

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 26, 2025**

**Sixty-fifth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:02 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell, White Fields Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Thank you, for this day. It is the day You have made  
and I will rejoice and be glad in it.

Thank You for Your presence here with the Senators  
as they gather together to conduct the business of this  
day. Empower them, encourage them, strengthen  
them as they consider legislation brought forward for  
the great state of Alaska. Grant them great wisdom  
and discernment .

I pray for their health. Keep them physically fit and  
mentally alert throughout this session. Let Your grace  
and mercy be here with them now. Bless the  
Senators, Lord.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

**Messages from the House**

Message dated March 24 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of  
House Resolutions****HJR 11**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11(RES) am BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Recognizing and honoring the relationship between  
Canada and Alaska.

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

**First Reading and Reference of House Bills****HB 121**

HOUSE BILL NO. 121 BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHRAGE, Coulombe, Nelson, Stapp, Story, Costello, Galvin, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of accounting; and  
providing for an effective date."

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

**Communications**

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Health  
Individuals with Developmental Disabilities  
Registration and Review Report  
FY 2024  
in accordance with AS 47.80.130

Disclosure letters received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics in accordance with AS 24.60 will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 3 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 8.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 24 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary 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.

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

Robert Urata

Signing the report: Senator Claman, Chair; Senators Myers, Kiehl, Tobin, Stevens.

**SB 26**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered 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."

Signing do pass: Senator Merrick, Chair; Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Yundt.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

### **SB 55**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 55 "An Act relating to employer contributions in the teachers' retirement system; relating to supplemental employee benefits; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55(L&C) "An Act relating to supplemental employee benefits; and providing for an effective date."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Dunbar, Merrick, Gray-Jackson. Signing do pass: Senator Yundt.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **SB 90**

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 90 "An Act relating to the examination and treatment of minors; relating to consent for behavioral and mental health treatment for minors 16 years of age or older; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Dunbar, Chair; Senators Claman, Tobin, Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Family and Community Services

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Health

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SB 96**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 96 "An Act relating to education tax credits for certain payments and contributions for child care and child care facilities; relating to the insurance tax education credit, the income tax education credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, the property tax education credit, the mining business education credit, the fisheries business education credit, and the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Yundt. Signing no recommendation: Senator Merrick.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 102**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 102 "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Merrick, Chair; Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Yundt.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**SJR 12**

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Urging the United States Congress and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to address outages of National Data Buoy Center stations, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
NO. 12(TRA)

Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Tobin.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 143**

SENATE BILL NO. 143 BY SENATOR YUNDT, entitled:

"An Act relating to the terms of office of municipal school board members; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 144**

SENATE BILL NO. 144 BY SENATOR YUNDT, entitled:

"An Act relating to occupational disability benefits for peace officers and firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 145**

SENATE BILL NO. 145 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to professional licensing; relating to temporary licenses for certain professions; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 24:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that consolidates temporary professional licensing requirements and enhances license portability for servicemembers and their spouses.

This bill establishes a single, streamlined temporary license, administered by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), replacing the various temporary privileges found across Alaska's professional licensing laws. This improves the existing system, which requires a prospective applicant to navigate a web of differing department and board-issued temporary license types to identify the appropriate process to obtain a temporary license. This new license grants a qualified applicant holding a valid out-of-state license the ability to practice in the state for a specified period (generally 180 days).

In addition to addressing temporary licensure, this bill brings Alaska into compliance with federal professional license portability under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). It directs DCCED to issue,

within 30 days of receiving a completed application, a professional license to a servicemember or spouse who holds an out-of-state license and relocates to Alaska under military orders.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

**SB 146**

SENATE BILL NO. 146 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund; relating to Mt. Edgecumbe High School; and relating to teacher housing."

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

**SB 147**

SENATE BILL NO. 147 BY SENATOR GIESSEL BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the prescription and administration of drugs and devices by pharmacists; relating to reciprocity for pharmacists; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Citations**

Honoring - Filipino Community of Anchorage, Alaska Inc. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Representative(s) Mina, Eischeid

Senator(s) Gray-Jackson



Honoring - Ursa Major Distilling 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Representative(s) Carrick

Honoring - Emily Robinson  
Representative(s) Moore, Schwanke  
Senator(s) Cronk

In Memoriam - Donna Gilbert  
Senator(s) Myers  
Representative(s) Prax, Tomaszewski

In Memoriam - Kay Marie Sanders  
Senator(s) Myers  
Representative(s) Prax

In Memoriam - Peter Charles Evans  
Senator(s) Myers, Cronk  
Representative(s) Stapp

In Memoriam - Elizabeth Ann “Betsy” Sharp  
Representative(s) Prax  
Senator(s) Myers

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

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the following citations be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Special Order of Business**

Honoring - Albertina Dull  
Representative(s) Jimmie  
Senator(s) Hoffman

In Memoriam - Willie Anderson  
Senator(s) Kiehl  
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

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**

#### **SB 83**

Senator Hoffman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent the Finance Committee referral be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 83 "An Act relating to health care insurance; relating to insurance reimbursement for health care services provided through telehealth; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens added a Labor and Commerce Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

#### **SB 62**

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 62 "An Act relating to the board of parole; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 28. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on April 11. Without objection, Senator Kawasaki was excused.

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 28 through evening plane time, March 30. Without objection, Senator Tobin was excused.

**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., March 28, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:25 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 01</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ HJR 5	SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS PROGRAM		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 129	PAYMENT OF CONTRACTS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 20	CPR CURRICULUM		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 118	ADD FACULTY MEMBER UNIV BOARD OF REGENTS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+= HB 69	EDUCATION FUNDING: INCREASE BSA		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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## FINANCE

- Mar 26      Wednesday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**  
+      Presentation: Alaska Energy Authority  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 27      Thursday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**  
+= SB 30      STATE PARK PERMITS FOR DISABLED VETERANS  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+= SB 54      EXT ARCH, ENG, SURVEY BRD; REG INT DESIGN  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+= SB 61      ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 28      Friday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Mar 27      Thursday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**  
+= SB 122      HEALTH INSURANCE NETWORK STANDARDS  
+= SB 95      CHILD CARE: ASSISTANCE/GRANTS  
+= SB 88      CHILD PLACEMENT; DILIGENT SEARCH  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

## JUDICIARY

- Mar 26      Wednesday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**  
-- Agenda Change --  
Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Donald Handeland, Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar  
Leitoni Tupou, State Board of Parole  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+ SB 78      DISCLOSURE OF WAGE INFORMATION  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+= SB 132	OMNIBUS INSURANCE BILL		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= SB 133	INSURANCE; PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**RESOURCES**

<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Alaska Critical Minerals		
	Alaska Critical Minerals Collaborative		
	University of Alaska Fairbanks Critical Mineral		
	Research Initiatives		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+= SB 92	CORP. INCOME TAX; OIL & GAS ENTITIES		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 128	CREATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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## STATE AFFAIRS

<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+= SB 64	ELECTIONS		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= SB 77	PERM FUND; EMPLOYMENT; ELIGIBILITY		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 116	CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CONTRIBUTION LIMITS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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## TRANSPORTATION

<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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## FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
+	Overview: Department of Environmental Conservation Senate Finance Subcommittee Close Out		

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## LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>2:45 PM</b>
+	Overview: Department of Labor and Workforce Development Senate Finance Subcommittee Close Out		

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## MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>2:15 PM</b>
+	Overview: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Senate Finance Subcommittee Close Out		

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Apr 15**      **Tuesday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **2:30 PM**  
 +      Overview: Department of Natural Resources  
 Senate Finance Subcommittee Close Out

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS**

**Mar 27**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **1:30 PM**  
 +      Presentation: Update on Alaska Fisheries  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Mar 31**      **Monday**      **Adams 519**      **5:15 PM**  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Agenda  
 I. Call to Order  
 II. Approval of the Agenda  
 III. Approval of Minutes  
     a. March 12, 2025, Minutes  
 IV. Sanctioning of Charitable Events  
     a. Legislative Skits—April 26, 2025  
 V. Executive Session  
     a. Security Update  
     b. RFQ 667 Alaska State Capitol Security Screeners  
 VI. Committee Business  
     a. Capitol Visitor Screening Policy  
     b. Identification Badge Policy  
 VII. Adjourn  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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

<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: History & Mission of Team Arctic Winter Games Arctic Winter Games Nicole Morton-Johnson, President Sarah Frampton, Executive Director Sponsored by Senator Cronk		
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska's Workforce Future Alaska Workforce Alliance Jose Owens, American Marine International Carol Wren, BBNC and AWA Executive Director Sponsored by Senator Merrick		
<b>Apr 01</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska is an Aerospace State Dr. Bob McCoy, Director, UAF Geophysical Institute Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki		
<b>Apr 02</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Davis 106</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: BUILDING FOR THE NORTH: The History of Alaska Housing and Cold Climate Solutions Leah Winters, Public Policy Fellow, Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki		
<b>Apr 09</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Sponsored by Senator Tobin		