

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 18, 2005
4:38 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Chenault called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at [4:38:41 PM](#).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Mike Chenault, Co-Chair
Representative Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze, Vice-Chair
Representative Richard Foster
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Jim Holm
Representative Reggie Joule
Representative Mike Kelly

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Eric Croft
Representative Carl Moses
Representative Bruce Weyhrauch

ALSO PRESENT

Representative David Guttenberg

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

FAIRBANKS:

Ruth Prokopowich; Murray Richmond; George Hisamoto; Andy Harrington; Taber Rehbaum; Kimerbly Banderhoof; Webb Phillips; David Jacobson; Brenda Stanfill; Cami Aries; Hadahra Ben-Israel; Deborah Allman Reynolds; Sandy Young; Pam Karalunas; Shayle Hutchison, Stevie's Place, Fairbanks; Annie Hopper, Fairbanks; Mike Powers, Fairbanks; Cheryl Keepers, Fairbanks Borough Health and Social Services Commission; Sandra Bond, Legal Advocate, Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violence Living, Fairbanks; Annette Freiburger, Fairbanks; Karen McLain, Fairbanks; Luke Hopkins, Fairbanks North Star Assembly, Fairbanks; Ruthamae Karr, Fairbanks; Philip, Fairbanks.

GENERAL SUBJECT(S):

#hb66

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
4:38:53 PM	CO-CHAIR CHENAULT	Convened the House Finance Committee meeting in order to take statewide testimony on the operating budget from the Fairbanks area.
4:43:03 PM	RUTH PROKOPOWHICH, FAIRBANKS	Testified on behalf of continued FAS funding. She spoke to the current programs and the families that they serve. She requested more programs for those people that suffer substance abuse.
4:45:40 PM	MURRAY RICHMOND, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of continued funding for public broadcasting.
4:47:17 PM	GEORGE HISAMOTO, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of restoration of independence living grants and capital requests to assist those with disabilities.
4:49:44 PM	ANDY HARRINGTON, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of continued funding for public broadcasting, Human Services Matching Grant to 2.2 million. Testified in support of the Governor's \$1.8 million dollar request for continuation and expansion for cervical and breast cancer screening. Stressed the importance of continued funding for FASD diagnostic services.
4:52:16 PM	TABER REHBAUM, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of restoration of the Human Services Matching Grant of 2.2 million. Testified in support of

		the Governor's \$1.8 million dollar request for continuation and expansion for cervical and breast cancer screening. Testified in support of the Governor's request to replace federal funding for diagnostic services for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.
4:54:17 PM	KIMBERLY BANDERHOOF, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of programs to prevent suicide.
4:56:27 PM	WEBB PHILLIPS, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of independent living services.
4:58:03 PM	DAVID JACOBSON, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of full funding for Independent Living Grants and a capital appropriation and transition funds, which help individuals return to their homes.
5:00:06 PM	BRENDA STANFILL, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs.
5:02:23 PM	HADAHRA BEN-ISRAEL, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs.
5:04:15 PM	DEBORAH ALLMAN REYNOLDS, INTERIOR ALASKA CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENCE LIVING, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs. She stressed for additional fund.
5:05:20 PM	PAM KARALUNAS, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of the Governor's request for funding of diagnostic services for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and other substance abuse programs.
5:07:31 PM	SHAYLE HUTCHISON, STEVIE'S PLACE, FAIRBANKS	Stressed the importance of continued funding for FASD diagnostic services. She gave examples of parents raising children with FASD.
5:09:20 PM	ANNIE HOPPER, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of continued funding for public broadcasting. Testified in support of the Governor's \$1.8 million dollar request for continuation and expansion for cervical and breast cancer screening. Stressed the importance of continued funding for FASD diagnostic services.
5:11:57 PM	MIKE POWERS, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of the Governor's \$1.8 million dollar request for continuation and expansion for cervical and breast cancer screening. Spoke in

		support of continued funding for public broadcasting.
5:14:08 PM	CHERYL KEEPERS, FAIRBANKS BOROUGH HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION.	Spoke in support of full funding the Human Services Matching Grant of 2.2 million.
5:19:13 PM 5:16:25 PM	SANDRA BOND, LEGAL ADVOCATE, INTERIOR ALASKA CENTER FOR NON- VIOLENCE LIVING, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs.
5:17:15 PM	ANNETTE FREIBURGER, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of the Governor's request to replace federal funding for diagnostic services for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.
5:19:16 PM	KAREN MCLAIN, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of the Governor's \$1.8 million dollar request for continuation and expansion for cervical and breast cancer screening.
5:21:23 PM	LUKE HOPKINS, FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR ASSEMBLY, FAIRBANKS	Asked the Committee to increase funding for Community Matching Block grants. He observed that these grants help senior transportation, homelessness, and youth at risk. He also spoke in support of reinstating revenue sharing. Spoke in support of continued funding for public broadcasting.
5:24:06 PM	RUTHAMAE KARR, FAIRBANKS	Noted the importance of cancer research and testified in support of the Governor's \$1.8 million dollar request for continuation and expansion for cervical and breast cancer screening.
5:25:44 PM	PHILIP, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of the Department of Fish and Game, Hunter Education Range.
5:30:29 PM		<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

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