

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
March 17, 2007  
10:10 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Chenault called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at [10:10:39 AM](#).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Mike Chenault, Co-Chair  
Representative Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair  
Representative Richard Foster  
Representative Les Gara  
Representative Mike Hawker  
Representative Reggie Joule  
Representative Mike Kelly  
Representative Mary Nelson  
Representative Bill Thomas Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Bill Stoltze, Vice-Chair  
Representative Harry Crawford

ALSO PRESENT

Representative Kurt Olson; Representative Peggy Wilson;  
Representative David Guttenberg, Senator Joe Thomas;  
Representative Scott Kawasaki

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Representative Jay Ramras (via teleconference)

BARROW:

Adeline Hopson, AML Member; Deborah German, Self; Lloyd Leavitt, Mayor; Hellen Simmons, Self

BETHEL:

Dave Trantham, Alaska Municipal League (AML) Board of Directors; Linda Weston, TWC; Carrie Ayagalria, TWC; R. Thor Williams, Self; Dan Leinberger, Self; Reyne Athanas, Self; Jody Malus, Self; Mary C. Pete, Self

CORDOVA:

Tim Joyce, Mayor; Pete Hoepfner, Cordova School District School Board; Kris Johnston, Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

DELTA JUNCTION:

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DILLINGHAM:

Arnold Watland, Superintendent of Schools, Dillingham City School District; Gina Pope, Bristol Bay Council (BBC); Kevin Murphy, Director, Bristol Bay Corporation; Chris Klabunde, City Council, City of Dillingham

FAIRBANKS:

Jodi Irvine, Agenet/FRA; Linda Lanigan, Self; Tim Beck, Alaska Municipal League; Ronald C. Metzner; Kelly Brown, Alaska State Employees Association; Tammie Wilson; Shirish Patil, Chair, Faculty Alliance, University of Alaska; Cheryl Keepers, Health and Social Services Commission; Carter Crawford, Artic Alliance; Katharine B. Marshall, Alaska State Employees Association; Monique Mass; Hettie Hume; Erin Atwood; Alex Henning; Elyse Guttenberg; Torie Foote, Assembly, Fairbanks North Star Borough; Taber Rehbaum, Arctic Alliance for People; Jeanette Grasto, NAMI Alaska; Kathy Thorstad, Unemployment Insurance Claim Center; Lou Gross, Director, North Star Council on Aging; Brenda Hewitt, Public Broadcasting; Todd Hume; Armond Dube; Andy Harrington, Alaska Legal Services; Valerie Therrien; Michael Lamb, Chief Financial Officer, North Star Fairbanks Borough; Arlene Bender; Cheryl Walsh; Kelly McGuire, Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living; Carol Carlson, Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living; Carol Carlson, Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living; Brenda Stanfill, Director, Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living; Joe Hayes, University of Fairbanks; Joe Hayes, University of Fairbanks; Marta Mueller, University of Fairbanks; Rick Caulfield, University of Fairbanks, Tanana Valley Campus; Jack Witter; Robert Hanson; Patricia Hanson; Pat Moss; Bev Dube; Cynthia Henry; Sven Gilkey; Patrick Frymark; Jennifer Phillips; Hal Hume; Tammie Wilson; Sven Gilkey, President, Student Body, University of Fairbanks, Fairbanks; Patrick Frymark, Fairbanks; Jennifer Phillips, Fairbanks; Hal Hume, Fairbanks

GLENNALLEN:

HOMER:

Dr. Doug Stark, Sr. Member, Homer City Manager, Board Member, Alaska Municipal League; Gerald Scholand, Kieana B&B, Self; Kelly Green, Self; Liz Downing, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District School Board, Parent; Andy Fidino, Self; Brad Faulkner, Self; Molly Bowen, Self; Janet Bowen, Self; Bob Moore, Advisory Board - Kachemak Bay; Cindy Pelaia, Kachemak Bay Campus; Anna Kalugin, Kachemak Bay Campus; Karin Miles-Brache, Student, Kachemak Bay Campus; Klaudee Marushev, Student, Kachemak Bay Campus; Joanna Tornes, Independent Living Center; Bruce Anderson, Independent Living Center; Cynthia Morelli, Charter School Parent

KENAI:

Larry Semmens, Finance Director, City of Kenai; Marsha Moulton; Julia Wilson; Emma Berry; Marion Nelson, Public Radio; Loretta Spalding, TALENT, Kenai; Kim Danesen, TALENTS; Carolyn Langley; Pastor Phillip Egderly; Ed Martin Sr.; Fred Sturman; Ron Fullnick; Gary Strod, Public Radio

KETCHIKAN:

Kevin Gadsey, ORCA/SAIL; Gregory Vickrey; Ed Zastrow, Pioneer Home Advisory Board; Joe Williams, Mayor, Saxman; Mike Sallee

KODIAK:

