenza, student, Homer College, Homer	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
4127	Pete Swanson, parent, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. He noted the decrease in teaching staff due to budget cuts.

4238	Ginny Espenshade, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She maintained that public education is a wise investment.
4423	Charlie Franz, Administrator, Homer Hospital, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs and spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. He noted that his hospital spent \$600 on contract labor, and suggested that education aided the Alaskan economy.
4614	Dan Westerburg, Homer,	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. He encouraged taxation to pay for education programs.
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4445	Charles Walsworth, Educator, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. He noted the closing of their library and other services. Also testified in support of full funding for pupil transportation.
4314	Susan Drathman, parent, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Also testified for funding of grants for Mental Health Services. She noted that unspent funds had been cut from the subsequent year's budget.
4037	Deborah Poore, retired teacher, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Suggested taxation to support education.
3924	Nell Gustafson, parent, Homer	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Noted recent increases in student teacher ratios. Asked for the pattern of budget cuts to stop. Supports a tax to support education.
3736	Co-Chair Harris	Concluded testimony in Wrangell, Sitka, Petersburg and Homer.
		FAIRBANKS
3651	Niren Biswas, Geophysical Institute, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation.
3424	Mary Eininger, Fairbanks	Voiced support for statewide taxes and a progressive income tax.
3302	Viletta Knight, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
3133	Marta Mueller, University of Alaska, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University, however, noted that it did represent flat funding and that it should be increased.
2955	Taber Rehbaum, Chair, Legislative Committee on Arctic Alliance, Fairbanks	Requested that the Legislature fully restore funding to the matching block grants.

2832	Chris Faeth, Access Alaska, Fairbanks	Spoke in support for funding for Access Alaska & Hospice. He requested greater funding for organizations that help to coordinate services to help him to continue to live with his family during his terminal disease.
2655	Debra Davis, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School.
2445	Cindy Frankenpagh, Fairbanks	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants and program.
2311	George Johnston, Access Alaska, Fairbanks	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants. He noted that living in a nursing home would be much more expensive.
2221	Andy Harrington, Fairbanks	Voiced support for greater funding for the Department of Health and Social Services budget particularly the adoption program and block grants.
2100	Candy Waugaman, Fairbanks	Testified in opposition to the cuts to the library systems and museums throughout the State. She voiced concern with the preservation of the historical information of the State and archival historical records.
1812	Jeanette Grasto, Fairbanks	Testified in opposition to any cuts to mental health. She voiced her concern with the cuts to the SAIL's program and the Independent Living Grants.
1631	Barbara Rich, Fairbanks	Voiced concern with the number of people that will be affected by changes to the Medicaid. She urged that these people do not have the voice to speak their needs.
1459	Ann Dittopper, Fairbanks	Testified in opposition to cuts to the shelters. She addressed how the cuts over the years have affected the quality of care within the shelters. She urged reinstatement of funding cuts.
1253	Annie Buchanan, North Pole	Voiced support for continued funding for the community block grants.
1124	Annette Freiburger, Fairbanks	Voiced concern with matching funds reductions.
1034	Kathy Helfrick, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
837	Wendy Leach, Director, North Star Youth Court, Fairbanks	Voiced support for the Youth Court and full reinstatement for the community block grants in order to keep the program in tact.
620	Sue Hull, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
335	Michael Lilly, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School.
120	David Jacobson,	Testified in support of Independent

	Fairbanks	Living Grants.
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35	Angelique Buchanan, Fairbanks	Voiced support for the reinstatement of the community block grants in order to continue funding the Youth Court.
257	Blaise Campbell, North Star Youth Corp., Fairbanks	Voiced support for the reinstatement of the community block grants in order to continue funding the Youth Court.
443	Vice-Chair Meyer	Asked if the Youth Corps. received money for the Youth Corp through the matching grants.
529	Sharice Walker, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
638	Abbie Stillie, Student, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. She stressed that higher education is a great investment for the State.
723	Ben Angel, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
856	Amy Krier, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Testified in support of full funding for pupil transportation. She urged forward funding education and the legislation associated with that.
1109	Julie Wild-Curry, Fairbanks	Testified in support of continued funding for the Community Schools Program. Ms. Wild-Curry noted support for further funding for the community block grants.
1428	Jeri Lanier, Mental Health Board, Fairbanks	Testified in opposition to the cuts to the SAIL's grants. She stressed the importance of that for many families in the state.
1611	Cathy Creighton, Ionia	Voiced support for the SEAL grants and funding for the problems associated with mental illness.
1940	Kyra Aizstrauts, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Testified in support of full funding for pupil transportation.
2207	Judy Boelts, Principle Elementary School, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She pointed out the problems associated with the changing PTR. Ms. Boelts outlined the out-risk kids in that district. Decreasing support has a multiple effect to all students, especially the at-risk students.
2504	Bob Carlson, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation.
2626	Sam Bush, Fairbanks	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants. Spoke in support of funding for education programs.

