

33RD ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB268 and HB270
May 6, 2024
4:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Johnson called the Conference Committee meeting on HB268 and HB270 to order at 4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senate:

Senator Bert Stedman, Chair

Senator Donny Olson

House:

Representative DeLena Johnson, Vice-Chair

Representative Bryce Edgmon

Representative Dan Ortiz

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Lyman Hoffman

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

#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)

"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

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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Vice-Chair Johnson MOVED that Chair Stedman serve as the presiding chair of the FY 25 Operating Budget Conference Committee on HB 268 and HB 270. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Stedman MOVED that Representative Johnson serve as Vice-chair of the FY 25 Operating Budget Conference Committee on HB 268 and HB 270. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Chair Stedman reviewed procedures pertaining to the conference committee. He noted that both the House and

Senate budget process allowed for public testimony. He stated that the 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 Johnson MOVED that all appropriations and language in the FY 25 operating budget that were identical in House and Senate versions of HB 268 and HB 270 be adopted. There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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

HB 268 and HB 270 were heard and HELD in committee for further consideration.

Vice-Chair Johnson 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 4:37 p.m.