

# **SENATE JOURNAL**

## **ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

### **THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

#### **FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**January 22, 2025**

**Second Day**

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

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Gordon Blue, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Creator of life, redeemer of the afflicted and spirit of grace,

In this season, the Epiphany, the Northern infancy of light, we celebrate our homes and ask your blessing upon them.

Make this building the home of blessings for all Alaskans.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into the house and eat with you and you with me. Then the Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in from this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

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Almighty and Everlasting one, Grant to this Capitol the grace of your presence. Renew this sprawling and sometimes fractious abode, restore the functions of the House and Senate and the Administration; redeem the work of the parties that you may be known to be the inhabitant of this dwelling, Alaska, and the defender of this household; its Capitol.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this Senate with the gladness of your presence.

Bless all who work here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your respect to each other and to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you.

Guide, comfort, and strengthen them and preserve them in peace now and forever.

Amen.

Senator Bjorkman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the first legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Messages from the Governor**

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and initial finance plan dated November 1, 2024, authorizing public assistance for the Northwest Arctic Borough and Bering Strait Regional Educational Attendance Area (REAA) as a result of the 2024 October West Coast Storm Disaster, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration, letter, and finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

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A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated November 27, 2024, requesting emergency funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for the Kenai Peninsula Borough as a result of storm damages to the Sterling Highway and State-owned roads in Ninilchik with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A letter dated December 16, 2024 was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020 requesting concurrence to approve the revised finance plan for the 2022 West Coast Storm Disaster. The letter and revised finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and initial finance plan dated December 19, 2024, authorizing public assistance for the City of Kiana as a result of a widespread water utility line freeze-up, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration, letter and finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated January 21 was read stating pursuant to AS 24.60.130 and AS 24.60.131 the House has ratified the following members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Representative Galvin  
Representative McCabe  
Representative Hannan, alternate  
Representative Bynum, alternate

Messages dated January 21 were read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 for the purpose of hearing the Governor's State of the State address in the House Chambers.

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Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Peter J. Maassen's annual State of the Judiciary address in the House Chambers.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 20 for the purpose of hearing United States Representative Nick Begich III's address in the House Chambers.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18 for the purpose of hearing United States Senator Lisa Murkowski's annual address in the House Chambers.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

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The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 20 for the purpose of hearing United States Senator Dan Sullivan's annual address in the House Chambers.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

### **Communications**

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Public Safety  
2024 Report on Untested Sexual Assault Examination Kits  
November 1, 2024  
in accordance with AS 44.41.070

Office of Children's Services  
2024 Annual Report on Caseloads, Staffing, Recruitment, Retention and the Impacts on Child Welfare Outcomes  
November 14, 2024  
in accordance with AS 47.14.112

Department of Health  
Annual Medicaid Reform Report FY 2024  
November 15, 2024  
in accordance with AS 47.05.270

Department of Health and Department of Law  
Joint Legislative Report  
Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Report  
in accordance with AS 47.07.076

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Office of the Governor  
Office of Management and Budget  
Statutorily Required Reports and Other Non Required Reports  
in accordance with AS 44.99.220

Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission  
Annual Report  
November 1, 2024  
in accordance with AS 44.19.647

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Alaska Sustainable Energy Act Annual Report  
2024 Progress Report  
in accordance with AS 44.42.067

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Alaska Energy Authority  
Certification of Capital Reserve Fund Requirement  
Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project  
in accordance with AS 44.83.110

Legislative Affairs Agency  
A Report to the Thirty-Third Legislature  
Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed  
Amendments and Examining Court Opinions and Opinions of the  
Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes  
December 2024  
in accordance with AS 24.20.065

Alaska State Legislature  
Joint Armed Services Committee  
Biennial Report for 2023-2024  
in accordance with AS 24.20.675

Notice of Availability:  
Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB)  
Quarterly update of investment performance reports  
December 26, 2024  
in accordance with AS 37.10.220

