

31ST ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB39 and HB40
May 11, 2019
3:04 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Foster called the Conference Committee meeting on HB 39 and HB 40 to order at 3:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

House:

Representative Neal Foster, Chair
Representative Tammie Wilson
Representative Cathy Tilton

Senate:

Senator Bert Stedman, Vice-Chair
Senator Natasha Von Imhof
Senator Donny Olson

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 39 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

HB 39 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 40 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

HB 40 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

Co-Chair Foster reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

#HB39

#HB40

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39 (FIN) am (brf
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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; making supplemental appropriations; 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; making supplemental appropriations and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

and

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 40 (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."

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR SS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 40 (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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Co-Chair Foster invited David Teal, Director of the Legislative Finance Division, to come to the testifier table.

He explained how objections would be handled. If there was an objection, he would make note of that Item and hold it aside. The committee would continue to go through the other

Items in the department, adopt them, and then would come back to any Item that had an objection.

In the present meeting the committee would be addressing open items in HB 39 and HB 40 based on the motion sheets distributed to members earlier and dated May 11th for the following departments:

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES
FUND CAPITALIZATIONS
FUND TRANSFERS
MENTAL HEALTH CAPITAL BUDGET ITEMS

^FISH AND GAME

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Co-Chair Stedman MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Fish and Game budget:

Item 1	Open	
Item 2	Line 1	House
	Line 2	House
	Line 3	Senate
	Lines 4-8	House
Item 3	House	
Item 4	Line 1	House
	Line 2	Senate
	Lines 3-5	House
Item 5	House	
Item 6	Line 1	House
	Line 2	Senate
	Lines 3-6	House
Item 7	House	
Item 8	Line 1	House
	Line 2	Senate
	Lines 3-6	House
Item 9	House	
Item 10	Line 1	House
	Line 2	Senate
	Lines 3-7	House
Item 11	House	
Item 12	Line 1	House
	Line 2	Senate
	Lines 3-5	House

Item 13 House minus 175.0
 Item 14 House All Lines
 Item 15 Open
 Item 16 Line 1 House
 Line 2 Senate
 Lines 3-5 House

 Item 17 House
 Item 18 House
 Item 19 Open
 Item 20 Senate
 Item 21 Line 1 House
 Line 2 Senate
 Line 3 House

 Item 22 Open
 Item 23 Open
 Item 24 Open
 Item 25 Line 1 House
 Line 2 Senate
 Lines 3-5 House

 Item 26 Open
 Item 27 Line 1 House
 Line 2 Senate
 Line 3 House
 Line 4 House

 Item 28 Open
 Item 29 Open
 Item 30 Open

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED conferencable Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 and left OPEN Items 1, 15, 19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, and 30 in the Department of Fish and Game budget.

^NATURAL RESOURCES

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Co-Chair Stedman MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Natural Resources budget:

Item 1 Open
 Item 2 Senate
 Item 3 Open
 Item 4 Senate
 Item 5 Senate All Lines
 Item 6 Senate
 Item 7 Open

Item 8 Senate All Lines

Representative Tilton OBJECTED to Item 2.

Representative Tilton spoke to her objection. She relayed that the original proposal regarding the Recorders' Office was to close offices in Juneau, Palmer, Fairbanks, and Kenai. There was concern about closing the Fairbanks office because of mining claims and platting. There were also the same concerns in Palmer. The Recorder's Office had become sufficiently automated. They started doing electronic recording in 2012 and felt proficient enough to handle all of the recording through the electronic process. A person could also go to a title office or become a recorder. There was a cost associated with becoming a recorder. She was looking at why the legislature was choosing to close certain offices and understood that the proximity of the Palmer Recording Office on the road system was the reason the Palmer office was included. She wanted to get the information on record.

Representative Tilton WITHDREW her OBJECTION.

There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED conferencable Items 2, 4, 5, 6, and 8 and leaving OPEN Items 1, 3, and 7 in the Department of Natural Resources budget.

^TRANSPORTATION

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Co-Chair Stedman MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities budget:

Item 1 House
Item 2 House
Item 3 House
Item 4 House
Item 5 House
Item 6 House
Item 7 House
Item 8 House
Item 9 House
Item 10 House
Item 11 House
Items 12 through 21 are Open

Item 22 Senate All Lines
Items 23 through 29 are Open
Item 30 Senate
Items 31 through 36 are Open
Item 37 Senate
Item 38 Senate All Lines
Items 39 through 42 are open
Item 43 Senate All Lines
Items 44 through 49 are Open

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED conferencable Items 1 through 11, 22, 30, 37, 38, and 43 and left OPEN Items 12 through 21, 23 through 29, 31 through 36, 39 through 42, 44 through 49 in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities budget.

^FUND CAPITALIZATIONS

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Co-Chair Stedman MOVED to ADOPT the following in Fund Capitalizations:

Item 1 Senate
Item 2 Open
Item 3 Open
Item 4 Open

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED conferencable Item 1 and left OPEN Items 2, 3, and 4 in Fund Capitalizations.

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^FUND TRANSFERS

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Co-Chair Stedman MOVED to ADOPT the following in Fund Transfers:

Item 1 Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED conferencable Item 1 in Fund Transfers.

^MENTAL HEALTH CAPITAL

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Co-Chair Stedman MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Mental Health Capital budget:

Item 1	Senate
Item 2	Senate
Item 3	Senate
Item 4	Senate
Item 5	Senate
Item 6	Senate
Item 7	Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. The action CLOSED conferencable Items 1 through 7 in the Mental Health Capital budget.

Co-Chair Foster concluded the business for the committee hearing. Once the next meeting date and time was determined, the meeting would be noticed on BASIS.

Co-Chair Stedman MOVED to ADJOURN. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

HB 39 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.