

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**March 29, 2024**

**Seventy-fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President pro tempore Kiehl at 10:31 a.m. The Senate was convened for the purpose of a technical session.

President pro tempore Kiehl stated the roll call of the Senate would be waived. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the Governor**

**HB 193**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on March 27 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 193 "An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 1, SLA 2024  
Effective Date: 3/28/24

**Messages from the House**

**SB 93**

Message dated March 28 was read stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 93(L&C) am "An Act relating to claims for injury, disability, or heart attack payable from the fishermen's fund; relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners; relating to the definition of 'occupational disease'; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 154**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 154 "An Act relating to bidder preferences in state procurement."

Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senator Dunbar. Signing no recommendation: Senator Merrick.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

#### **HB 28**

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN) "An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL  
NO. 28(JUD)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Claman, Chair; Senator Kaufman. Signing do pass: Senators Tobin, Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Alaska Judiciary System

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

President pro tempore Kiehl stated the Senate would stand in adjournment until 2:00 p.m., April 2, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference  
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

<b>Apr 02</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Presentation: Local Boundary Commission HONORING VIETNAM WAR VETERANS ARBOR DAY Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
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EDUCATION

<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 01</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 03</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> -- Please Note Time & Location Change -- Meeting Jointly with the House Education Committee Presentation: Alaska Board of Education and Early Development by James Fields, State Board Chair DEED Commissioner Deena Bishop Members of the State Board of Education and Early Development Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Davis 106</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>

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## EDUCATION (continued)

<b>Apr 03</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Summary of the Implementation of the Federal 'Maintenance of Equity' by Austin Reid, Senior Legislative Director for Federal Education Policy, National Conference of State Legislatures -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Legislative Finance Division **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Apr 05</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

## FINANCE

<b>Apr 03</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	SB 28	WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+	SB 181	CHILD PLACEMENT; DILIGENT SEARCH -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+	SB 228	EXTEND BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> -- -- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SB 234	EXTEND MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> -- -- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	SB 187	APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
		-- Please Note Time Change --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
<b>Apr 05</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+=	SB 187	APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

**Apr 02                      Tuesday                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**  
+                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
+= HB 57                      EMERGENCY MED. SVCS: REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS  
+= HB 344                      MEDICAL ASSIST. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

**Apr 04                      Thursday                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**  
+                      Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
                    Eric Nimmo, State Medical Board  
                    -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
                    Presentation: Department of Health - Child Care  
                    Task Force  
                    -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
+= HB 89                      CHILD CARE: TAX CREDITS/ASSISTANCE/GRANTS  
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JUDICIARY

**Mar 29                      Friday                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
                    No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 01                      Monday                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
                    No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 03                      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
+ HB 238                      CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 3RD DEGREE  
                    -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+= SB 165                      DEFENSE OF PUB. OFFICER: ETHICS COMPLAINT  
+                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 05                      Friday                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
+= SB 134                      INS. DATA SECURITY; INFO. SECURITY PRGRMS  
+                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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## LABOR & COMMERCE

**Mar 29 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 01 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 03 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 204 CERT. OF FITNESS: PLUMBERS/ELECTRICIANS  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 44 NATUROPATHS: LICENSING; PRACTICE  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 05 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 135 AK WORK & SAVE PROGRM; RETIRE. SAVINGS BD  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 257 ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATION  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

## RESOURCES

**Mar 29 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 01 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 03 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Commissioner, Department of Environment  
 Conservation: Emma Pokon  
 Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission:  
 Michael Porcaro  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --

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**RESOURCES (continued)****(Continued from Previous Page)**

- + Presentation: Graphite Creek Project Update by  
Kevin Torpy, Vice President of Mining, Graphite One Inc.
- + Presentation: Donlin Project Update by  
Kristina Woolston, External Affairs Manager, Donlin Gold
- + SB 253 DNR BIG GAME HUNTING PRGRM/PILOT PROJECT  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 05      Friday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**

- + Presentation: Achieving an 80% Renewable  
Portfolio in Alaska's Railbelt by  
Paul Denholm, Senior Research Fellow,  
National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**STATE AFFAIRS****Apr 02      Tuesday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      3:30 PM**

- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
Personnel Board - Donald Handeland  
-- Public Testimony --  
Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
Alaska Police Standards Council -  
Ron Dupee  
Dusty Dumont  
Jeff Brown
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 04      Thursday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      3:30 PM**

- + SB 201 OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
-- Public Testimony --
- + SB 177 AI, DEEPFAKES, CYBERSECURITY, DATA XFERS  
SENATE BILL: AI TASK FORCE  
<Pending Introduction & Referral>  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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## TRANSPORTATION

<b>Apr 02</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>+=</b>	HJR 19 PORT MACKENZIE & NORTHERN RAIL EXTENSIONS -- Invited & Public Testimony -- SENATE BILL: ROADS & HIGHWAYS ADVISORY BOARD AND THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN <Pending Introduction & Referral>		

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## FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

### ADMINISTRATION

<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>+</b>	Budget Closeout		

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### CORRECTIONS

<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:45 PM</b>
<b>+</b>	Budget Closeout		

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## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>+</b>	Overview: Department of Environmental Conservation Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout		

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## JUDICIARY

<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
<b>+</b>	Budget Closeout		

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**

**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Apr 11</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> FY25 Budget Closeout	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

<b>Apr 10</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Overview: Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>12:20 PM</b>
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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

<b>Apr 04</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> FY25 Budget Closeout	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
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**REVENUE**

<b>Apr 10</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Overview: Department of Revenue Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>12:40 PM</b>
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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

<b>Apr 04</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> I. Approval of Minutes a. March 6, 2024 II. Executive Session (Audit) a. Preliminary Release of the FY23 State Single Audit Juneau (907) 586-9085, Anchorage (907) 563-9085 All other 844-586-9085	<b>Adams 519</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
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**JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)****SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
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+ I. Update on Committee Member Nominees/Welcome Members  
 + II. Approval of the Agenda  
 + III. Approval of the Minutes  
     a. House Subcommittee - November 29, 2023  
     IV. Public Comment  
 + V. Chairs/Staff Reports  
     a. Revised Staff Report - February 16, 2024, Staff Report  
     b. Staff Report - Informal Advice  
 + VI. Budget  
 + VII. Advisory Opinion  
     a. AO 24-01  
     b. AO 24-02 Confidentiality Waived by Representative Eastman  
     VIII. Executive Session  
     IX. Public Session  
     X. Other Business  
 (Public Segment of the Meeting will be Teleconferenced) Anchorage Only: 907-563-9085  
 Juneau Only: 907-586-9085  
 Outside Anchorage or Juneau: 1-844-586-9085

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**OTHER MEETINGS****MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Apr 03</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
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+ Lunch & Learn Presentation:  
 The Presentation will Explore the Shared Commercial Kitchen "Incubator" Model by Kirk Rose, CEO of Anchorage Community Land Trust  
 Sponsored by Senator Dunbar & Representative Mina