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Department of Law  
Federal Laws and Litigation Report  
January 15, 2025  
in accordance with AS 44.23.020

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
2024 Alaska Taxable Report  
in accordance with AS 14.17.510

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority  
Cook Inlet Oil and Gas Development Annual Project Report  
in accordance with AS 44.88.855

Office of the Governor  
Office of Management and Budget  
Executive Branch Lease Purchase Agreements Report  
FY 2024  
in accordance with AS 37.07.040

Department of Health  
Department of Corrections  
Recidivism Reduction Joint Annual Report  
FY 2024  
in accordance with AS 47.38.100

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
2024 Annual Report  
in accordance with AS 18.56.200

The following letter was received from Lieutenant Governor Nancy Dahlstrom and is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Letter dated October 17, 2024 certifying the proper filing of an initiative entitled: "Restoring Alaska's Campaign Finance Limits Initiative."

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions****SJR 1**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY SENATOR HUGHES,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to abortion.

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Health and Social Services Committees.

**SJR 2**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY SENATOR CLAMAN,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to actions upon veto.

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

**SJR 3**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3 BY SENATOR CLAMAN,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the duration of regular sessions of the legislature.

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and State Affairs Committees.

**SJR 4**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 BY SENATOR KAUFMAN,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit.

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

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**SJR 5**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 BY SENATOR KAUFMAN,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund, appropriations from the permanent fund, and the permanent fund dividend.

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 1**

SENATE BILL NO. 1 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act relating to appropriations to the civil legal services fund."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

**SB 2**

SENATE BILL NO. 2 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to disclosure of election-related deepfakes; relating to use of artificial intelligence by state agencies; and relating to transfer of data about individuals between state agencies."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

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**SB 3**

SENATE BILL NO. 3 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act requiring school districts to grant qualified persons an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds under certain conditions; relating to standards, training, and continuing education in firearms training for qualified persons granted an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds; relating to communication of school districts with state and local law enforcement; and relating to school crisis response plans."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Judiciary Committees.

**SB 4**

SENATE BILL NO. 4 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to a health care insurance policy incentive program; relating to health care services; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Health and Social Services Committees.

**SB 5**

SENATE BILL NO. 5 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to group insurance coverage and self-insurance coverage for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and employees of other governmental units in the state; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Labor and Commerce Committees.

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**SB 6**

SENATE BILL NO. 6 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act requiring education in the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

**SB 7**

SENATE BILL NO. 7 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting the use of chokeholds by peace officers; and relating to justification of use of force by peace officers."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

**SB 8**

SENATE BILL NO. 8 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

**SB 9**

SENATE BILL NO. 9 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the surrender of infants; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

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**SB 10**

SENATE BILL NO. 10 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act relating to family leave wage replacement coverage."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**SB 11**

SENATE BILL NO. 11 BY SENATOR STEDMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to flood insurance; relating to property insurance; establishing the Alaska Flood Authority and the Alaska flood insurance fund; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**SB 12**

SENATE BILL NO. 12 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act relating to permanent fund dividends for individuals owing child support; and relating to applications and qualifications for permanent fund dividends for individuals owing child support."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

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**SB 13**

SENATE BILL NO. 13 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the summer electronic benefits transfer program for children."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

**SB 14**

SENATE BILL NO. 14 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and relating to workforce housing development projects."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**SB 15**

SENATE BILL NO. 15 BY SENATOR MERRICK, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**SB 16**

SENATE BILL NO. 16 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to a simplified rate filing procedure for refuse utility rate adjustments; relating to Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulations regarding refuse utilities; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and State Affairs Committees.

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**SB 17**

SENATE BILL NO. 17 BY SENATOR CLAMAN, entitled:

"An Act establishing the crime of airbag fraud."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Judiciary Committees.

**SB 18**

SENATE BILL NO. 18 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Education Committee.

