

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 4, 2009
1:34 p.m.

1:34:20 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Hawker called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Mike Hawker, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Thomas, Jr., Vice-Chair
Representative Allan Austerman
Representative Mike Kelly
Representative Richard Foster

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Les Gara
Representative Reggie Joule
Representative Harry Crawford
Representative Anna Fairclough
Representative Woodie Salmon

ALSO PRESENT

Representative Sharon Cissna

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Judy Cordal, AWAKE Women's Crisis Center, Anchorage; Liz Posey, Vice-Chair, Health and Human Services Commission, Anchorage; Diane Ingle, STAR/DHHS, Anchorage; Nancy Haag, Executive Director, STAR, Anchorage; John R. Luhff, District Court Judge, Anchorage; Anna Sappah, Executive Director, Substance Abuse Directors, Assn., Anchorage; Rosalie Nadeau, Executive Director, Akeela Treatment Program, Anchorage; Melinda Myers, Senior Manager, Best Beginnings: Alaska Early Childhood Investment, Anchorage; Tim Schuerch, Policy Analyst, Alaska Native Health Board, Anchorage; Al Koch, All Alaska Tours, Eagle River; Rob Marx, Salvation Army Clitheroe Center, Anchorage; Janet McCabe, Partners for Progress, Anchorage; Ron Peck, President ATIA, Anchorage; Lorie Morris, Alaska Baptist Family Services, Anchorage; Joan Cullinan, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Andrea Schmook, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Gene M. Kowchee, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Joseph Gervais, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Theresa Richard, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services,

Anchorage; Cathy Musser, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Pam Briers, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Della Forselles, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Kandi S. Hayes, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Aaron Murphy, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Dennis Hermann, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Alvin Griffin, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Gary Jaeger, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Anchorage; Maryellen Fritz, Head Start Child Care, Anchorage; Candice Winkler, Children's Research & Referral Network, Anchorage; Bree Davin, Clinical Director, Salvation Army Clitheroe Center, Anchorage;

Sitka, Wrangell, Petersburg, Homer, Dillingham, Cordova

Libby Watanabe, SEARHC, Sitka; Chris Bauman, SAFV, Sitka; Krissy Smith, Wrangell; Angela Denton-Allen, Wrangell; Cornelia Huebscher, National Alliance for the Mentally, Sitka; Melanie Mattson, Cordova Family Resource Center, Cordova; Julia Person, Haven House, Homer; Donna Beran, Haven House, Homer; Nina Allen, CEO, South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services, Homer; Jennifer Ray, Petersburg; Michael Biggers, Petersburg; John Yarbrough, Petersburg; Andrew Bergen, Petersburg; Kin Kilkenny, PSG Mental Health Services, Petersburg; Ginger Baim, Executive Director, SAFE, Dillingham; Nathan Madsen, SAFE, Dillingham; Samara Baker, Outreach and Education Coordinator, SAFE, Dillingham; Terry Hoefflerle, Dillingham; Wassiliisia Bennis, SAFE, Dillingham; Kathy McLinn, DCSD, Dillingham; Susan Mitchell, Board Member, SAFE, Dillingham; Deanna Hardin, BBAHC & CAC & SAFE, Dillingham; Joan Behrends, Cordova Volunteer Fire Department, Cordova; Patti Kallander, Cordova Family Resource Center, Cordova; Kenai, Valdez, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Seward, Matsu, Glennallen, Tok; Rebecca Shields, Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Shelter, Kodiak; Monte Hawver, Brother Francis Shelter, Kodiak; Karla Bouray, Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Shelter, Kodiak; Pat Branson, Senior Citizens of Kodiak; Janet Buckingham, Kodiak Island Convention & Visitors Center; Pam Foreman, ATIA, Kodiak; Cindy Harrison, KANA, Kodiak; Robert Polley, Attorney, Kodiak; Aaron Martin, Nugen's Ranch, Mat-Su; Shelly Edwards, Nugen's Ranch, Mat-Su; Jeremy Pike, AARS, Mat-Su; Kris Abshire, Alaskans for Palmer Hay Flats, Mat-Su; James Garhart, Mat-Su; Melony Adams, Mat-Su; Annsia Shannece Motton, Women in Safe Homes, Ketchikan; Shalaya Knight, Women in Safe Homes, Ketchikan; Carrie Beeman, Imagination Library, Tok; Kimberly Roth, Imagination Library & Public Libraries, Tok; Cheri Smith, Lee Shore Center, Kenai; Jerry Dixon, Peregrine Expeditions, Seward; Jerry Dixon, Seward.