Betty Walters, Superintendent of Schools, Kodiak Island School District; Mike Sallee, Ketchikan; Jerome Selby, Kodiak Island Borough Manager; Linda Freed, City of Kodiak; Jerome Selby, Kodiak Island School District, Kodiak; Linda Freed, City of Kodiak, Kodiak; Betty Odell, Kodiak Island School District, Kodiak; Barbara Bolson, Kodiak College; Pat Branson, Senior Center of Kodiak

KOTZEBUE:

Dr. Norman Eck, Northwest Arctic Borough School District; Matthew Kurtz, Chukchi Campus; Mickey Jorgensen, Kotzebue Technical Center; Lincoln Saito, Chukchi Campus; Cheryl Edenshaw, Kotzebue Technical Center; Dara Whelan, UAA/Maniilaq; Siikauraq Martha Whiting, Northwest Arctic Borough; Denali Whiting, Kotzebue Middle High School; Cheryl Jong, Northwest Arctic Borough School District

MATSU:

Murphy O'Brien, Matsu Borough; Lucy Hope, Matsu Borough School District; Sandra Garley, City of Wasilla; James Garhart; Cheryl Turner, Matsu Borough School District; Katie Hurley; Mark Lackey, Executive Director, Direct Learning & Head Start

NOME:

Ruth Johnson-Butts, Self, Nome;

OFFNETS:

Kay Andrews, Self, Aleknagik; Bernal Andrews, Aleknagik; Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Self, Kiana; Mayor Parker, McGrath; Kurt Reymertson, City Manager, Seldovia; Alan Sourm, Self, Skagway; Walter McKinnon, City Council, Seldovia; Yvonne Harrin, Self, Kotzebue; Dave Talerico, Mayor, Denali Borough; Tom Quick, Self, Ouzinkie; John Carluccio, Self, Seldovia; Charlotte Kave, Mayor, Savonga; William Trader, Self, Emmonak; Martin B. Moore, City Manager, Emmonak; Mark Carpenter, Self, Fairbanks; Amy Titus, Self, White Mountain; Jimmy Hurley, Self, Ekwok

PETERSBURG:

Jim Schwartz, Petersburg School Board; Terry Vanettinger, Alaska Center for the Blind

SEWARD:

Arthur Walters, Governor's Council; Jerry Dixon; Gene Bradley; Arthur Walters, Governor's Council; Jerry Dixon, Educator; Gene Bradley; Patty Linville; Willard Dunham, City Council

SITKA:

Bob George, Sitka Counseling & Prevention Services; Jeff Johnston, University of Alaska, Sitka; Pat Alexander, Self; Tom Conley, Sitka School Board

TOK:

Bill Arpino, Burnt Paw Cabins, Outback; Suzette Tixier; Alan LeMaster, Gakona

VALDEZ:

Stan Stephens, Valdez Tourism; Derek Dodd; Colleen Stephens, Valdez Tourism; Lydia Rountree; John Devens, Valdez Convention & Visitors Bureau, RCAC; Jessie McKay, Student; Cherie McKay, Parent; Melanie Nelson, Providence Kodiak Island Counseling

WRANGELL:

Robert Prunella, Manager, City of Wrangell; Jeff Jabusch, Finance Director, City of Wrangell; Alice Rooney, Social Worker, Alaska Island Community Services; Betty Keegan, Alaska Commission on Aging; Marlene Clarke, Member of the Assistance Advisory Council for the University Budget; Valery McCandless, Mayor, City of Wrangell; Kathleen Angerman, Alaska Island Community Services

GENERAL SUBJECT(S):

The following overview was taken in log note format. Handouts will be on file with the House Finance Committee through the 25th Legislative Session, contact 465-6814. After the 25th Legislative Session they will be available through the Legislative Library at 465-3808.

#HB95

#HB96

HOUSE BILL NO. 95

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; and providing for an effective date.

HOUSE BILL NO. 96

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.

Public Testimony - Taken from the following communities:

Kenai, Valdez, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Seward, Matsu, Glennallen, Tok, Sitka, Wrangell, Petersburg, Homer, Dillingham, Cordova, Bethel, Kotzebue, Barrow, Nome, Delta Junction, Fairbanks, & Offnets

TIME	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION
<a href="#">10:11:03 AM</a>	Co-Chair Chenault	Convened the House Finance Committee meeting in order to take statewide

