

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

April 4, 2018

8:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Harriet Drummond, Chair  
Representative Justin Parish, Vice Chair  
Representative Tiffany Zulkosky  
Representative Ivy Spohnholz  
Representative Jennifer Johnston  
Representative Chuck Kopp  
Representative David Talerico

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Lora Reinbold (alternate)  
Representative Geran Tarr (alternate)

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE BILL NO. 406

"An Act relating to the calculation of state aid for schools that consolidate; relating to the determination of the number of schools in a district; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSHB 406 (EDC) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 406

SHORT TITLE: SCHOOL FUNDING FOR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

SPONSOR(S): EDUCATION

03/26/18	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/26/18	(H)	EDC, FIN
03/28/18	(H)	EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
03/28/18	(H)	Scheduled but Not Heard
03/30/18	(H)	EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106
03/30/18	(H)	Heard & Held
03/30/18	(H)	MINUTE (EDC)
04/04/18	(H)	EDC AT 8:00 AM CAPITOL 106

**WITNESS REGISTER**

GEORGE ASCOTT

Staff to Representative Harriet Drummond  
Anchorage, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** During the hearing of HB 406, described the changes in Version D.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

[8:03:29 AM](#)

**CHAIR HARRIET DRUMMOND** called the House Education Standing Committee meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Representatives Drummond, Talerico, Parrish, Kopp, Zulkosky, and Johnston were present at the call to order. Representative Spohnholz arrived as the meeting was in progress.

**HB 406-SCHOOL FUNDING FOR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS**

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CHAIR DRUMMOND announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 406, "An Act relating to the calculation of state aid for schools that consolidate; relating to the determination of the number of schools in a district; and providing for an effective date."

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REPRESENTATIVE PARISH moved to adopt the proposed committee substitute (CS) HB406, labeled 30-LS1544\D as the working document for the Education Committee. [The committee treated Version D as the working document.]

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GEORGE ASCOTT, Staff to Representative Harriet Drummond, Anchorage, Alaska, directed attention to three basic technical changes recommended by the Department of Education and Early Development. These changes will bring HB 406 up-to-date in matching the changes that were adopted by the Senate Finance Committee in its companion bill, SB 216, which read as follows [original punctuation provided]:

Page 3, line 14 & Page 5, lines 5, 9, 11, 12: All references to "state aid" within subparagraphs (H) and (I) are changed to read "basic need" to properly define the section of statute that this bill is affecting.

Page 5, lines 22-24: Section (M) is reworded to clarify the information that would need to be submitted by school districts to the Department of Education to calculate the consolidation transition. Instead of the more generic "appropriate calculations" the bill specifies "schools and corresponding ADM."

Page 5: Section (N), which defined "community," was deleted. This term is already appropriately defined in the Department of Education's funding formula regulations.

MR. ASCOTT reiterated that these changes are technical in scope, they mirror changes made in SB 216, and will not affect the current fiscal notes.

CHAIR DRUMMOND listed the individuals available online for questions.

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REPRESENTATIVE PARISH moved to report CSHB 406, labeled 30-LS1544\D, out of committee with individual recommendations and the forthcoming updated fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 406(EDC) moved from the House Education Standing Committee.

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The committee took a brief at ease.

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CHAIR DRUMMOND brought the committee back to order and announced upcoming committee business.

[8:11:43 AM](#)

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Education Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:11 a.m.