**SB 19**

SENATE BILL NO. 19 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

**SB 20**

SENATE BILL NO. 20 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

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**SB 21**

SENATE BILL NO. 21 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program; establishing the Alaska Retirement Savings Board; and providing for an effective date."  
(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**SB 22**

SENATE BILL NO. 22 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act establishing a financial literacy education program for public schools; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

**SB 23**

SENATE BILL NO. 23 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

**SB 24**

SENATE BILL NO. 24 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to tobacco, tobacco products, electronic smoking products, nicotine, and products containing nicotine; raising the minimum age to purchase, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product

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containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the tobacco use education and cessation fund; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products and vapor products; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**SB 25**

SENATE BILL NO. 25 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to information on judicial officers seeking retention in office."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

**SB 26**

SENATE BILL NO. 26 BY SENATOR MERRICK, entitled:

"An Act petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska; exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

**SB 27**

SENATE BILL NO. 27 BY SENATOR KIEHL, entitled:

"An Act relating to restoration of tenure for certain disabled individuals; relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the

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defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**SB 28**

SENATE BILL NO. 28 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**SB 29**

SENATE BILL NO. 29 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to an executive administrator for the Big Game Commercial Services Board."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

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**SB 30**

SENATE BILL NO. 30 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act making certain veterans eligible for a lifetime permit to access state park campsites and the parking and restrooms of developed facilities without charge; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

**SB 31**

SENATE BILL NO. 31 BY SENATOR KIEHL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Administration; creating an address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

**SB 32**

SENATE BILL NO. 32 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to costs incurred by certain electric utilities for renewable energy and battery energy storage."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

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**SB 33**

SENATE BILL NO. 33 BY SENATOR CRONK, entitled:

"An Act relating to defamation claims based on the use of synthetic media; relating to the use of synthetic media in electioneering communications; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

**SB 34**

SENATE BILL NO. 34 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duration of a regular session of the legislature."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

**SB 35**

SENATE BILL NO. 35 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to transportation network and delivery network companies."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Labor and Commerce Committees.

**SB 36**

SENATE BILL NO. 36 BY SENATOR KAUFMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the budget responsibilities of the governor; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

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

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**SB 37**

SENATE BILL NO. 37 BY SENATOR KAUFMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Executive Budget Act; relating to strategic plans, mission statements, performance plans, and financial plans for executive branch agencies; and providing for an effective date."  
(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

**SB 38**

SENATE BILL NO. 38 BY SENATOR KAUFMAN, entitled:

"An Act establishing the office of information technology; relating to information technology projects undertaken by state agencies; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

**SB 39**

SENATE BILL NO. 39 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act relating to loans in an amount of \$25,000 or less; relating to the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry; relating to deferred deposit advances; and providing for an effective date."  
(Prefile released January 10, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

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**SB 40**

SENATE BILL NO. 40 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act establishing the period between September 15 and October 15 of each year as Hispanic Heritage Month."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**SB 41**

SENATE BILL NO. 41 BY SENATORS GRAY-JACKSON, Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to mental health education."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

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

**SB 42**

SENATE BILL NO. 42 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Alaska Police Standards Council; relating to municipal correctional officers and municipal correctional employees; making municipal police officers subject to police standards; relating to the duties of the Department of Public Safety; relating to reports of incidents of use of force by state and municipal police, probation, parole, pretrial services, and correctional officers and municipal correctional facility employees; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

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

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**SB 43**

SENATE BILL NO. 43 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act establishing the month of March as Women's History Month."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**SB 44**

SENATE BILL NO. 44 BY SENATOR CLAMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the rights of minors undergoing evaluation or inpatient treatment at psychiatric hospitals; relating to the use of seclusion or restraint of minors at psychiatric hospitals; relating to a report published by the Department of Health; relating to inspections by the Department of Health of certain psychiatric hospitals; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Finance Committees.

**SB 45**

SENATE BILL NO. 45 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act relating to medical assistance services; relating to parity in mental health and substance use disorder coverage in the state medical assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Finance Committees.

