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### THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

### SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Monday

**April 8, 2024** 

# **Eighty-fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:01 a m

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Olson were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Fred LaPlante, Church of the Nazarene. Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Father, I pray for these Senators today. You know each of them by name. You love them and wish the best for each of them. They desire to do the best they can for the State of Alaska, so I ask that you grant them the wisdom and the strength to do so. Help them as they deal with the various options and opinions of many of the pieces of legislation they work on

Help them to work together where they can. Where they cannot, help them to disagree in cordial ways so as to make it possible to be at peace at the end of the day. I ask that you grant them joy and peace as they seek to do the best they can do.

In the name of Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

Senator Gray-Jackson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the eightieth through eighty-third legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Hoffman, Olson be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Hoffman, Olson were excused.

# **Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated April 4 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Health and Social Services Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

### State Medical Board

Eric Nimmo

Signing the report: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Giessel, Dunbar.

Report dated April 4 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the State Affairs Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

### Personnel Board

Donald Handeland

Signing the report: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Claman, Merrick, Bjorkman.

### **SB 115**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 115 "An Act relating to physician assistants; relating to physicians; and relating to health care insurance policies" and recommended the adoption of the Health and Social Services Committee Substitute offered on page 1660.

Signing amend: Senator Bjorkman, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators Dunbar, Bishop. Signing no recommendation: Senator Merrick.

The following previously published fiscal information applies: Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **SB 135**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 135 "An Act establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program; establishing the Alaska Retirement Savings Board; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

# CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 135(L&C)

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

The following fiscal information was published today: Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Revenue Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee

### SB 201

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 201 "An Act establishing the office of information technology; relating to information technology projects undertaken by state agencies; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 201(STA)

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Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators Bjorkman, Merrick. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski.

The following fiscal information was published today: Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee

### SB 240

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 240 "An Act relating to medical assistance coverage for rehabilitative, mandatory, and optional services furnished or paid for by a school district on behalf of certain children" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 240(HSS) "An Act allowing minors 16 years of age or older to consent to behavioral health and mental health services; authorizing school personnel to recommend a behavioral health or mental health professional to a child 16 years of age or older; and relating to medical assistance coverage for rehabilitative, mandatory, and optional services furnished or paid for by a school district on behalf of certain children."

Signing amend: Senator Wilson, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators Giessel, Dunbar. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kaufman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Health Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Health

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee

### HB 57

The Health and Social Services Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 57 "An Act relating to review organizations and permitting an emergency medical services provider to establish a review organization; and relating to patient records" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(HSS) "An Act relating to review organizations and permitting an emergency medical services provider to establish a review organization; relating to patient records; and relating to disclosure and reporting of health care services, prices, and fee information." (Title Change SCR 12)

Signing do pass: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senator Kaufman. Signing no recommendation: Senators Giessel, Dunbar.

The following previously published fiscal information applies: Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Health

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee

### HJR<sub>3</sub>

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3(JUD) am Encouraging Congress to pass the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act or a similar bill, and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3(JUD)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Claman, Chair; Signing do pass: Senator Kaufman. Signing do not pass: Senator Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today: Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Senate Judiciary Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee

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# Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

### **SCR 12**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 BY THE SENATE HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 57, relating to review organizations and permitting an emergency medical services provider to establish a review organization; and relating to patient records.

was read the first time and held on the Secretary's desk.

### **SCR 13**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE,

Relating to the procedure that the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature will use to reconsider bills and items vetoed by the governor.

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

### SB 253

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 253 BY SENATOR KAUFMAN, entitled:

"An Act establishing a big game guide concession area permit program on land in the state; relating to the duties of the Big Game Commercial Services Board, the Board of Game, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the Board of Game to establish an initial big game guide concession area; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

# **Second Reading of Senate Bills**

### **SB 196**

SENATE BILL NO. 196 "An Act relating to drug and alcohol testing by employers" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 196 will advance to third reading on the April 10 calendar.