2857	Josh Horst, Fairbanks	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
3129	Mark Ames, Fairbanks	Redirect attention to the fair rate of mineral extraction on federal lands.
3514	Peggy Mead, Fairbanks	Testified in support of continued funding for the Community Schools Program.
3730	Emily Ennis, Fairbanks	Testified in support of developmental disability grants.
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		RECONVENED:
4101	Co-Chair Harris	ANCHORAGE
		Reconvened at 6:05 p.m.
4158	Rich Kronberg, President, NEA Alaska, Anchorage	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. He pointed out that flat funding is not fully funding Alaska's schools. He maintained that the education budget should be increased by \$270 per student.
4400	Scott Heyworth, Anchorage	Pointed out that the people of Alaska voted for Ballot measure 3, relating to the Alaska Gas Pipeline Authority.
4631	Tim Steele, Anchorage School Board, Anchorage	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Specifically, Testified in support of continued funding for the Community Schools Program. He listed the services available through this program. He reiterated that level funding was not adequate.
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4435	Utpal Dutta, University of Alaska Fairbanks	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
4326	Barbara Sweetland Smith, Alaska Historical Society, Anchorage	Testified in opposition to cuts to the Alaska State Museum, Archive and Library.
3853	Stephen Burdick, Anchorage	Testified in opposition to reductions in developmental disability grants and services for mental illness.
3713	Paul Bryner, Teacher Anchorage	Testified in opposition to reductions in human services programs.
3517	Jake Metcalfe, Anchorage School Board, Anchorage	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Testified in support of full funding for school debt retirement and pupil transportation.
3213	Dennis Nottingham, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation.
3001	Regina Manteyfel, Fairview Community Council, Anchorage	Voiced support for Anchorage social services block grants. Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs and an increase in the basic student

		allocation.
2733	David Wilcox, Ph.D, Anchorage	Testified in opposition to reductions to the Sex Offenders Assessment and Treatment Program at the Meadow Creek Correctional Center.
2555	Ed Earnhart, Anchorage	He stressed that the State needs a foundation formula for the budget. He stressed the need to raise revenues and spoke in support of a graduated income tax.
2254	Tamela Ranicke, People First, Anchorage	Testified in opposition to reductions in developmental disability grants. Testified in support of continued funding for the Longevity Bonus Program and other senior programs.
1913	Paul Brooks, AEROMAP, USA, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation.
1755	Rich Sewell, Iceberg Seafood Company, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
1318	Pat Simpson, TEC, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation.
1125	Carol Comedu, Superintendent, Anchorage School District	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
906	Representative Croft	Observed that Learning Opportunity Grants and pupil transportation were increased in the subcommittee. He questioned the impact to the Anchorage School
798	Ms. Comedu	Maintained that the foundation formula still need to be increased [to meet inflation] and that the Anchorage School District would lose \$775 for care of wards of the State.
715	Deborah L. Mole, Anchorage	Testified in opposition to reductions to the State Library. Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
454	Victoria Martin, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School. She noted that the School had been around since 1939 and is the only accredited program.
238	Sean Ruddell, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School.
57	Haylie Ruddell, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School. She

