

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

May 8, 2019

9:32 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair von Imhof called the Senate Finance Committee meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Natasha von Imhof, Co-Chair  
Senator Bert Stedman, Co-Chair  
Senator Click Bishop  
Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senator Peter Micciche  
Senator Donny Olson  
Senator Mike Shower  
Senator Bill Wielechowski  
Senator David Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Senator Mia Costello; Shareen Crosby, Staff, Senator Natasha von Imhof.

SUMMARY

SB 19        APPROP: CAPITAL BUDGET; SUPPLEMENTAL

CSSSSB 19(FIN) was REPORTED out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

#sb19

SENATE BILL NO. 19

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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Co-Chair von Imhof relayed that the committee had considered the bill on March 12, 2019 and had adopted a committee substitute (CS) on May 3rd. There had been amendments submitted. There was a second proposed CS for the consideration of the committee.

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SHAREEN CROSBY, STAFF, SENATOR NATASHA VON IMHOF, discussed the changes to the bill. She discussed an Explanation of Changes document (copy on file):

Reinstates traditional split of Recreational Trail Program funds between the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and volunteer community organization trail groups. No fiscal change.

Gives \$2 million receipt authority to the Department of Natural Resources for Spruce Beetle Kill Hazard Mitigation.

Changes the scope to include a land trade in the Gulkana area. No fiscal change.

Changes language in how capital reappropriations to the Office of the Governor may be spent. The language is more akin to that of what we use for the legislature's capital reappropriations. Up to \$50,000 may be used in FY 20 for redistricting.

Ms. Crosby listed the sections of the bill in which the changes were in effect. She agreed to send additional information regarding census funds and redistricting if members were interested.

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Senator Olson looked at page 28 and the proposed \$50,000 for redistricting. He asked how the amount compared to years past when reappropriations were done in the governor's budget.

Ms. Crosby agreed to give Senator Olson the information at a later time.

Senator Shower addressed the proposed \$2 million in receipt authority for the Spruce Beetle Kill Hazard Mitigation. He thought that it was imported to have a discussion with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) the creation of natural firebreaks through residents harvesting wood. He discussed the expense of hiring a contractor to complete the work.

Co-Chair von Imhof thought that the \$2 million could go farther if the public was invited to harvest the dead wood. She agreed that creating firebreaks through utilizing volunteer labor was a good idea.

Co-Chair Stedman MOVED to ADOPT proposed committee substitute for SSSB 19, Work Draft 31-GS1904\E (Caouette, 5/7/19). There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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RECONVENED

Co-Chair von Imhof noted that there were no proposed amendments to the bill.

Co-Chair Stedman MOVED to report CSSSSB 19(FIN) out of Committee with individual recommendations. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

CSSSSB 19(FIN) was REPORTED out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

Senator Bishop thanked Co-Chair von Imhof and her staff, who spent many hours working through issues.

Co-Chair von Imhof thanked Ms. Crosby for her work.

Senator Olson thanked Ms. Crosby for her methodical and thorough treatment of the bill.

Co-Chair von Imhof informed that the committee would stand in recess until the afternoon.

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ADJOURNMENT  
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The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.