

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**January 24, 2014**

**Fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Huggins at 10:04 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Dyson, Olson were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Hoffman was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell of the Gospel Outreach Christian Center. Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

"Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I will pray. My voice you shall hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning I will direct it to you, and I will look up."

(Psalms 5: 1-3)

Lord, I lift up the Senate body this day, and ask for your divine direction as they work together for the good of our state. I pray for their staff, as well as them, that you keep them healthy and strong as they focus on the tasks set before them.

I ask, Lord, that you would lift any burdens they are carrying from them and give them peace of mind.

Thank you, Lord, that you go before them and give them guidance.

Thank you for hearing my prayer.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Senator Coghill led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the second and third legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 8 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated January 23 was read, stating in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 of the Alaska Constitution, and AS 14.40.150, I submit the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment as set out below:

#### **University of Alaska Board of Regents**

Courtney Enright - Ketchikan

Appointed: 6/1/2013      Term Expires: 5/31/2015

The appointment was referred to the Education Committee.

The resume for this appointment has been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

The presence of Senator Hoffman was noted.

### **Communications**

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Local Boundary Commission Report to the Twenty-eighth Alaska State Legislature, Second Session  
from Lynn Chrystal, Chair  
in accordance with AS 44.33.812

State of Alaska Department of Law Annual Report 2013  
from Michael Geraghty, Attorney General  
in accordance with AS 44.23.020

Report to the Twenty-eighth State Legislature Listing Alaska Statutes  
with Delayed Repeals or Delayed Amendments and Examining Court  
Decisions and Opinions of the Attorney General Construing Alaska  
Statutes  
from Legal Services, Division of Legal and Research Services,  
Legislative Affairs Agency  
in accordance with AS 24.20.065

Report of the 2014 Alaska Minerals Commission  
from William (Bill) Jeffress, Chair  
in accordance with AS 44.33.431

Cigarette Fire Safety Program Review  
from Kelly Nicolello, State Fire Marshal  
in accordance with AS 18.74.230

National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A) Impact Mitigation Grant  
Program Report to the Second Session of the Twenty-eighth Alaska  
Legislature, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic  
Development  
from Susan K. Bell, Commissioner  
in accordance with AS 37.05.530

Investment Earnings Report for the Alaska Marine Highway System  
Fund and the Alaska Marine Highway System Vessel Replacement  
Fund, Department of Revenue  
from Angela M. Rodell, Commissioner  
in accordance with AS 19.65.070 and AS 37.05.550

Report of the Joint Armed Services Committee, Alaska State  
Legislature  
from Senator Pete Kelly and Representative Dan Saddler, Cochairs  
in accordance with Chapter 6, SLA 99

**HB 65**

Department of Environmental Conservation 2014 Report on Financing and Managing the Prevention Account of the Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Prevention and Response Fund  
from Larry Hartig, Commissioner  
in accordance with Chapter 14, SLA 13

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions****SCR 10**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 BY SENATOR  
MICCICHE,

Proclaiming March 27, 2014, to be the Great Alaska  
Earthquake Remembrance Day

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**SCR 11**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 BY SENATOR  
OLSON,

Relating to the continuation of the Task Force on  
Unmanned Aircraft Systems

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce  
Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 134**

SENATE BILL NO. 134 BY SENATOR KELLY, entitled:

"An Act authorizing municipalities to exempt or  
partially exempt for up to 10 years property in a  
military facility zone that creates or supports  
industry, development, or educational or training  
opportunities."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

**SB 135**

SENATE BILL NO. 135 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Health Care Commission; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

**SB 136**

SENATE BILL NO. 136 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to unmanned aircraft systems; and relating to images captured by an unmanned aircraft system."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SB 137**

SENATE BILL NO. 137 BY SENATOR BISHOP, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources Committee.