		testimony on the proposed FY08 operating budget.
<a href="#">10:11:47 AM</a>		<b>KENAI, VALDEZ, KETCHIKAN, KODIAK, SEWARD, MATSU, GLENNALLEN, TOK</b>
	LARRY SEMMENS, FINANCE DIRECTOR, CITY OF KENAI	Addressed concerns with the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and the unfunded liability associated with that; he encouraged a cap at 22%.
<a href="#">10:15:05 AM</a>	MARSHA MOULTON, KENAI	Spoke in support of funding for interpreters for the deaf.
<a href="#">10:16:43 AM</a>	JULIA WILSON, KENAI	Echoed support for interpreters for the hard of hearing especially in the court system and all job services.
<a href="#">10:17:34 AM</a>	EMMA BERRY, KENAI	Voiced strong support for interpreters for all business services within the State.
<a href="#">10:18:11 AM</a>	MARION NELSON, PUBLIC RADIO, KENAI	Testified in greater support for public radio creating more stable funding.
<a href="#">10:19:15 AM</a>	LORETTA SPALDING, TALENT, KENAI	Urged support for greater funding of independent living skills programs.
<a href="#">10:20:53 AM</a>	KIM DANESSEN, TALENTS, KENAI	Voiced support for continued funding for programs like the TALENTS program.
<a href="#">10:22:54 AM</a>	CAROLYN LANGLEY, KENAI	Noted further support for the independent learning centers throughout the State.
<a href="#">10:24:41 AM</a>	PASTOR PHILLIP EGDERLY, KENAI	Voiced strong support for continued funding for the Independent Living group & services.
<a href="#">10:27:27 AM</a>	ED MARTIN SR., KENAI	Testified in support of continued funding for the Longevity Bonus Program.
<a href="#">10:29:09 AM</a>	FRED STURMAN, SOLDOTNA	Warned Committee members about the hazards of not raising wages for employees of the State of Alaska. He voiced concern with the State's spending problems.
<a href="#">10:31:01 AM</a>	RON FULLNICK, KENAI	[inaudible].
<a href="#">10:31:30 AM</a>		
	BILL ARPINO, BURNT PAW CABINS, OUTBACK, TOURISM, TOK	Voiced support for continued & greater funding for the Job Centers in the smaller areas of the State.

<a href="#">10:34:37 AM</a>	SUZETTE TIXIER, TOK	Indicated her support for jobs in Alaska and the importance of the Job Center located in Tok.
<a href="#">10:36:12 AM</a>	ALAN LEMASTER, GAKONA	Testified in support of greater funding of tourism marketing in the State.
<a href="#">10:39:53 AM</a>	ARTHUR WALTERS, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL, SEWARD	Spoke in support of the Infant Learning Program situated in the Mental Health Program. He requested greater support for interpreters for the deaf and further funding of all mental health programs.
<a href="#">10:42:27 AM</a>	JERRY DIXON, EDUCATOR, SEWARD	Noted his support for substantial funding for education. He worried about cuts to the honors and special education classes.
	Representative Gara	Inquired about the numbers of losses to math and music programs. Mr. Dixon replied when his child was in that school, math and drama programs were axed & they hired a special tutor.
<a href="#">10:45:49 AM</a>	GENE BRADLEY, SEWARD	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants.
<a href="#">10:46:39 AM</a>	PATTY LINVILLE, SEWARD	Spoke in support of funding for mental health programs and funding for K-12 education programs. She worried about the act of putting finances into building bigger prisons rather than funding education at a higher level.
<a href="#">10:49:03 AM</a>	WILLARD DUNHAM, CITY COUNCIL, SEWARD	Voiced support for full funding for Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) and Teachers Retirement System (TRS) debt. He added support for the gas line. Mr. Dunahm urged greater funding for University of Alaska.
<a href="#">10:51:19 AM</a>	STAN STEPHENS, VALDEZ TOURISM, VALDEZ	Voiced support for an increase in funding of the tourism industry. He urged support for HB 67(?).
<a href="#">10:52:45 AM</a>	DEREK DODD, VALDEZ	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education program and support for full funding of the PERS and TRS.
<a href="#">10:54:36 AM</a>	COLLEEN STEPHENS, VALDEZ TOURISM,	Testified in support for continued support for tourism throughout the State.

	VALDEZ	
<a href="#">10:55:59 AM</a>	LYDIA ROUNTREE, VALDEZ	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs; she pointed out how education is being drained by the responsibility to fund TRS.
<a href="#">10:58:04 AM</a>	JOHN DEVENS, VALDEZ CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, RCAC, VALDEZ	Testified in support for continued support for tourism throughout the State.
<a href="#">11:00:38 AM</a>	JESSIE MCKAY, STUDENT, VALDEZ	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
<a href="#">11:01:38 AM</a>	CHERIE MCKAY, PARENT, VALDEZ	Echoed support for greater funding for the Valdez School District.
<a href="#">11:04:47 AM</a>	KEVIN GADSEY, ORCA/SAIL, KETCHIKAN	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants and all programs that help those with disabilities.
<a href="#">11:07:52 AM</a>	GREGORY VICKREY, KETCHIKAN	Echoed comments made by Mr. Gadsey. He added support for all the job centers in the State & urged continued & greater support for Foster Family Care statewide.
<a href="#">11:11:17 AM</a>	ED ZASTROW, PIONEER HOME ADVISORY BOARD, KETCHIKAN	Noted strong support for continued funding of the Pioneer Homes around the State of Alaska. He urged that all nurse positions be filled. He pointed out that the wait lists for the Pioneer Homes continue to grow. The Ketchikan home now has an occupancy rate of 87%.
<a href="#">11:14:07 AM</a>	JOE WILLIAMS, MAYOR, SAXMAN	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for \$48 million in municipal assistance grants. Mayor Williams voiced support for full funding for PERS and TRS. He mentioned HB 5.
<a href="#">11:18:03 AM</a>	MIKE SALLEE, KETCHIKAN	Urged continued funding support for disabled and disadvantaged elders and children. He worried about eliminating the Ocean Ranger program for the cruise ship industry.
<a href="#">11:19:49 AM</a>	BETTY WALTERS, SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS, KODIAK ISLAND	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. Ms. Walters added support for full funding of PERS and TRS.

