

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Anchorage, Alaska
February 22, 2016
3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Mike Hawker, Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Anna MacKinnon, Vice Chair
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Cathy Giessel
Senator Bert Stedman
Senator Click Bishop
Senator Pete Kelly (alternate)

Representative Kurt Olson
Representative Lance Pruitt
Representative Steve Thompson
Representative Sam Kito
Representative Mark Neuman (alternate)

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PERFORMANCE REVIEWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT~ THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON POST-
SECONDARY EDUCATION~ AND THE ALASKA STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

PAULYN SWANSON, Staff
Representative Mike Hawker
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered questions during the public
comment session.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR MIKE HAWKER called the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. from the auditorium in the Anchorage Legislative Information office. Representative Hawker was present at the call to order.

Public Comment on Performance Reviews of the Department of Education and Early Development, the Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education, and the Alaska Student Loan Corporation

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CHAIR HAWKER announced that the only order of business would be public comments specifically conducted for the Legislative Audit Division to review agency activities, identify problems or concerns, and assist the contractors conducting the Performance Reviews of the Department of Education and Early Development, the Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education, and the Alaska Student Loan Corporation as mandated by House Bill 30, and required under AS 44.66.040(a)(2). He pointed out that there would be a second opportunity for the public to testify on February 26, 2016. He reiterated that the purpose of the meeting was to gather public feedback on the operations, functions, and interactions of the Department of Education and Early Development, the Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education, and the Alaska Student Loan Corporation. He emphasized that this was an informational hearing, not a budget hearing, and that written testimony would also be accepted.

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PAULYN SWANSON, Staff, Representative Mike Hawker, Alaska State Legislature, testified (via teleconference) that there were not any legislators present in the Juneau committee room, and no one present to testify.

CHAIR HAWKER reported that currently there was no one in either Anchorage or Juneau to testify.

CHAIR HAWKER reiterated that the purpose of this hearing was to gather information for the contractors, and, as it was being held during a legislative day, legislators were not expected to compromise their other committee schedules.

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CHAIR HAWKER noted that there were not any legislators participating via teleconference.

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The committee took an at-ease from 3:35 p.m. to 3:57 p.m.

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CHAIR HAWKER brought the committee back to order.

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CHAIR HAWKER stated that there had not been any interest in public testimony, and he reminded that there was a second statewide opportunity to testify on February 26, 2016.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.