**SB 138**

SENATE BILL NO. 138 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the purposes of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation to advance to develop a large-diameter natural gas pipeline project, including treatment and liquefaction facilities; establishing the large-diameter natural gas pipeline project fund; creating a subsidiary

related to a large-diameter natural gas pipeline project, including treatment and liquefaction facilities; relating to the authority of the commissioner of natural resources to negotiate contracts related to North Slope natural gas projects, to enter into confidentiality agreements in support of contract negotiations and implementation, and to take custody of gas delivered to the state under an election to pay the oil and gas production tax in kind; relating to the sale, exchange, or disposal of gas delivered to the state under an election to pay the oil and gas production tax in kind; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue to direct the disposition of revenues received from gas delivered to the state in kind and to consult with the commissioner of natural resources on the custody and disposition of gas delivered to the state in kind; relating to the authority of the commissioner of natural resources to propose modifications to existing state oil and gas leases; making certain information provided to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Revenue exempt from inspection as a public record; making certain tax information related to an election to pay the oil and gas production tax in kind exempt from tax confidentiality provisions; relating to establishing under the oil and gas production tax a gross tax rate for gas after 2021; making the alternate minimum tax on oil and gas produced north of 68 degrees North latitude after 2021 apply only to oil; relating to apportionment factors of the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; authorizing a producer's election to pay the oil and gas production tax in kind for certain gas and relating to the authorization; relating to monthly installment payments of the oil and gas production tax; relating to interest payments on monthly installment payments of the oil and gas production tax; relating to settlements between producers and royalty owners for oil and gas production tax; relating to annual statements by producers and explorers; relating to annual production tax values; relating to lease expenditures; amending the definition of gross value at the 'point of production' for gas for purposes of the oil and gas production tax; adding definitions related to natural gas terms; clarifying that credit may not be taken

against the in-kind levy of the oil and gas production tax for gas for purposes of the exploration incentive credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, and the film production tax credit; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Natural Resources

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 23:

Dear President Huggins,

Alaska has significant gas resources on the North Slope. Current known reserves are nearly 35 trillion cubic feet (TCF), and US Geological Survey estimates of technically recoverable conventional gas resources are more than 240 TCF. Bringing this gas to market has been the focus of many efforts over the last 30 years, but to be successful, requires a coordinated and collaborative effort of many parties.

The recent alignment by parties around a path forward on a large-scale LNG project, and the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation's (AGDC) preparation for an open season in 2015 for an in-state pipeline, create an opportunity for that coordinated and collaborative effort. With parties working together on Alaska's terms, and in Alaskans' interests, it is time to move forward with legislation to advance a natural gas project that would provide natural gas for Alaskans and markets beyond. Therefore, under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill designed to achieve the long-sought State goal of commercial production of North Slope natural gas for the benefit of all Alaskans.

The bill will expand the purposes of AGDC to allow it, through a separate subsidiary, to advance a large-diameter natural gas pipeline project by carrying the State's equity interest in the project's infrastructure, including treatment and liquefaction facilities. The bill would also authorize the Commissioner of Natural Resources to negotiate modifications of existing oil and gas leases to better manage Alaska's interests in its North Slope natural gas resources. Finally, the bill would amend the levy of tax on gas under Alaska's oil and gas production tax, providing the clarity of terms any North Slope natural gas project needs to proceed.

First, commercialization of North Slope natural gas should occur with both in-state needs and export potential in mind. Therefore, the bill would provide authority to pursue an equity position in a large-diameter natural gas pipeline project that could include treatment and liquefaction facilities, but would not impede the mission of AGDC to continue to advance the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) in-state gasline project.

As to the provisions of the bill relating to the Department of Natural Resources, the bill would provide the needed authority for the Commissioner of Natural Resources to enter into short-term commercial agreements related to the North Slope natural gas project. In addition, the bill would allow the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to negotiate terms, subject to legislative approval, for project services related to a natural gas project. To facilitate negotiations and continuing development activities, confidentiality of information would be maintained, but any contract to be presented to the Legislature for authorization would not be confidential.

Current State oil and gas leases contain terms – such as provisions that allow the State to switch between taking royalty oil and gas in-kind or in-value – which may hinder the ability of lessees to enter into long-term contracts for sales of natural gas produced on the North Slope. The bill would allow the Commissioner of Natural Resources to modify certain lease terms on property that commits gas to a natural gas project in order to facilitate commercialization. After a natural gas project sponsor has demonstrated sufficient project commitments, the Commissioner may modify existing leases that commit gas to a natural



gas project, with the concurrence of the lessees. Gas committed from these leases, whether through royalty or the production tax, would be subject to the current standards for sale, exchange, or disposal of gas taken in-kind by the State as its royalty share.