	SCHOOL DISTRICT, KODIAK	
<a href="#">11:22:18 AM</a>	JEROME SELBY, KODIAK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, KODIAK	Testified in support community educational support. He noted that many communities are in difficult situations with water and power systems failing. He supports finding a long term solution.
<a href="#">11:25:07 AM</a>	LINDA FREED, CITY OF KODIAK, KODIAK	Voiced support for full funding for PERS and TRS, noting the need for a permanent solution. Ms. Freed voiced support for capital matching and action grants & testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing.
<a href="#">11:27:02 AM</a>	BETTY ODELL, KODIAK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT, KODIAK	Voiced support for full funding for PERS and TRS. She also spoke in support of vocational and special education funding & funding for K-12 educational programs.
<a href="#">11:29:33 AM</a>	BARBARA BOLSON, KODIAK COLLEGE, KODIAK	Spoke in support of full funding for K-12 educational programs. She added support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University & full funding for PERS and TRS.
<a href="#">11:30:55 AM</a>	MELANIE NELSON, PROVIDENCE KODIAK ISLAND COUNSELING CENTER, KODIAK	Indicated her support of funding for mental health programs.
<a href="#">11:32:30 AM</a>	PAT BRANSON, SENIOR CENTER OF KODIAK, KODIAK	Testified in support of funding for Senior Community Grants & for Adult Daycare programs and other senior grant programs.
<a href="#">11:35:01 AM</a>	MURPH O'BRIEN, MATSU BOROUGH, MATSU	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for \$48 million in municipal assistance grants.
<a href="#">11:37:52 AM</a>	LUCY HOPE, MATSU BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, MATSU	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs & for full funding for PERS and TRS outside of the formula foundation. Ms. Hope added support for greater special education funding.
<a href="#">11:39:02 AM</a>	SANDRA GARLEY,	Testified in support of the Governor's

	CITY OF WASILLA	proposal for revenue sharing.
<a href="#">11:41:15 AM</a>	JAMES GARHART, SELF, MATSU	Noted frustration in only being given 2 minutes to speak to the 75 page budget.
<a href="#">11:43:34 AM</a>	CHERYL TURNER, MATSU BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, MATSU	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She added support for continued and greater funding for the Head Start program, which currently has a huge wait list. Representative Gara asked the numbers of the Head Start wait list. Ms. Turner offered to provide those numbers.
<a href="#">11:46:37 AM</a>	KATIE HURLEY, SELF, MATSU	Voiced support for the community service matching grant program.
<a href="#">11:47:50 AM</a>	MARK LACKEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIRECT LEARNING & HEAD START, MATSU	Echoed further support for greater funding for the Head Start Program, which makes sure that children are prepared for entering the school systems. He addressed prevention & intervention in relationship to the expansion of the prison system and flat funding for education.
<a href="#">11:52:08 AM</a>	GARY STROD, PUBLIC RADIO, KENAI	Urged continued funding for statewide public radio & requested that public radio statewide be fully funded.
		<b>SITKA, WRANGELL, PETERSBURG, HOMER, DILLINGHAM, CORDOVA</b>
<a href="#">11:54:30 AM</a>	DR. DOUG STARK, SR. MEMBER, HOMER CITY MANAGER, BOARD MEMBER, OF THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, HOMER	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for \$48 million in municipal assistance grants.
<a href="#">11:56:29 AM</a>	GERALD SCHOLAND, KIEANA B&B, SELF, HOMER	Encouraged greater funding for tourism.
<a href="#">12:00:33 PM</a>	KELLY GREEN, SELF, HOMER	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants.
<a href="#">12:01:39 PM</a>	LIZ DOWNING, KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She worried about the downward spiral education is experiencing in Alaska. She urged that

	DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, PARENT, HOMER	the TRS be funded outside the formula.
<a href="#">12:04:08 PM</a>	ANDY FIDINO, SELF, HOMER	Voiced support for Independent Living Center.
<a href="#">12:06:20 PM</a>	BRAD FAULKNER, SELF, HOMER	Testified in support of continued funding for charter school grants.
<a href="#">12:07:52 PM</a>	MOLLY BOWEN, SELF, HOMER	Testified as a charter school student in support of continued funding for charter school grants.
<a href="#">12:08:44 PM</a>	JANET BOWEN, SELF, HOMER	Testified as a charter school parent in support of continued funding for charter school grants.
<a href="#">12:10:15 PM</a>	JIM SCHWARTZ, PETERSBURG SCHOOL BOARD, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of full funding for K-12 education programs.
<a href="#">12:12:52 PM</a>	TERRY VANETTINGER, ALASKA CENTER FOR THE BLIND	Voiced concern for services for the blind. She requested funding for a grant for the center as part of the Vocational Rehabilitation budget.
<a href="#">12:15:39 PM</a>	TIM JOYCE, MAYOR, CORDOVA	Testified in support of full funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System & revenue sharing.
<a href="#">12:17:19 PM</a>	PETE HOEPFNER, CORDOVA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, CORDOVA	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
<a href="#">12:20:00 PM</a>	KRIS JOHNSTON, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION, CORDOVA	Requested continued support for full funding for research and diagnosis for autism, as well as early intervention programs.
<a href="#">12:21:34 PM</a>	BOB GEORGE, SITKA COUNSELING & PREVENTION SERVICES, SITKA	Supported funding for social services, especially behavioral health programs.
<a href="#">12:23:44 PM</a>	JEFF JOHNSTON, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, SITKA	Requested support for the University system, especially for vocational training programs.
<a href="#">12:25:48 PM</a>	PAT ALEXANDER,	Testified in support of continued

	SELF, SITKA	funding for human services programs, for revenue spending, and for children's services. She also requested full funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System.
<a href="#">12:27:40 PM</a>	TOM CONLEY, SITKA SCHOOL BOARD, SITKA	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
<a href="#">12:32:37 PM</a>	ROBERT PRUNELLA, MANAGER, CITY OF WRANGELL, WRANGELL	Voiced support for full funding for PERS and TRS and revenue sharing.
<a href="#">12:33:19 PM</a>	JEFF JABUSCH, FINANCE DIRECTOR, CITY OF WRANGELL, WRANGELL	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. He worried about the school districts carrying the weight of the TRS funding. He pointed out that Wrangell is supporting their schools at the maximum through the high mil rate.
<a href="#">12:36:43 PM</a>	ALICE ROONEY, SOCIAL WORKER, ALASKA ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES, WRANGELL	Voiced support for greater funding for Senior Services and in-house grant funds. She urged that all existing programs receive current level of funding.
<a href="#">12:38:34 PM</a>	BETTY KEEGAN, ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING, WRANGELL	Voiced support for the Keep the Seniors at Home initiative. She echoed sentiments of Ms. Rooney.
<a href="#">12:41:40 PM</a>	MARLENE CLARKE, MEMBER OF THE ASSISTANCE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE UNIVERSITY BUDGET, WRANGELL	Spoke in support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University. She urged reconsideration of the PERS/TRS system funding & supported education funding before addressing other state issues.
<a href="#">12:43:49 PM</a>	VALERY MCCANDLESS, MAYOR, CITY OF WRANGELL	Voiced support for education, retirement security, transportation and municipal revenue sharing.
<a href="#">12:45:15 PM</a>	KATHLEEN	Voiced support for community services.

	ANGERMAN, ALASKA ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES, WRANGELL	
<a href="#">12:46:59 PM</a>	ARNOLD WATLAND, SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS, DILLINGHAM	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
<a href="#">12:48:18 PM</a>	GINA POPE, BRISTOL BAY COUNCIL (BBC), DILLINGHAM	Spoke in support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University.
<a href="#">12:49:58 PM</a>	KEVIN MURPHY, DIRECTOR, BRISTOL BAY CORPORATION, DILLINGHAM	Voiced support for behavioral health funding & human service grants.
<a href="#">12:51:32 PM</a>	CHRIS KLABUNDE, CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF DILLINGHAM, DILLINGHAM	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. He addressed the aging group in Dillingham and their needs.
<a href="#">12:53:05 PM</a>	BOB MOORE, ADVISORY BOARD IN KACHEMAK BAY, HOMER	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
<a href="#">12:55:05 PM</a>	CINDY PELAIA, KACHEMAK BAY CAMPUS, HOMER	Echoed sentiments of Mr. Moore & voiced support of funding for K-12 educational programs.
<a href="#">12:55:57 PM</a>	ANNA KALUGIN, KACHEMAK BAY CAMPUS, HOMER	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
<a href="#">12:56:36 PM</a>	KARIN MILES- BRACHE, STUDENT, KACHEMAK BAY CAMPUS, HOMER	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 educational programs.
<a href="#">12:57:19 PM</a>	KLAUDEE MARUSHEV, STUDENT, KACHEMAK BAY CAMPUS, HOMER	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
<a href="#">12:57:57 PM</a>	JOANNA TORNES, INDEPENDENT	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants.

