

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 17, 2005
4:43 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Chenault called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at [4:43:25 PM](#).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Mike Chenault, Co-Chair
Representative Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze, Vice-Chair
Representative Eric Croft
Representative Richard Foster
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Jim Holm
Representative Mike Kelly
Representative Carl Moses
Representative Bruce Weyhrauch (via teleconference)
Representative Reggie Joule

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

SPEAKER

Michelle Williams, Anchorage; Melveen N. Byrd, Clithroe Prevention/FAS; Thuong L. Nguyen, Anchorage; Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Elders; Ben Angel, Anchorage; Jamie E. Lang, Anchorage; Ronni Sullivan, Southern Region EMS Council, Anchorage; Brooke Taylor, Anchorage; Sarah Hoffman, Anchorage; Teery Schoeuthal, Anchorage; Pat Lubby, Alaska Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Anchorage; Dora Moore, Anchorage; Tamara L. Russell, Anchorage; Kara Nyquist, Alaska Association of Homes for Children; Anna Atta, GCSD, Anchorage; Jamie Waste, Executive Director, Alaska Public Broadcasting APBI, Anchorage; Patricia Griffin, AARP; Mary Katzke, Anchorage; Emily Nenon, American Cancer Society, Anchorage; Kathy Allely, Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, Anchorage; Lisa Pierce, Anchorage; Pat Cochran, Anchorage; Shelley Coolidge, ABZAP, Anchorage; Brian Connors, RuralCAP, Anchorage; Vera Paschke, Anchorage; David O'Brien, Anchorage; Cheryl Scott, Anchorage; Justin Scott, Anchorage; Heather Amy Scott, Anchorage; Jim Torgenson, Anchorage.

GENERAL SUBJECT(S):

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Public Testimony Operating Budget:

HB 66 "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

HB 66 was heard and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

HB 67 "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."

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The following overview was taken in log note format. Tapes and handouts will be on file with the House Finance Committee through the 24th Legislative Session, contact 465-6814. After the 24th Legislative Session they will be available through the Legislative Library at 465-3808.

TIME	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION
	MICHELLE WILLIAMS, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of the Governor's request to replace federal funding for diagnostic services for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).
4:43:47 PM	MELVEEN N. BYRD, CLITHROE PREVENTION/FAS	Stressed the importance of continued funding for FASD diagnostic services.
4:45:00 PM	THUONG L. NGUYEN, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of FASD prevention programs. Noted the importance of addiction programs.
4:46:19 PM	MEERA KOHLER, ALASKA VILLAGE ELDERS	Spoke in support of additional support for Power Cost Equalization.
4:49:52 PM	BEN ANGEL, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of university funding and noted the importance of engineering programs.
4:51:31 PM	JAMIE E. LANG, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of full funding for breast and cervical treatment screening program. She stressed that early protection saves lives.
4:53:06 PM	RONNI SULLIVAN, SOUTHERN REGION EMS COUNCIL,	Requested full funding for community health and EMS, which coordinates readiness efforts. She encouraged an increase in regional EMS funding and noted that the funding level has been

	ANCHORAGE	flat since 1989.
4:56:05 PM	BROOKE TAYLOR, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of the Governor's \$1.8 million dollar request for continuation and expansion for cervical and breast cancer screening.
4:57:48 PM	SARAH HOFFMAN, ANCHORAGE	Stressed the importance of cervical and breast cancer early detection screening.
4:58:43 PM	TEERY SCHOEUTHAL, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of public broadcasting in Alaska. He stressed that it is the only source of local and state news in many parts of Alaska.
5:00:07 PM	PAT LUBBY, ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS (AARP), ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of the \$1.8 million dollar request for cervical and breast cancer early detection screening, assisted living, and Adult Public Assistance.
5:02:12 PM	DORA MOORE, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of prevention and intervention programs for youths and FAS programs.
5:03:59 PM	TAMARA L. RUSSELL	Testified about increase in requests for evaluation, lack of prevention services, drains on health care systems. Encourage retaining funding for diagnosis services.
5:05:45 PM	KARA NYQUIST, ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF HOMES FOR CHILDREN	Testified in support of the \$1.8 million dollar request for cervical and breast cancer early detection screening. She spoke in support of FAS dollars.
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5:12:00 PM	ANNA ATTA, GCSD, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support for further funding for FAS grants.
5:13:24 PM	JAMIE WASTE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING APBI, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of stable funding for public radio and broadcasting.
5:16:17 PM	PATRICIA GRIFFIN, AARP	Testified in support of the \$1.8 million dollar request for cervical and breast cancer early detection screening and substance abuse programs.
5:17:40 PM	MARY KATZKE, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of the \$1.8 million dollar request for cervical and breast cancer early detection screening. She pointed out that early

		screening saves money.
5:19:28 PM	EMILY NENON, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of tobacco control programs and the \$1.8 million dollar request for cervical and breast cancer early detection screening.
5:21:50 PM	KATHY ALLELY, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of transition funds for disabilities, which allow individuals to transfer out of nursing homes. She observed that the program saves money for the state and allows individuals to return to their communities.
5:24:19 PM	LISA PIERCE, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of substance abuse prevention, FASD and cervical and breast cancer early detection screening. She noted that prevention programs would help reduce costs.
5:26:42 PM	PAT COCHRAN, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of substance prevention, FADS and cervical and breast cancer prevention programs.
5:28:58 PM	SHELLEY COOLIDGE, ABZAP, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of the \$1.8 million dollar request for cervical and breast cancer early detection screening.
5:31:25 PM	BRIAN CONNORS, RURALCAP, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of the \$1.8 million dollar request for cervical and breast cancer early detection screening. Spoke in support of FASD funding.
5:34:16 PM	VERA PASCHKE, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of the \$1.8 million dollar request for cervical and breast cancer early detection screening. She also spoke in support of funding for and substance abuse and FASD.
5:39:43 PM	DAVID O'BRIEN, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of the \$1.8 million dollar request for cervical and breast cancer early detection screening.
5:40:33 PM	CHERYL SCOTT, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of funding for the FASD program.
5:44:19 PM	JUSTIN SCOTT, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of funding for the FASD program.
5:45:25 PM	HEATHER AMY SCOTT, ANCHORAGE	Testified in support of funding for the FASD program.
5:46:57 PM	JIM TORGENSON, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of continued funding for public broadcasting and communications.
5:50:30 PM		<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

		The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM
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