Other provisions of the bill relate to the oil and gas production tax, specifically to the tax levy on gas. The current tax structure, which imposes a net tax on the annual production tax value of oil and gas, is retained until 2022 when the tax limitations expire for Cook Inlet oil and gas produced anywhere in the state but used in-state. The bill proposes changes to the tax system to facilitate natural gas development and provide gas for in-state sale and export. For gas produced after 2021, the tax levy on gas would be 10.5 percent of annual gross value at the point of production. The oil tax levy would remain at 35 percent of net annual production tax value. Most importantly, for leases that have been modified as described above, the bill would allow a producer to pay, for gas from modified leases only, its production tax with gas instead of with money equal to 10.5 percent of the taxable gas production from the modified leases. The Commissioner of Revenue will continue to direct revenue received from the sale of gas to the General Fund.

In order to pay the production tax in-kind, the producer must make an irrevocable election under regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue. Disputes over any tax deficiency, and interest or penalties on a deficiency, would be accounted for as if the tax was levied in money. Furthermore, gas flared, released, or allowed to escape upstream of the point of production, or gas used on a lease or property would not be subject to an in-kind election.

The bill would make changes to provisions in current law to facilitate the new gross tax levy on gas. The name of a producer and the volumes of gas subject to the election to pay tax as gas would be public information. The alternate minimum tax on North Slope oil and gas would apply only to oil after 2021. The bill accounts for how producers make estimated monthly installment payments of tax due after 2021 and clarifies that credits may be taken only against the tax levy in money, not against the levy in-kind.

Development of natural gas projects of this scope is a new chapter in State resource development that will be enhanced by the State's equity participation in either project. Given the momentum on developing North Slope gas, we must act now to assure that our laws provide the appropriate agencies with authorities and tools to allow the State to advance projects on Alaska's terms and in Alaskans interests.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 139**

SENATE BILL NO. 139 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act increasing the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; repealing the secondary student competency examination and related requirements; relating to high school course credit earned through assessment; relating to a college and career readiness assessment for secondary students; relating to charter school application appeals and program budgets; relating to residential school applications; increasing the stipend for boarding school students; extending unemployment contributions for the Alaska technical and vocational education program; relating to earning high school credit for completion of vocational education courses offered by institutions receiving technical and vocational education program funding; relating to education tax credits; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Fiscal Note No. 6, University of Alaska

Fiscal Note No. 7, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 23:

Dear President Huggins,

Alaska's future depends on the educational opportunities we provide to our children, and we must continue to raise the bar for all students so they are well prepared for success. Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that supports family involvement and improves student achievement. No one knows better how to help a student succeed than his or her own family. The measures in this bill will increase opportunity for families to make wise choices regarding their student's education, ensure that the essential needs of Alaska's students are met, provide flexibility in assessment of achievement and the earning of necessary educational credits to suit an individual student's needs, and incentivize broader opportunities for students as they prepare to enter Alaska's workforce.

**Charter School: Increased Opportunities**

Alaska's current charter school law is one of the most restrictive in the nation. This bill would remove barriers that currently prevent opportunities for charter schools to be expanded. Local school districts have sole authority to approve or deny charter school creation. Under the measures of the bill, an applicant would have an avenue of appeal through the Commissioner of Education and Early Development if the application is denied by a local school board. The appeal option would provide additional oversight to ensure fairness in the charter school application process, and provide opportunity to replicate schools with proven records of success instead of forcing students to remain on waiting lists.

This bill will also ensure that all funding will follow a charter school student for the purpose of determining a charter school budget. As charter school students are already a part of the public school system, the additional provision regarding the funding is intended to enhance parity between charter and traditional neighborhood schools.

**Residential School Application and Stipend**

The bill will also remove barriers for providing more residential schools for our rural students and encourage the private sector to support this successful model. The bill would require that the Department of Education and Early Development open an annual application period for new residential schools to expand opportunity for districts to offer this option to students and their families. Current law does not indicate how often an application period will be opened. The bill would also increase the stipend allowed for room and board for residential schools. This stipend was increased in the 2013 legislative session, but still does not cover the actual costs of residential schools, and the bill is an effort to close the gap.

