

33RD ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION  
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB268 and HB270  
May 13, 2024  
4:01 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stedman called the Conference Committee meeting on HB268 and HB270 to order at 4:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senate:

Senator Bert Stedman, Chair  
Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senator Donny Olson

House:

Representative DeLena Johnson, Vice-Chair  
Representative Bryce Edgmon  
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

HB 268      APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET; CAP; SUPP; AM

HB 268 was heard and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

HB 270      APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

HB 270 was heard and HELD in Committee for further consideration.

DEPARTMENTS:

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
FISH AND GAME  
GOVERNOR  
HEALTH  
LAW  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
REVENUE  
FY24 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING ITEMS

#HB268

#HB270

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 268 (FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 268 (FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)

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and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 270 (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."

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 270 (FIN)

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comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

^COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Vice-Chair Johnson MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development's budget:

Item 4	Senate
Item 11	Senate
Item 14	Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. This action closed the conference-able items in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

^FISH AND GAME

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Vice-Chair Johnson MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Fish and Game's budget:

Item 1	Senate
Item 2	House
Item 3	House
Item 4	House
Item 5	Senate
Item 6	Senate
Item 7	Senate
Item 8	House
Item 9	Senate all items
Item 10	Senate
Item 11	Senate

Modify language as specified in amendment T.38 to clarify the appropriation is "to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission"

Item 12	Senate
Item 13	Senate, both items
Item 14	Senate, both items
Item 17	House
Item 18	House
Item 19	House
Item 20	House

Representative Ortiz OBJECTED to Item 9, and queried its impact.

Mr. Painter replied that the House had a net zero fund change, which swapped out \$1.5 million of general fund programming receipts to other fund sources. He furthered that the Senate version did a partial fund change, and a reduction of \$16,500. Therefore, adopting the Senate version gave a reduction of \$716,500.

Representative Ortiz surmised that it gave a net reduction to commercial fisheries, and noted that the description showed a detail of commercial crew member license receipts. He wondered whether those receipts went into commercial fisheries operating funds.

Mr. Painter replied in the affirmative and stated that the shortfall fund source was the program receipts, and stated that the shortfall would be filled with commercial fisheries entrance receipts.

Representative Ortiz removed his objection.

There being NO further OBJECTION, it was so ordered. This action closed the conference-able items in the Department of Fish and Game's budget.

^GOVERNOR

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Vice-Chair Johnson MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Governor's budget:

Item 1	House
Item 6	House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. This action closed the conference-able items in the Office of the Governor's budget.

^HEALTH

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Vice-Chair Johnson MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Health (DOH):

Item 5 Senate  
Item 7 Senate  
Item 10 Senate  
Item 11 Senate  
Item 13 Senate, both items  
Item 20 House minus \$500 thousand UGF  
Modify transaction type from a One-Time Increment to an Increment  
Item 21 Line 1 House  
Line 2 Senate minus \$1 million UGF  
Item 22 House  
Item 25 House plus \$7 million General Fund Match  
Item 27 House, both items  
Item 28 House  
Item 29 Line 1 Senate minus \$40 thousand Federal Receipts  
Line 2 Senate minus \$40 thousand General Fund Match  
Item 30 Senate, modify intent from \$120 thousand to \$80 thousand UGF  
Item 31 Line 1 Senate minus \$2.5 million General Fund Match  
Line 2 Senate minus \$2.5 million Federal Receipts  
Item 32 Senate, modify intent from 5 percent to 3 percent

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. This action closed the conference-able items in the Department of Health's budget

^DEPARTMENT OF LAW

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Vice-Chair Johnson MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Law's budget:

Item 4 House minus \$500 thousand UGF

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. This action closed the conference-able items in the Department of Law's budget.

^DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Vice-Chair Johnson MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Natural Resources' budget:

Item 8                    House

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. This action closed the conference-able item 8 in the Department of Natural Resources' budget and left open items 5 and 6.

^DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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Vice-Chair Johnson MOVED to ADOPT the following in the Department of Revenue (DOR) budget:

Item 5                    House

Item 6                    House

                  Modify appropriation and allocation names to conform with the structure changes in Item 12 (APFC Juneau Office Operations)

Item 7                    Senate

Item 8                    Senate

Item 9                    Senate

Item 10                  Senate, plus \$100 thousand Permanent Fund Gross Receipts

Item 11                  Open

Item 12                  Senate

Item 13                  Senate

Item 14                  Senate

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. This action closed conference-able items 5 through 10 and items 12 through 14 in the Department of Revenue's budget and left open item 11.

^FY24 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING ITEMS

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Vice-Chair Johnson MOVED to ADOPT the following in the FY24 Supplemental Operating Items:

Item 1	House minus \$1.5 million UGF
Item 8	Senate minus \$402.4 UGF
Items 15 and 16	Open

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered. This action closed conference-able items 1 and 8 in FY24 Supplemental Operating Items and left open items 15 and 16.

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

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.