GENERAL SUBJECT(S):

#hb81
#hb83

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

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

Public Testimony

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

"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

The following overview was taken in log note format. Handouts will be on file with the House Finance Committee through the 26th Legislative Session, contact 465-6814. After the 26th Legislative Session they will be available through the Legislative Library at 465-3808.

[1:35:00 PM](#)

TIME	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION
		ANCHORAGE
1:36:13 PM	JUDY CORDAL, AWAKE WOMEN'S CRISIS CENTER, ANCHORAGE	Shared statistics about the Center, highlighting the need for funding the increase of \$1.2 million. She spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
	CO-CHAIR HAWKER	Spoke of alternative funding sources.
	CO-CHAIR STOLTZE	Inquired about capital needs.
	MS. CORDAL	Stated the goal to maintain status quo.
1:41:01 PM	VICE-CHAIR THOMAS	Questioned the causes of domestic violence.
	MS. CORDAL	Detailed various causes of domestic violence.
1:42:26 PM	LIZ POSEY, VICE-CHAIR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of funding for obesity programs. She shared Alaskan statistics regarding obesity problems and expenses. She discussed programs currently in place in Anchorage.

1:46:30 PM	DIANE INGLE, STAR/DHHS, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She related successes of the programs she is involved with.
1:48:50 PM	NANCY HAAG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STAR, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
1:50:41 PM	JOHN R. LUHFF, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. He shared experiences related to substance abuse issues he witnessed as a judge. He emphasized the positive results of fully funding the grants.
1:53:21 PM	ANNA SAPPAH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIRECTORS, ASSN., ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. She spoke of future expenses as a result of not fully funding treatment programs. She shared her personal story. She also urged support for behavioral health services grants.
1:56:31 PM	ROSALIE NADEAU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AKEELA TREATMENT PROGRAM, ANCHORAGE	Spoke of the consequences of not funding interventions. She advocated for funding for substance abuse grants and treatment programs. She shared statistics of successful treatment programs.
1:59:52 PM	MELINDA MYERS, SENIOR MANAGER, BEST BEGINNINGS: ALASKA EARLY CHILDHOOD INVESTMENT, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in favor of increases in funding for Head Start, Denali Kid Care, Intervention Activities, Best Beginnings, and other child advocacy centers. She requested increases in funding for Best Beginnings and detailed the positive outcomes generated by such funding.
2:03:34 PM	TIM SCHUERCH, POLICY ANALYST, ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH BOARD, ANCHORAGE	Voiced appreciation for increased VPSO funding. He urged support for behavioral health services grants. He requested funding for an Alaska Health Information Exchange and spoke of the advantages of such a program. He thanked the Committee for fully funding PCE. He urged continued support for energy programs. He requested investing Medicaid savings in Tribal Health programs such as Bring the Kids Home and others.

2:08:49 PM	AL KOCH, ALL ALASKA TOURS, EAGLE RIVER	Asked for continued support for destination marketing. He spoke of the benefits of funding this industry model.
2:10:54 PM	ROB MARX, SALVATION ARMY CLITHEROE CENTER, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. He spoke of efforts to maximize every dollar spent. He spoke of his clients' needs and ways to save money in the future by providing treatment programs.
2:13:32 PM	JANET MCCABE, PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS, ANCHORAGE	Spoke in support of funding for Alaska Therapeutic Courts, ASAP. She described how money could be saved by supporting this program.
2:15:02 PM	RON PECK, PRESIDENT ATIA, ANCHORAGE	Urged support of tourism programs at the \$9 million level. He spoke of the requirements of HB 147 (tourism legislation passed in 2008).
2:16:44 PM	LORIE MORRIS, ALASKA BAPTIST FAMILY SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Expressed support for continued funding for child advocacy centers. She urged support for behavioral health services grants. She urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor.
2:18:53 PM	JOAN CULLINAN, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services.
2:20:26 PM	ANDREA SCHMOOK, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. She shared her personal story. She related how services could be maintained with adequate funding.
2:23:11 PM	GENE M. KOWCHEE, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. He shared his personal story.
2:24:19 PM	JOSEPH GERVAIS, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding of \$1.7 million for mental health services and \$1.7 million for substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. He shared his personal story.