**Tax Credit Contributions to Residential School Housing and Scholarships**

The bill would provide corporate income tax credit for cash contributions made for the construction, operation, or maintenance of residential school housing facilities. Taxpayers could also receive credit if they provide funding to a nonprofit organization that awards scholarships to dual-credit students – high school students who simultaneously receive college and high school credit for a course. The tax credits offered under this bill are intended to encourage a public-private partnership directed toward improving educational opportunities in Alaska.

**Increasing the Base Student Allocation**

This bill will provide for a three year plan to increase State funding through the base student allocation (BSA) formula. The allocation has not been raised since 2011; however, during that time, funding for fuel and utility costs has been provided outside the formula as those costs fluctuate – that funding is already included in my FY2015 budget. The proposed BSA increase recognizes that instructional costs have also

gone up and that a modest increase will provide relief to school district budgets in support of delivering quality education to Alaska's students. I welcome the Legislature's consideration of these fundamental needs.

**Alaska Career and Technical Education Program**

In order to provide continued opportunity and choice to students as they prepare for the workforce, this bill would reauthorize through 2024 the Alaska technical and vocational education program, also known as career and technical education, which under existing statute is authorized only through June 30, 2014. The bill aims to encourage institutions receiving financing through the career and technical education program to offer courses that permit high school students to earn dual credit upon course completion.

**Competency Exam Repeal**

This bill would repeal the requirement of AS 14.03.075 that secondary students pass a competency examination, also known as a High School Graduation Qualifying Examination, as a prerequisite for receiving a high school diploma. Based on the State's experience with the competency examination to date, little is being gained from use of the test, despite its significant cost in terms of funding, and staff and student time lost to instruction. Due to robust accountability measures that have been put in place since the competency exam was originally enacted, it is time to offer our students a more effective option.

Students would instead be required to take a college and career readiness assessment to qualify for a high school diploma. "College and career readiness assessment" would be defined in the statute as the SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys assessment. No minimum score would be designated. Rather than the one-size-fits-all approach of the competency exam, these assessment options provide data that allow schools and districts to more accurately gauge effectiveness of their training and educational programs relative to student readiness for post-secondary opportunities and also provide valuable information for students and their families to plan successfully for those opportunities. The Department of Education and Early Development would provide funding for a single administration of a readiness assessment for each secondary student, allowing students to choose which assessment best meets their individual goals. Because these

assessments are already used as qualifying assessments for the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS), every high school student will have opportunity for his or her achievement to be evaluated for APS, without additional cost to students and their families.

**Course Credit Earned by Assessment**

This bill would require that a school district provide a high school student an opportunity to “test out” of a class. The requirement would apply to classes offered in the school in mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, and world languages. The student would prove mastery through a district-approved assessment and receive academic credit for the class toward his or her graduation. This change would encourage students who have the skills to advance more quickly through the high school curriculum and broaden the range of classes available to them, while allowing teachers to invest more fully in students who have not yet mastered the subject at hand.

Ensuring that Alaska’s students are adequately prepared for post-secondary education, training, and the workforce is paramount for a bright future, as is increasing the number of options available for each family to make the right educational choices to suit each student. I urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Special Order of Business**

Honoring - Gene Peltola

Senator(s) Hoffman, Huggins, Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, Fairclough, French, Gardner, Giessel, Kelly, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

Representative(s) Herron

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

**Unfinished Business****SJR 9**

Senators McGuire, Huggins, Fairclough moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to state aid for education. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 104**

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 104 "An Act relating to appropriations from the dividend fund; creating the criminal fund; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 107**

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 107 "An Act relating to school and school district accountability; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and establishing a reading program for public school students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 112**

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 112 "An Act providing immunity for certain licensed temporary health care providers who provide free health care services." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 1 through evening plane time, February 2. Without objection, Senator Giessel was excused.