		pointed out that the School saves 20 percent of the foundation formula for the state.
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050	Kym Wolcott	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School.
219	Ryan Wolcott, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School.
421	Casey Reynolds, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
804	David J. Parks, Student Body President, University of Alaska Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. He stressed that the university fuels Alaska's future.
904	Trever Fulton, Student, University of Alaska, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
1106	Justin Darling, UAA Student, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. Stated that flat funding would be detrimental to the University's future.
1204	Tim Morgan, Anchorage	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Also, Testified in support of continued funding for the Community Schools Program.
1318	Todd Brown, Anchorage	Testified on behalf on the vulnerable in society. He suggested that oil companies should receive taxation.
1548	Sol Neely, UAA Student, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. Noted that the humanities department was excellent and in need of funding. He suggested that flat funding would cause the University to regress.
1833	Sally Suddock, Executive Director, Alaska High Tech Council, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. Proposed that ASTF was an essential part of Alaska's entrepreneurial development. Suggested that only 50 percent of its endowment be funded this year.
2116	Fay Von Gemmingen, President, Alaska Municipal League, Anchorage	Testified in opposition to cuts in municipal revenue sharing. She noted that municipalities were already facing increasing costs in many basic areas, such as fuel, insurance and federal mandates. Also, spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
2403	Cindy Michou, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School. She

		presented information on new and smaller Alaskan school districts. She maintained that no other district provided the services of Aleyeska Central School.
2650	Joe Inuach, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. He credited ASTF for helping him start his own technological business in Alaska.
3003	Susan Rudday, Vice Chancellor, UAA, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. Also, spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She urged the legislature not to pit University and K-12 funding against one another.
3225	Elizabeth Putman, Anchorage	Testified in support of continued funding for the Community Schools Program. Also, spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She noted the many services provided by Community Schools for a small investment.
3453	Chad Hufford, UAA Student, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. Noted that student enrollment had increased due to recent improvements. Suggested that these students might remain in the state and serve their communities as future leaders.
3737	Jacob Gondek, Vice President, UAA Student Body, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. Noted recent tuition increases and the resultant improvements. Observed that high school students in Alaska now considered attending college at home.
4002	Gail Opalinski, Executive Director of Middle School Education, Anchorage	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She noted that recent academic achievements and faculty improvements. Concerned that quality of education would suffer.
4154	Dick Traini, Chairman, City Assembly, Anchorage	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Noted that in view of cuts in municipal revenue sharing, the funds were not available to pay for education costs. Urged the Committee to modify the Governor's proposed budget.
4614	Allen Johnson, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation. Stated that ASTF was the only source of seed capital in Alaska.
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4605	John Rathjen, Anchorage	Spoke in support of continued state funding for the Alaska Science and

		Technology Foundation. Stated that the Foundation was self-funding.
4402	Michele Czoykowski, Anchorage	Suggested that investment and not reductions was the way to improve future finances. Proposed taxes as a means of generating revenue.
4205	Anna Bateman, UAA Alumni, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. Maintained that the University was a great state asset.
4005	Tlisa Northeitt, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
3922	Malcom Ray, Advisory Board, Community Schools, Anchorage	Testified in support of continued funding for the Community Schools Program. Commended services offered by Community Schools and their positive effects on his career.
3641	Justin Humprey, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the People First program.
3448	Christian Rose, youth, Anchorage	Testified in support of continued funding for the Community Schools Program. Expressed enthusiasm for its activities.
3326	Beth Rose, parent, Anchorage	Testified in support of continued funding for the Community Schools Program. Enthusiastic over youth classes provided through this program. Also commended its simple and affordable continuing education.
3108	Sue Sherif, Anchorage	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Encouraged the Committee to focus on funding public education as a means to the future.
2758	Casino Carley, UAA student, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. Commended recent improvements in the quality of education at the University of Alaska. Noted that he chose UAA over universities elsewhere.
2415	Anna Atla, Anchorage	Testified in support of Developmental Disability grants.
2224	Lee Gorsuch, Chancellor, UAA, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University. Maintained that it was an investment in the human capital of the state. He maintained that the HFC recommendation amounts to a \$10 million dollar reduction.
1628	Debra Wright, Anchorage	Testified in support of continued funding for the Community Schools Program.
1520	Kevin Dickerson, Student, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
923	Dirk Miller, Juneau	Voiced support for learning opportunity

		grants. Spoke in support of continued funding for the Alyeska Correspondence School.
747	Natasha Korshin, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
538	Rebecca O'Hara, Anchorage	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Voiced support for increasing state revenue.
354	Ralph Courtney, Anchorage	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
56	Audrey Aanes, Anchorage	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants.
	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM