

27TH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 284 and HB 285
April 14, 2012
1:07 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoffman called the Conference Committee meeting on HB 284 and HB 285 to order at 1:07 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senate:

Senator Lyman Hoffman, Chair
Senator Bert Stedman
Senator Joe Thomas

House:

Representative Bill Thomas, Vice-Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze
Representative Les Gara

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT:

David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division; fiscal analysts with the Office of Management and Budget and Legislative Finance Division; and aides to committee members and other members of the Legislature.

SUMMARY

HB 284 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

HB 284 was HEARD and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

HB 285 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

HB 285 was HEARD and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 284(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, amending appropriations, and making reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 285(FIN)

"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."

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"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, amending appropriations, and making reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 285(FIN)

"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."

DEPARTMENTS

Department of Education and Early Development
Department of Health and Social Services
Department of Natural Resources
Language
Department of Revenue

Department of Education and Early Development

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Education and Early Development:

Items 1 and 2 - Senate; Item 3 - Senate one-time increment; Item 4 - Senate minus \$150,000; Item 5 - House; Items 6 through 8 - Senate; Item 9 - Senate minus \$150,000; Item 10 - House plus \$50,000; Items 11 through 13 - Senate; Item 14 - House; Item 15 - House plus \$75,000; Item 16 - Senate; Item 17 - Senate one-time increment; Item 18 - House; Items 19 and 20 remained open.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Department of Health and Social Services

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Health and Social Services:

Item 1 - House; Item 2 - Senate; Item 3 - Senate; Item 5 - Senate; Item 6 - House; Item 7 and 8 - Senate; Item 9 - House; Item 10 - House; Items 11 through 13 - Senate; Item 14 - Senate minus \$75,000; Item 15 - Senate plus \$110,000; Item 16 - Senate; Item 17 - Senate minus \$100,000; Item 18 through 20 - Senate; Item 21 - intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services FY 14 submission limit expenditures from the Tobacco Use and Sensation Fund to current year anticipated revenue, plus up to 15 percent of fund balance carried into FY 14.

Item 4 remained open.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Department of Natural Resources

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Natural Resources:

Item 10 - Senate minus \$44,700; Item 11 - Senate.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Department of Natural Resources.

Department of Revenue

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Revenue:

Items 5 through 9 - House.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the budget for the Department of Revenue.

Language

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Language section:

Item 5 - Senate; Item 6 - Senate; Items 10 and 11 - House; Item 12 - Senate; Item 14 - Senate; Items 3 and 7 remained open.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Mental Health Capital Budget HB 285:

Items 1 through 4 - Senate; Item 5 - House; Items 6 and 7 - Senate.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the Mental Health Capital Budget HB 285.

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Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development:

Item 1 - House.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

Department of Health and Social Services

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Health and Social Services:

Item 4 - Senate.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the Department of Health and Social Services.

Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development:

Item 9 - Senate.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to re-open Item 2 in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development budget.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to RESCIND the action on Item 2, and adopt the House version.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

University of Alaska

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to REOPEN the University of Alaska's budget to add intent language.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Language

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following intent language relating to the selection of Item 1:

Anchorage ISER Education Policy Research-

It is the intent of the Legislature that \$250,000 of this appropriation be used to evaluate Alaska's education system and make recommendations aimed at increasing student achievement. The evaluation should not focus on funding, except that it may recommend redirection of how a district is investing existing funding. The evaluation parameters should include instructional programs including comprehensive curriculum; instructional materials; effectiveness of professional development and instructional practices; evaluation of vocational and college preparedness tracks for education; district efficiency, including efficiency of district administration; instructional leadership, including instructional accountability; teacher retention and tenure; effectiveness and efficiency of remote delivery of education; efficiency and effectiveness of state professional development; barriers to success that are within school district control, particular with regard to the fourth and eighth grade reading and mathematics scores in national examinations. It should also examine the length of the school year, length of school day, and instructional time per day. The evaluation will also provide a comparison with Alaska districts practice with national practices on each of these parameters, including a comparison of Alaska standards and expectations to those of other states.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the University of Alaska's budget Language section.

Fund Transfers and Labor Agreements

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Fund Transfers and Labor Agreements:

Item 3 - Senate; Item 7 - Senate.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the Language sections.

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RECONVENED

Department of Education and Early Development

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the Department of Education and Early Development:

Item 19 - House, Item 20 - Senate, Item 21 - Committee Conference new intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of Education include the following in the following in their annual report under AS 14.07.168: Board recommendations to improve Alaska students' performance, and additional report card element that highlights the fourth and eighth grade in a NEAP scores in Alaska students' performance relative to other states and jurisdictions. Further, the legislature requests the above to be reported to them by January 31, 2013.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action closed all conferencable items in the Department of Education and Early Development.

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT the chair's recommendation on the following items for the moved to adopt the fiscal notes for HB 284 as shown on the spreadsheet labeled "FY 13 Fiscal Notes Conference Committee April 14, 2012" (copy on file). He stated that the fiscal note appropriating

\$86,811,000 to the Public Education Fund would be effective June 30, 2012 and HB 358 was a multi-year appropriation.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to ADOPT fiscal notes for HB 285 as shown in the draft section of the legislation. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED to REPLACE the fiscal note for SCR 24 with a fiscal note for \$75,000 in FY 13. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-chair Thomas MOVED that CCS HB [b1] as amended be reported out of committee with individual recommendations and the authorization be given to the Legislative Finance Division and Legislative Legal Services to make any necessary technical and/or conforming changes.

Vice-chair Thomas MOVED that CCS HB [b2] as amended be reported out of committee with individual recommendations and the authorization be given to the Legislative Finance Division and Legislative Legal Services to make any necessary technical and/or conforming changes.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.