	LIVING CENTER, HOMER	
<a href="#">12:58:20 PM</a>	BRUCE ANDERSON, INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER, HOMER	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants.
<a href="#">12:59:31 PM</a>	CYNTHIA MORELLI, CHARTER SCHOOL PARENT, HOMER	Testified in support of continued funding for charter school grants.
<a href="#">1:01:34 PM</a>		AT EASE
<a href="#">2:11:18 PM</a>		RECONVENE
		<b>BETHEL, KOTZEBUE, BARROW, NOME, DELTA JUNCTION, OFFNETS</b>
<a href="#">2:11:53 PM</a>	DR. NORMAN ECK, NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, KOTZEBUE	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs in the Northwest Arctic Borough.
<a href="#">2:15:02 PM</a>	MATTHEW KURTZ, CHUKCHI CAMPUS, KOTZEBUE	Spoke in support of funding for Chukchi Campus, a distance education program. He highlighted program offerings from Chukchi Campus.
<a href="#">2:20:15 PM</a>	MICKEY JORGENSEN, KOTZEBUE TECHNICAL CENTER, KOTZEBUE	Spoke as a student of the Kotzebue Technical Center in favor of funding for the center as well as for Chukchi Campus.
<a href="#">2:23:29 PM</a>	LINCOLN SAITO, CHUKCHI CAMPUS, KOTZEBUE	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University, which allows for rural outreach in the Kotzebue area.
<a href="#">2:25:49 PM</a>	Representative Joule	Asked how many students attend the Chukchi Campus. Mr. Saito said about 300.
<a href="#">2:26:26 PM</a>	CHERYL EDENSHAW, KOTZEBUE TECHNICAL CENTER, KOTZEBUE	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University, especially for the Kotzebue Technical Center. She related the detriments, which would result from funding cuts.
<a href="#">2:30:14 PM</a>	DARA WHELAN,	Related information about the nursing

	UAA/MANIILAQ	program offered at the Training Center in Maniilaq. She testified in support of the Governor's increments for the University system, requesting an increase in funding.
<a href="#">2:32:47 PM</a>	SIIKAURAQ MARTHA WHITING, NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH, KOTZEBUE	Shared priorities of her region. She testified in support of continued funding for the Technical Center. She addressed power cost equalization (PCE) and revenue sharing. She requested funding for various community projects.
<a href="#">2:36:47 PM</a>	DENALI WHITING, KOTZEBUE MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL, KOTZEBUE	Spoke as a student of the high school in support of funding for K-12 education programs.
<a href="#">2:37:48 PM</a>	CHERYL JONG, NORTHWEST ARTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, KOTZEBUE	Related her school district's partnerships which require continued funding.
<a href="#">2:39:21 PM</a>	KAY ANDREWS, SELF, ALEKNAGIK	Spoke as a parent in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She also testified in support of funding for municipal revenue sharing.
<a href="#">2:44:42 PM</a>	BERNA ANDREWS, MAYOR, ALEKNAGIK	Spoke in support of funding for municipal revenue sharing.
<a href="#">2:45:38 PM</a>	JEANNE GERHARDT- CYRUS, KIANA	Encouraged full funding for children's services such as Bring the Kids Home, Chukchi Services, Workforce Development and the Boys and Girls Clubs.
<a href="#">2:48:55 PM</a>	MAYOR PARKER, MCGRATH	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing.
<a href="#">2:50:17 PM</a>	RUTH JOHNSON- BUTTS, SELF, NOME	Testified in support of funding for elder services and independent living grants. She shared personal experiences with independent living centers.
<a href="#">2:53:43 PM</a>	KURT REYMERTSON, CITY MANAGER, SELDOVIA	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. He related the consequences of revenue sharing cutbacks & voiced support for

		full funding for PERS and TRS.
<a href="#">2:56:28 PM</a>	WALTER MCKINNON, CITY COUNCIL, SELDOVIA	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing.
<a href="#">2:57:56 PM</a>	ALAN SOURM, SELF, SKAGWAY	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. He spoke of higher expenses experienced in Skagway.
<a href="#">2:58:56 PM</a>	ADELINE HOPSON, AML MEMBER, BARROW	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. She related the history of Barrow's second class city status. She spoke of cutbacks due to loss of funding.
<a href="#">3:06:24 PM</a>	DEBORAH GERMAN, SELF, BARROW	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. She requested that communities throughout the State examine their tax structures. She also testified in support of funding for K-12 education.
<a href="#">3:09:34 PM</a>	LLOYD LEAVITT, MAYOR, BARROW	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing.
<a href="#">3:11:01 PM</a>	DAVE TRANTHAM, AML BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BETHEL	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. He spoke of concerns in Bethel.
<a href="#">3:15:02 PM</a>	LINDA WESTON, TWC, BETHEL	Spoke in support of funding for women's shelters and increases to the Department of Public Safety budget. She related positive work done by the shelters.
<a href="#">3:17:33 PM</a>	CARRIE AYAGALRIA, TWC, BETHEL	Spoke in favor of funding for children's support services. She requested an increase in funding for domestic violence services and for women's shelters.
<a href="#">3:20:14 PM</a>	R. THOR WILLAIMS, SELF, BETHEL	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. He spoke in support of funding for mental health programs and for substance abuse.
<a href="#">3:22:08 PM</a>	DAN LEINBERGER, SELF, BETHEL	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing, noting that the "band-aid" approach is not working. He urged full funding for Power Cost Equalization.

