

32ND ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB281 and HB282  
May 15, 2022  
3:10 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stedman called the Conference Committee meeting on HB281 and HB282 to order at 3:10 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senate:

Senator Bert Stedman, Chair  
Senator Click Bishop  
Senator Bill Wielechowski

House:

Representative Kelly Merrick, Vice-Chair  
Representative Bart Lebon  
Representative Dan Ortiz

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Alexei Painter, 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

#HB281

#HB282

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 281(FIN) am S

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations,

supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 282(FIN) am S

"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."

and

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 281(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; and making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations."

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 282(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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Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED that Chair Stedman serve as the presiding chair of the Conference Committee on HB 281 and HB 282. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Stedman MOVED that Vice-Chair Vice-chair of the Conference Committee on HB 281 and HB 282. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Stedman reviewed procedures pertaining to the conference committee. He noted that both the House and Senate budget process allowed for public testimony. That portion of the process was concluded; the conference committee would not accept further public testimony. Unless invited by the Chair, only members of the conference committee would take part in discussions or sit at the table.

Chair Stedman observed that the Legislative Finance Division had been directed to prepare the "motion sheets" for use by the conference committee. The motion sheets summarized the differences between the two versions of the bills before the conference committee and were located on the Legislative Finance Division's website.

Chair Stedman explained that the conference committee would operate under Uniform Rule 42. All action required a majority vote from each body for adoption. A copy of Uniform Rule 42 and related legal opinions were provided in each member's packet. Motions required a majority of each body.

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED that all appropriations and language in the FY 23 operating budget that were identical in House and Senate versions of HB 281 and HB 282 be adopted. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Chair Stedman explained the motion to request limited powers, and noted that the reason for combining the bills in the committee was to decrease the paperwork required for the process.

Chair Stedman observed that the committee would need limited powers to reach agreements. He explained that under Limited Powers the Conference Committee could adopt any amount between zero and the higher of the House or Senate version of each item subject to conference.

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADOPT a letter requesting limited powers of free conference for the items that were not identical. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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RECONVENED

Chair Stedman observed that the committee meetings would be posted on BASIS under the 24 hour rule.

HB 281 and HB 282 were heard and HELD in committee for further consideration.

Vice-Chair Merrick MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.