### Citations

Honoring - Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School 2024 Boys Basketball Team 4A State Champions Senator(s) Dunbar Representative(s) Mears, Mina

Honoring - Dian Gurtler Senator(s) Bishop

Honoring - Fort Yukon Eagles Girls' Basketball ASAA 1A Championship Senator(s) Bishop Representative(s) Cronk

Honoring - Chugiak High School Mustangs 2023 Division I Softball Champions Senator(s) Merrick

Representative(s) Saddler

Honoring - Chugiak High School Mustangs 2023 Girls Track & Field Champions Senator(s) Merrick

Representative(s) Saddler

Honoring - Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School Representative(s) Himschoot Senator(s) Stedman 2112 April 8, 2024

In Memoriam - M. Susan Condon Senator(s) Dunbar, Tobin Representative(s) Gray

In Memoriam - Jim "Clutch" Lounsbury Senator(s) Bishop, Kawasaki Representative(s) Carrick

In Memoriam - Malachy McCourt Representative(s) Gray, Himschoot, Galvin

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on April 19. Without objection, Senator Hughes was excused.

### Announcements

### **SCR 13**

Senator Dunbar, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived on SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Relating to the procedure that the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature will use to reconsider bills and items vetoed by the governor, for the Community and Regional Affairs Committee meeting on April 11. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### Enrollment

### **SB 46**

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 46(STA) "An Act establishing the month of March as Brain Injury Awareness Month; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:16 p.m., April 8, 2024.

### **SB 93**

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" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 8:45 a.m., April 8, 2024.

# Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., April 10, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:13 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**

Apr 09	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
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+ SJR	20 WEATHER OBS	ERVING SYSTEM STATION OUT	AGES
	Invited & Publi	c Testimony	
+	Bills Previously I	Heard/Scheduled	
Apr 11	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
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### **EDUCATION**

Apr 08	Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3	:30 PM
	Testimony <invitation only=""></invitation>	
+	Presentation: Education Funding Research Review	
	and Legal Considerations by	
	Justin Silverstein, CO-CEO of APA Consultants	
	Dr. Larry Picus, Professor of Education,	
	Finance and Policy at the University of Southern Californ	nia
	Howard Trickey, Attorney with Schwabe,	
	Williamson & Wyatt	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
	**Streamed live on AKL tv**	

# **EDUCATION** (continued)

Apr 10	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+= SB 158		Scheduled	
<b>Apr 12</b> +	Friday Briefing on the Federal Requirements Testimony <invitation **streamed="" aki<="" bills="" heard="" live="" on="" previously="" s="" th=""><th>Scheduled</th><th>3:30 PM</th></invitation>	Scheduled	3:30 PM
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+ SB 182	EXTEND BIG GAME ( Invited & Public Testi	COMM SERVICES BOARD mony	
+ SJR 15	<time am:="" be="" limit="" may="" n<="" p="" seconst.="" votes=""></time>	:t> NEEDED FOR VETO OVER	RIDE

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-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 10 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Overview: Governor's Amendments by Office of Management and Budget Department of Transportation

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

# FINANCE (continued)

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Apr 09	•	HEALTH & SOC	CIAL SERVICES  Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
		No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 11</b> +		Roadmap for Alaska You Testimony < Invitation	Only>	
+ HE	3 371	MEDICAL REVIEW OF Invited & Public Testing		
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Apr 10	Wednesday	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	1:30 PM
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+ SB 255	OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC	PLACES; TRESPAS	SING
	Invited & Public Testimony		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Schedu	ıled	

# JUDICIARY (continued)

Apr 12	Friday	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	1:30 PM
+= SB 20	APPROPRIATION LIMIT; (	GOV BUDGET	
+= SJR 4	CONST. AM: APPROP LIM	IT	
+= SB 165	DEFENSE OF PUB. OFFICE	R: ETHICS COMPLA	AINT
+	Bills Previously Heard/Sched	uled	