<a href="#">3:25:16 PM</a>	HELLEN SIMMONS, SELF, BARROW	Spoke in support of funding for mental health programs and other public health services.
<a href="#">3:27:36 PM</a>	REYNE ATHANAS, SELF, BETHEL	Testified in support of funding public broadcasting. She spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs, as well as for University funding.
<a href="#">3:28:57 PM</a>	JODY MALUS, SELF, BETHEL	Spoke of increasing funding for revenue sharing and for public radio.
<a href="#">3:30:42 PM</a>	MARY C. PETE, SELF, BETHEL	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. She also spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University, especially rural campuses.
<a href="#">3:33:19 PM</a>	YVONNE HARRIN, SELF, KOTZEBUE	Spoke in favor of funding services for the deaf.
<a href="#">3:36:27 PM</a>	DAVE TALERICO, MAYOR, DENALI BOROUGH	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. He suggested not linking PERS/TRS and revenue sharing.
<a href="#">3:37:50 PM</a>	TOM QUICK, SELF, OUZINKIE	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. He shared attempts at making budget cuts while keeping services. He mentioned the dire straits now existing in most rural communities.
<a href="#">3:43:25 PM</a>	JOHN CARLUCCIO, SELF, SELDOVIA	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing.
<a href="#">3:45:12 PM</a>	CHARLOTTE KAVA, MAYOR, SAVONGA	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing.
<a href="#">3:46:34 PM</a>	WILLIAM TRADER, SELF, EMMONAK	Testified in support of continued funding for the Longevity Bonus Program. He related personal expenses of living in Emmonak as an 84-year-old, and his need for subsistence foods to survive.
<a href="#">3:50:11 PM</a>	MARTIN B. MOORE, CITY MANAGER, EMMONAK	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. He related concerns of his community.
<a href="#">3:54:33 PM</a>	MARK CARPENTER, SELF, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of funding for persons with disabilities.

<a href="#">3:55:12 PM</a>	AMY TITUS, SELF, WHITE MOUNTAIN	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing.
<a href="#">3:56:53 PM</a>	JIMMY HURLEY, SELF, EKWOK	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing.
		<b>FAIRBANKS</b>
<a href="#">3:58:47 PM</a>	JODI IRVINE, AGENET/FRA, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in favor of the Keep the Elders Home Initiative.
<a href="#">4:00:36 PM</a>	LINDA LANIGAN, SELF, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of funding for Senior Community Grants.
<a href="#">4:01:43 PM</a>	TIM BECK, ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (AML), FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for \$48 million in municipal assistance.
<a href="#">4:02:46 PM</a>	RONALD C. METZNER, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants.
<a href="#">4:04:54 PM</a>	KELLY BROWN, ALASKA STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">4:06:26 PM</a>	TAMMIE WILSON, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing & indicated support for full funding for PERS and TRS. Ms. Wilson added her request for continued funding for the Longevity Bonus Program.
<a href="#">4:07:32 PM</a>	LUKE HOPKINS, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to the Office of Faith Based Initiative. Mr. Hopkins noted support for full funding for PERS and TRS and testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing.
<a href="#">4:10:05 PM</a>	DAVID JACOBSON, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of Independent Living Grants and asked the Committee to make the Governor's increment permanent. He observed the need for interpretive services. He spoke in support of an increase in the reimbursement rate of 12 percent for personal care services.

<a href="#">4:12:36 PM</a>	SHIRISH PATIL, CHAIR, FACULTY ALLIANCE, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University.
<a href="#">4:15:10 PM</a>	CHERYL KEEPERS, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for health and social services funding and community action grants.
<a href="#">4:17:13 PM</a>	CARTER CRAWFORD, ARTIC ALLIANCE	Voiced support for health and social services funding and community action grants.
<a href="#">4:20:05 PM</a>	KATHARINE B. MARSHALL, ALASKA STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment Insurance Claim Center in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">4:20:57 PM</a>	MONIQUE MASS, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment call center in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">4:22:24 PM</a>	HETTIE HUME, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for funding for autism services.
<a href="#">4:23:44 PM</a>	ERIN ATWOOD, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for Access Alaska and other programs that support for programs for those with disabilities.
<a href="#">4:26:10 PM</a>	ALEX HENNING, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for Access Alaska and other programs that support those with disabilities.
<a href="#">4:27:02 PM</a>	ELYSE GUTTENBERG, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for community service control, which picks up inebriates & testified in support of funding for alcohol treatment programs.
<a href="#">4:29:52 PM</a>	TORIE FOOTE, ASSEMBLY, FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for health and social services funding and community action grants & added support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University.
<a href="#">4:31:37 PM</a>	TABER REHBAUM, ARCTIC	Voiced support for human services community matching grant.