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**SB 46**

SENATE BILL NO. 46 BY SENATOR CLAMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to education funding; relating to the public education fund; relating to the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

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

**SB 47**

SENATE BILL NO. 47 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to Chugach State Park; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

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

**SB 48**

SENATE BILL NO. 48 was not introduced.

**SB 49**

SENATE BILL NO. 49 BY SENATOR CLAMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to workplace violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

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**SB 50**

SENATE BILL NO. 50 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the comprehensive plans of first and second class boroughs."

(Prefile released January 17, 2025)

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Labor and Commerce Committees.

**Unfinished Business**

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 24 to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Tobin was excused.

**SB 6**

Senators Dunbar, Tobin, Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 6 "An Act requiring education in the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 15**

Senators Bjorkman, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 15 "An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 24**

Senators Giessel, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 24 "An Act relating to tobacco, tobacco products, electronic smoking products, nicotine, and products containing nicotine; raising the minimum age to purchase, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the tobacco use education and cessation fund; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products and vapor products; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

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### **SB 26**

Senators Giessel, Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 26 "An Act petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska; exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., January 24, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

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### Announcements

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### STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

### EDUCATION

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|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Jan 22</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>     | <b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b> | <b>3:30 PM</b> |
|               | No Meeting Scheduled |                           |                |
| <b>Jan 24</b> | <b>Friday</b>        | <b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b> | <b>3:30 PM</b> |
|               | No Meeting Scheduled |                           |                |

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### FINANCE

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|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Jan 22</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
|               | No Meeting Scheduled            |                           |                |
| <b>Jan 23</b> | <b>Thursday</b>                 | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Production Forecast             |                           |                |
|               | Department of Natural Resources |                           |                |
|               | **Streamed live on AKL.tv**     |                           |                |
| <b>Jan 24</b> | <b>Friday</b>                   | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Revenue Forecast                |                           |                |
|               | Department of Revenue           |                           |                |
|               | **Streamed live on AKL.tv**     |                           |                |

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### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

**Jan 23**      **Thursday**      **Butrovich 205**      **3:30 PM**  
+      Informational Hearing - Department of Health  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### RESOURCES

**Jan 22**      **Wednesday**      **Butrovich 205**      **3:30 PM**  
+      Presentation: Furie: Cook Inlet Gas Update  
Mark Slaughter - Chief Commercial Officer, Furie  
Presentation: Hilcorp: Cook Inlet Gas Update  
Luke Saugier - Senior Vice President, Alaska, Hilcorp  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Jan 24**      **Friday**      **Butrovich 205**      **3:30 PM**  
+      Presentation: Enstar: Natural Gas Update  
John Sims - President, Enstar Natural Gas  
Presentation: Alaska Energy Authority: Alaska  
Energy Update  
Curtis Thayer - Executive Director, Alaska Energy Authority  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### STATE AFFAIRS

**Jan 23**      **Thursday**      **Davis 106**      **3:30 PM**  
+      Joint Meeting with House State Affairs  
Overview: 2024 Elections  
Division of Elections Director Carol Beecher  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### TRANSPORTATION

**Jan 23**      **Thursday**      **Butrovich 205**      **1:30 PM**  
+      Presentation: Department of Transportation and  
Public Facilities Overview  
Ryan Anderson, P.E., Commissioner  
Katherine Keith, PMP, PMI-ACP, Deputy Commissioner  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

|               |  |                      |                 |
|---------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Jan 28</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>7:00 PM</b>  |
| +             | State of the State Address by Governor Mike Dunleavy             |                      |                 |
| <b>Feb 12</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
| +             | State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Peter J. Maassen |                      |                 |
| <b>Feb 20</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Annual Address by Nick Begich III, U.S. Representative           |                      |                 |
| <b>Mar 18</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator                   |                      |                 |
| <b>Mar 20</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Annual Address by Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator                     |                      |                 |