### **Introduction of Floor Staff**

Senator McGuire, Rules Committee Chair, introduced the 2014 Chamber Staff as follows:

#### **Sergeant-at-Arms**

Grace Ellsworth, Juneau

#### **Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms**

Andy Higgins, Anchorage

#### **Senate Pages**

Maggie Elliott, Juneau

Matt Simpson, Big Lake

Lauren Rasmussen, Anchorage

Joel Hadley, Anchorage

Rachel Hanke, Soldotna

Brett Huber Jr., Anchorage

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 27, 2014. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate



**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Jan 28      Tuesday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 30      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Jan 24      Friday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              8:00 AM**  
+= SB 111 REPEAL SECONDARY SCHOOL EXIT EXAM  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Jan 27      Monday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              8:00 AM**  
+= SB 111 REPEAL SECONDARY SCHOOL EXIT EXAM  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Jan 29      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              8:00 AM**  
+ SB 107 ESTABLISH K THROUGH 3 READING PROGRAM  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Jan 31      Friday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              8:00 AM**  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 120	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
+ SB 119	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
+ SB 121	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
	FY15 Budget - David Teal, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Finance Division		
 <b>Jan 27</b>	 <b>Monday</b>	 <b>Senate Finance 532</b>	 <b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Presentation: Commercial Agreements for Alaska LNG Project		
	The Heads of Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding		
	Commissioner Angela Rodell, Dept. of Revenue		
	Commissioner Joe Balash, Dept. of Natural Resources		
	Dan Fauske, President, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation		
 <b>Jan 28</b>	 <b>Tuesday</b>	 <b>Senate Finance 532</b>	 <b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Presentation: Positive Train Control		
	Bill O'Leary, President & CEO, Alaska Railroad Corporation		
	Eileen Reilly, Vice President, Advanced Train Control Systems & Technology, Alaska Railroad Corporation		
 <b>Jan 29</b>	 <b>Wednesday</b>	 <b>Senate Finance 532</b>	 <b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Presentation: Rural Transportation Infrastructure Development - Innovative Solutions to Local Transportation Needs		
	Mike McKinnon, Owner/Manager, McKinnon & Associates		
 <b>Jan 30</b>	 <b>Thursday</b>	 <b>Senate Finance 532</b>	 <b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 121	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
	FY 2015 Budget Overview and Presentation		
	Jeff Jessee, CEO, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority		
 <b>Jan 31</b>	 <b>Friday</b>	 <b>Senate Finance 532</b>	 <b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 125	REJECT RECOMMENDATION OF COMP. COMMISSION		

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**JUDICIARY**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 29</b> += SB 64	<b>Wednesday</b> OMNIBUS CRIME/CORRECTIONS BILL -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 31</b> += SB 64	<b>Friday</b> OMNIBUS CRIME/CORRECTIONS BILL -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Thursday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**RESOURCES**

<b>Jan 24</b> +	<b>Friday</b> Overview: Dept. of Natural Resources Commissioner Joe Balash Deputy Commissioner Ed Fogels Deputy Commissioner Bob Swenson -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Monday</b> -- Teleconference -- Gasline Issues Heads of Agreement Memorandum of Understanding -Department of Natural Resources -Department of Revenue -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> -- Teleconference -- Gasline Issues Heads of Agreement Memorandum of Understanding -Department of Natural Resources -Department of Revenue -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Friday</b> -- Teleconference -- The Alaska LNG Project -Steve Butt, Senior Project Manager -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled -----	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>

**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
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**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Overview: Consumer Driven Health Plans		
	Deputy Director Chief of Staff, Denny Darrow for		
	Indiana State Personnel Department		

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**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
	Joint w/ House Transportation		
+	Alaska Railroad (ARRC): Updates on Tanana,		
	Positive Control and Pt. Mackenzie Rail Extension		

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
	Joint w/ House Transportation		
+	Update on State Rail Plan		
	Haines Railroad Study and the G7G		
	Army Corps of Engineers: Update on Arctic Ports		

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Feb 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	MMIS Status, Problems, Solutions		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
+	Medicaid Projections, GAP		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Medicaid continued		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
+	Behavioral Health - Effect of Reductions, Alcohol		
	Tax Funds, CBC		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Mental Health Trust		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	OCS Status - Effect of Reductions to		
	Expenditure Levels in the Department, Tobacco		
	Prevention and Control Funds Cuts, Effect of		
	Elimination of Rabies PEP		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
+	Budget Close-out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Feb 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Status of VPSO Program		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Status of VPSO Program continued		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Shelter Programs & Funding; Effects of Governor's		
	DVSA Initiative		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Reductions Included in the Budget		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Budget Close-out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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-Late Travel & Per Diem Requests