	ALLIANCE FOR PEOPLE, FAIRBANKS	Representative Kelly asked for information regarding distribution of the grant.
<a href="#">4:32:46 PM</a>	JEANETTE GRASTO, NAMI ALASKA, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of funding for mental health programs & testified in support of funding for alcohol treatment programs.
<a href="#">4:35:16 PM</a>	KATHY THORSTAD, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIM CENTER, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment Insurance Claim Center to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">4:37:37 PM</a>	LOU GROSS, DIRECTOR, NORTH STAR COUNCIL ON AGING, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of funding for Human Services Community Matching Grants, which support services for seniors. He voiced support for the Keep Seniors at Home initiative.
<a href="#">4:41:06 PM</a>	BRENDA HEWITT, PUBLIC BROADCASTING, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for public broadcasting funding, pointing out they had received stable funding in FY08, but noted the 60% cuts since 1992.
<a href="#">4:42:50 PM</a>	TODD HUME, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for programs to assist autism.
<a href="#">4:44:06 PM</a>	ARMOND DUBE, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment Insurance Claim Center in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">4:45:27 PM</a>	ANDY HARRINGTON, ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES, FAIRBANKS	Thanked the subcommittee for the restoration of the State's share of the Human Services Matching grants.
<a href="#">4:47:22 PM</a>	VALERIE THERRIEN, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for full funding for PERS and TR & testified in support of the Governor's proposal for revenue sharing. She added support of funding for alcohol treatment programs.
<a href="#">4:49:07 PM</a>	MICHAEL LAMB, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, NORTH STAR FAIRBANKS BOROUGH, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for full funding for PERS and TRS. He spoke to the 22% rate used by the Alaska Retirement Management (ARM) Board and emphasized that PERS and TRS need to be kept as a separate issue.

<a href="#">4:53:54 PM</a>	JENNIFER YUHAS, FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH, FAIRBANKS	Testified in support of greater funding for education.
<a href="#">4:54:43 PM</a>	ARLENE BENDER, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment Insurance Claim Center in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">4:55:08 PM</a>	CHERYL WALSH, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment Insurance Claim Center in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. She noted the high unemployment rate in Fairbanks.
<a href="#">4:57:22 PM</a>	KELLY MCGUIRE, INTERIOR ALASKA CENTER FOR NON- VIOLENT LIVING, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for funding to support Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and other shelters.
<a href="#">4:59:41 PM</a>	CAROL CARLSON, INTERIOR ALASKA CENTER FOR NON- VIOLENT LIVING, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for funding to support Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and other shelters that support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She noted that the field is under paid.
<a href="#">5:02:00 PM</a>	BRENDA STANFILL, DIRECTOR, INTERIOR ALASKA CENTER FOR NON- VIOLENT LIVING, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for funding to support Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and other shelters that support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. She noted the difficulty in maintaining staff.
<a href="#">5:03:51 PM</a>	JOE HAYES, UNIVERSITY OF FAIRBANKS, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for funding to support Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and other shelters that support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Mr. Hayes noted support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University.
<a href="#">5:05:43 PM</a>	MARTA MUELLER,	Spoke in support of the Board of

	UNIVERSITY OF FAIRBANKS, FAIRBANKS	Regents proposed budget for the University.
<a href="#">5:07:19 PM</a>	RICK CAULFIELD, UNIVERSITY OF FAIRBANKS, TANANA VALLEY CAMPUS, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University.
<a href="#">5:09:48 PM</a>	JACK WITTER, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for programs that support those with autism.
<a href="#">5:12:27 PM</a>	ROBERT HANSON, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment Insurance Claim Center in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">5:15:09 PM</a>	PATRICIA HANSON, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment Insurance Claim Center in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">5:17:35 PM</a>	PAT MOSS, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment Insurance Claim Center in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">5:19:04 PM</a>	BEV DUBE, FAIRBANKS	Testified in opposition to reductions in the Unemployment Insurance Claim Center in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.
<a href="#">5:19:35 PM</a>	CYNTHIA HENRY, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of the Governor's increments for the University.
<a href="#">5:24:10 PM</a>	SVEN GILKEY, PRESIDENT, STUDENT BODY, UNIVERSITY OF FAIRBANKS, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University
<a href="#">5:26:50 PM</a>	PATRICK FRYMARK, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University
5:28	JENNIFER PHILLIPS, FAIRBANKS	Spoke in support of the Board of Regents proposed budget for the University
<a href="#">5:29:09 PM</a>	HAL HUME, FAIRBANKS	Voiced support for programs that support those with autism.
<a href="#">5:31:54 PM</a>	ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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