

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE**

July 11, 2008  
8:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Anna Fairclough, Co-Chair  
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, Co-Chair  
Representative Nancy Dahlstrom  
Representative Mark Neuman  
Representative Kurt Olson  
Representative Sharon Cissna  
Representative Woodie Salmon

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All members present

**OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT**

Representative Paul Seaton  
Representative Bryce Edgmon

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE BILL NO. 4002

"An Act establishing the Alaska resource rebate program and relating to the program; and providing for an effective date."

- HEARD AND HELD

HOUSE BILL NO. 4003

"An Act making supplemental appropriations to the Alaska Energy Authority for power cost equalization; making special appropriations to the Department of Revenue and to the Department of Health and Social Services for the Alaska resource rebate program; making a special appropriation to the Department of Revenue for the payment of certain shared taxes relating to aviation fuel; and providing for an effective date."

- HEARD AND HELD

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB4002

SHORT TITLE: RESOURCE REBATE PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS

SPONSOR(s): RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

07/09/08 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
07/09/08 (H) CRA, FIN  
07/11/08 (H) CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124

BILL: HB4003

SHORT TITLE: APPROP: ENERGY RELIEF/REBATE/FUEL TAX

SPONSOR(s): RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

07/09/08 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
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**WITNESS REGISTER**

No witnesses to record

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

**CO-CHAIR GABRIELLE LEDOUX** called the House Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at [8:03:42 AM](#). Representatives LeDoux, Fairclough, Dahlstrom, Neuman, and Olson were present at the call to order. Representatives Cissna and Salmon arrived as the meeting was in progress. Also in attendance were Representatives Seaton and Edgmon.

HB4002-RESOURCE REBATE PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS

HB4003-APPROP: ENERGY RELIEF/REBATE/FUEL TAX

[8:04:03 AM](#)

CO-CHAIR LEDOUX reviewed the committee's schedule for the next couple of weeks, which includes meetings on July 15, July 17, July 22, and July 23.

[8:06:18 AM](#)

CO-CHAIR FAIRCLOUGH related that the schedule is being laid out so that members can continue to participate in the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA) proceedings. She then expressed concern that there is a constitutional issue with HB 4002 regarding the length of time addressed outside of the permanent fund application dates. The Department of Law will need to be prepared to answer questions in defense of the constitution and those requirements. She noted that other courts typically have

a lower threshold for days that are allowable. Co-Chair Fairclough then expressed concern with regard to the corpus of the permanent fund and how to defend the public interest. She related the need for the Alaska Attorney General to be able to defend the proposed one-time rebate of the resource without jeopardizing the corpus of the fund or weakening the argument used at the federal level.

[8:09:44 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE NEUMAN related a discussion he had with a senior citizen in his district who was concerned with regard to how this proposed rebate will impact those who receive senior benefits and welfare benefits as it will increase their overall income.

[8:10:33 AM](#)

CO-CHAIR LEDOUX related her expectation that the administration would've considered the aforementioned and be prepared to address it during it's presentation to the committee.

[HB 4002 and HB 4003 were held over.]

[8:10:45 AM](#)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Community and Regional Affairs Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at [8:10:47 AM](#).