# LABOR & COMMERCE

+= SB 219	REFUSE UTILITY REGULATIONS Invited & Public Testimony Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""></time>
	Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM COMMUNITY ENERGY FACILITIES; NET METERING Invited & Public Testimony Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATION Invited &amp; Public Testimony Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""> **Streamed live on AKL.tv**</time></time>
Apr 12 += SB 239 += SB 211	Invited & Public Testimony Testimony <time be="" limit="" may="" set=""></time>

# RESOURCES

+ SB	164 S 253 E 248 E	Monday  STATE PARK PERMITS FOR DISABLE  DNR BIG GAME HUNTING PRGRM  Testimony <invitation only=""> BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVIC  Testimony <invitation only=""> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  **Streamed live on AKL.tv**</invitation></invitation>	I/PILOT PROJI	
<b>Apr 10</b> +	C E E	Wednesday  Consideration of Governor's Appointed Board of Game: Jake Garner, James Ba Board of Fisheries: Curtis Chamberlair - Invited & Public Testimony	aichtal	3:30 PM
	253 I	BIG GAME HUNTING BY PERSON DNR BIG GAME HUNTING PRGRM Public Testimony Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Apr 12</b> +	C R E	Friday  Consideration of Governor's Appointed Regulatory Commission of Alaska: John Board of Fisheries: Märit Carlson-Van Invited & Public Testimony	ın Espindola	3:30 PM
+	P P S F	Presentation: Cook Inlet Region Low C Power Generation With Carbon Captur Storage Feasibility Study by Frank Paskvan, Affiliate Professor, Un Fairbanks, Institute of Northern Engine	re, Transport, an iversity of Alasi	
+	E	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  **Streamed live on AKL.tv**  STATE AFFAIRS		

Apr 09	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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### **STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

Apr 11 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

+ SCR 3 HOUSING SHORTAGE; PUBLIC-PRIV. PARTNERSHIP
-- Invited & Public Testimony -+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

+ Bills Previously Heard/Schedule \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### TRANSPORTATION

Apr 09 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ Presentation: Statewide Transportation
Improvement Program Approval Update by

the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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# FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Apr 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 5:30 PM + Budget Closeout

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# COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Apr 09 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 12:15 PM

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+ Department of Commerce, Community & Economic

Development Budget Closeout \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### **CORRECTIONS**

Apr 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 5:45 PM

+ Budget Closeout

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## FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

### EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Apr 09 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 12:30 PM

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+ Department of Education & Early Development

Budget Closeout

\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Apr 10 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 12:00 PM

- Overview:

Department of Environmental Conservation Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout

### **FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Apr 09 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

Department of Family and Community Services
Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout

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### FISH & GAME

Apr 09 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 12:05 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --

Department of Fish & Game Budget Closeout

\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### **GOVERNOR**

Apr 11 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM

+ Subcommittee Budget Closeout

## FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

### **HEALTH**

Apr 09 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:50 PM
-- Please Note Time Change -+ Department of Health
Budget Item Discussion
Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout

### **JUDICIARY**

Apr 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 5:15 PM + Budget Closeout

### LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Apr 11 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM FY25 Budget Closeout

# LAW

Apr 10 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 5:45 PM + Budget Closeout Meeting

### **LEGISLATURE**

Apr 11 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:05 PM
+ Subcommittee Budget Closeout

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### MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Apr 10 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 12:20 PM

Overview:

Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout

# FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Apr 10 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM

+ Budget Closeout Meeting

### REVENUE

Apr 10 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 12:40 PM

Overview:

Department of Revenue

Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout

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### TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Apr 09 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM

-- MEETING CANCELED --

+ FY25 Closeout

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### OTHER MEETINGS

### MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Apr 11 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 6:00 PM

+ Alaska Children's Caucus Meeting

Stakeholder Presentations with Recommendations for

Consideration by the Children's Caucus

-- Invited Testimony --

\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*