2:26:55 PM	THERESA RICHARD, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. She shared her personal story.
2:28:59 PM	CATHY MUSSER, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. She shared her personal story.
2:31:10 PM	PAM BRIERS, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. She shared her personal story.
2:33:09 PM	DELLA FORSELLES, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. She shared her personal story.
2:34:06 PM	KANDI S. HAYES, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. She shared her personal story.
2:36:12 PM	AARON MURPHY, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. He shared his personal story.
2:37:17 PM	DENNIS HERMANN, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. He shared his personal story. He voiced appreciation for what mental health funding has done for people.
2:38:59 PM	ALVIN GRIFFIN, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. He shared his personal story.
2:40:52 PM	GARY JAEGER,	Urged full funding for mental health

	ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ANCHORAGE	services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor. He shared his personal story.
2:42:39 PM	CO-CHAIR HAWKER	Thanked all of the speakers from the Anchorage Community Mental Health Services program.
2:43:16 PM	MARYELLEN FRITZ, HEAD START CHILD CARE, ANCHORAGE	Expressed support for continued funding for child advocacy centers. She spoke as a grandparent of a positive experience with the Head Start Program.
2:45:47 PM	CANDICE WINKLER, CHILDREN'S RESEARCH & REFERRAL NETWORK, ANCHORAGE	Expressed support for continued funding for child advocacy centers. She shared stories of parents' experiences with child care assistance. She spoke in favor of supporting child care assistance and coordination of programs. She suggested investing in a quality rate of assistance program.
2:49:40 PM	BREE DAVIN, CLINICAL DIRECTOR, SALVATION ARMY CLITHEROE CENTER, ANCHORAGE	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as submitted by the Governor.
2:52:10 PM	AT-EASE.	
3:34:47 PM	RECONVENED	
3:34:58 PM		SITKA
3:35:41 PM	LIBBY WATANABE, SEARHC, SITKA	Urged full funding for HB81. This would benefit diabetes education and aide in public health and wellness. Her request emphasizes nutrition education programs. She urged the creation of a nutrition degree program in the state. Spoke in support of the Regent's request for full funding for the University of Alaska specifically nutrition programs.
3:39:26 PM	CHRIS BAUMAN, SAFV, SITKA	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She requested additional resources for victims of domestic violence.
3:41:20 PM		WRANGELL
3:41:31 PM	KRISSY SMITH, WRANGELL	Requested increasing childcare reimbursement rates. She urged support for the voluntary pre-kindergarten programs.

3:44:09 PM	ANGELA DENTON-ALLEN, WRANGELL	Urged additional funding for co-pay support for childcare. She requested a re-adjustment in Denali Kid Care qualification standards.
3:45:39 PM	CORNELIA HUEBSCHER, NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY SITKA	Urged support for behavioral health services grants. She specifically pointed out the needs of veteran and active military Alaskans and their families.
3:48:47 PM		CORDOVA
3:49:01 PM	MELANIE MATTSON, CORDOVA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER, CORDOVA	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She felt that the recession will increase the need for services.
3:51:20 PM		HOMER
3:51:26 PM	JULIA PERSON, HAVEN HOUSE, HOMER	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She expressed support with the use of access permanent fund felony funds to replace the general fund support for the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.
3:53:27 PM	CO-CHAIR STOLTZE	Felt that she was oversimplifying. Expressed that troopers and VPSO had to share the funding. He stated that the priority was to fund uniformed officers. He maintained that it is a work in progress.
3:54:45 PM	CO-CHAIR HAWKER	Maintained that it is a work in progress.
3:54:50 PM	DONNA BERAN, HAVEN HOUSE, HOMER	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She stressed that it would be beneficial for Alaska to take the lead in identifying the root of social ills throughout the state to try and solve problems. She pointed out that substance abuse and economic stress add to social ills.
3:57:53 PM	NINA ALLEN, CEO, SOUTH PENINSULA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	Urged support for behavioral health services grants. She maintained that she was not asking for an expansion of services simply more funding for services already in place.
3:59:47 PM		PETERSBURG
3:59:57 PM	JENNIFER RAY,	Requested that the committee support

	PETERSBURG	HB83. She spoke of the need to fund mental health programs throughout the state.
4:01:07 PM	MICHAEL BIGGERS, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of HB83. He urged the return of 1.7 million to the cause.
4:03:02 PM	JOHN YARBROUGH, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of HB83. He relayed a personal story of mental illness and elaborated on the personal benefit from services he has received from the state.
4:04:04 PM	ANDREW BERGEN, PETERSBURG	Urged support for behavioral health services grants. He relayed a personal story and his positive experience with Petersburg mental health facilities.
4:05:56 PM	KIN KILKENNY, PSG MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PETERSBURG	Urged support for behavioral health services grants. She expressed that any loss of funding would negatively effect the amount of help provided to the community
4:07:17 PM		DILLINGHAM
4:07:32 PM	GINGER BAIM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAFE, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She expressed that programs in her community have suffered cutbacks. She maintained that her program desperately needs a funding increase to maintain services.
4:10:48 PM	REPRESENTATIVE FOSTER	Thanked Ms. Baim for her service.
4:11:22 PM	NATHAN MADSEN, SAFE, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
4:12:21 PM	SAMARA BAKER, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION COORDINATOR, SAFE, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She informed that without increased funding her position will be cut.
4:13:28 PM	TERRY HOEFFERLE, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. He thought that all members of Alaskan Communities have been touched by domestic violence issues. He spoke in support of funding for youth homes and programs.
4:16:05 PM	WASSILIISIA BENNIS, SAFE, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She specifically

		mentioned the necessity for programs among Native Alaskans. She urged support of victim services programs in Bristol Bay.
4:18:58 PM	KATHY MCLINN, DCSD, PETERSBURG	Urged support for behavioral health services grants. Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She stressed that the services provided by SAFE are essential to her community.
4:21:11 PM	SUSAN MITCHELL, BOARD MEMBER, SAFE, PETERSBURG	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Urged support for behavioral health services grants. She expressed the importance of SAFE in education parents on effective non violent parenting.
4:23:43 PM	CO-CHAIR HAWKER	Wondered what the causes of domestic violence are in Ms. Mitchell's community.
4:24:30 PM	SUSAN MITCHELL	Mentioned lack of non-violent parenting education and substance abuse add to the rise of domestic violence.
4:26:13 PM	CO-CHAIR HAWKER	Asked if increased public safety efforts or more health service workers would be more beneficial to solving domestic violence problems.
4:27:11 PM	SUSAN MITCHELL	Replied that a combination of both is needed.
4:28:01 PM	DEANNA HARDIN, BBAHC & CAC & SAFE, PETERSBURG	Urged support for behavioral health services grants. Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She felt that each person helped by SAFE has gone back to provide help to their respective communities.
4:30:39 PM	CO-CHAIR HAWKER	Asked if the state could invest \$100 in law enforcement, prevention, or shelter how would she divide up the funds.
4:32:04 PM	DEANNA HARDIN	Replied that she would divide the money up equally.
4:32:31 PM		CORDOVA
4:32:50 PM	JOAN BEHREND, S, CORDOVA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, CORDOVA	Spoke in encouragement of funding for EMS programs. Spoke in support of HB83 and particularly funding for the Emergency Medical Services Grant.
4:36:35 PM	PATTI KALLANDER,	Urged full funding for mental health services and substance abuse grants as

	CORDOVA FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER, CORDOVA	submitted by the Governor. She testified in support of funding for alcohol treatment and healthy family programs.
4:39:00 PM		KODIAK
4:40:41 PM	REBECCA SHIELDS, KODIAK WOMEN'S RESOURCE AND CRISIS SHELTER, KODIAK	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She spoke in support of the governor's increment and emphasized that CDVSA services save lives and money.
4:44:06 PM	MONTE HAWVER, BROTHER FRANCIS SHELTER, KODIAK	Urged support for behavioral health services grants, where the governor's increment was reduced by 43 percent.
4:46:31 PM	KARLA BOURAY, KODIAK WOMEN'S RESOURCE & CRISIS SHELTER, KODIAK	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She listed the services that her program provides and stressed that all funding for the shelter is necessary.
4:48:58 PM	PAT BRANSON, SENIOR CITIZENS OF KODIAK, KODIAK	Spoke in support of continued funding for home and community based services pertaining to senior citizens.
4:50:36 PM	JANET BUCKINGHAM, KODIAK ISLAND CONVENTION & VISITORS CENTER, KODIAK	Spoke in support of funding for tourism marketing. She asked for a reinvestment of \$9 million in ATIA.
4:52:39 PM	PAM FOREMAN, ATIA, KODIAK	Spoke in support for funding ATIA the full \$9 million request.
4:54:01 PM	CINDY HARRISON, KANA, KODIAK	Spoke in support in all budget programs that benefit Alaska's children. Expressed support for continued funding for child advocacy centers. She expressed that she is anxious to work with other child advocacy groups throughout the state. She shared that all members of the community of Kodiak work in a coordinated effort to protect families and children.
4:57:28 PM	ROBERT POLLEY, ATTORNEY, KODIAK	Expressed support for continued funding for child advocacy centers. He expressed the need to have an advocacy center in Kodiak.
5:00:54 PM		MAT-SU
5:01:29 PM	AARON MARTIN,	Testified in support of funding for

	NUGEN'S RANCH, MAT-SU	alcohol treatment programs.
5:02:25 PM	SHELLY EDWARDS, NUGEN'S RANCH, MAT-SU	Testified in support of funding for alcohol treatment programs. She spoke of the ills of substance abuse in the state and felt that program funding would be beneficial to Alaska.
5:04:11 PM	JEREMY PIKE, AARS, MAT-SU	Testified in support of funding for alcohol treatment programs. He felt that rehabilitation programs help to reduce eventual economic strain to the state.
5:05:56 PM	KRIS ABSHIRE, ALASKANS FOR PALMER HAY FLATS, MAT-SU	Urged funding for Fish and Game. Requested that the committee read e-mails she sent to each member.
5:07:51 PM	JAMES GARHART, MAT-SU	Requested cutting funding to send legislators to the Energy Summit. He suggested reducing the expansion of government. He requested a forward funded budget.
5:11:52 PM	CO-CHAIR HAWKER	Replied that Mr. Garhart's statements have merit.
5:12:44 PM	MELONY ADAMS, MAT-SU	Spoke in support of infant learning services.
5:14:45 PM		KETCHIKAN
5:14:55 PM	ANNSIA SHANNECE MOTTON, WOMEN IN SAFE HOMES, KETCHIKAN	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
5:16:05 PM	SHALAYA KNIGHT, WOMEN IN SAFE HOMES, KETCHIKAN	Spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.
5:17:55 PM		TOK
5:18:08 PM	CARRIE BEEMAN, IMAGINATION LIBRARY, TOK	She spoke for support for the distribution of books to children ages 0-5 years.
5:19:59 PM	CO-CHAIR HAWKER	
5:20:16 PM	KIMBERLY ROTH, IMAGINATION LIBRARY & PUBLIC LIBRARIES, TOK	Spoke in support of funding for libraries. She specified on the importance of reading to children age 0-5 years.
5:23:12 PM		KENAI
5:23:23 PM	CHERI SMITH, LEE SHORE CENTER, KENAI	Urged support for behavioral health services grants. The increment was reduced by 43 percent. She spoke in support of full funding for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual

		Assault.
5:26:46 PM		SEWARD
5:26:59 PM	JERRY DIXON, PEREGRINE EXPEDITIONS, SEWARD	Spoke in support of funding for K-12 education programs. He was particularly interested in salaries for teachers to keep teachers in Alaska and specifically in rural areas.
5:31:02 PM	CO-CHAIR HAWKER	Spoke of efforts already made to keep teachers in the state.
5:31:35 PM	JERRY DIXON, SEWARD	Felt that small schools in the state are not sufficiently funded.
5:32:36 PM	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>	The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 PM.
#		