

SENATE JOURNAL
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Thursday

April 16, 2026

Eighty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:00 a.m. The Senate was convened for the purpose of a technical session.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the roll call of the Senate be waived. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 214

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 214 "An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN) "An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Olson, Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Merrick, Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senator Cronk. Signing amend: Senator Kaufman.

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Unfinished Business

SB 258

SENATE BILL NO. 258 "An Act relating to contracts for the licensing of software applications" could not be considered in a technical session.

The bill will be on the April 20 calendar.

SB 187

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 187(EDC) "An Act prohibiting certain food additives in public school meals; and providing for an effective date" could not be considered in a technical session.

The bill will be on the April 20 calendar.

SJR 28

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28(L&C) Recognizing the vital role of workers serving in the state under the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program, the H-1B Program for specialty occupations, and the H-2B Program for temporary nonagricultural workers in supporting the state's economic security and continuity of critical services, could not be considered in a technical session.

The resolution will be on the April 20 calendar.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., April 20, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:01 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 16 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 250 DATA CENTERS, UTILITIES
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 210 INDIGENOUS CULTURAL HERITAGE EDUCATION
- + HB 125 BOARD OF FISHERIES MEMBERSHIP
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 21 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 16 REFUSE UTILITY REGULATIONS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 265 CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST
-- Public Testimony --
- + SB 250 DATA CENTERS, UTILITIES
-- Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 23 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

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EDUCATION

Apr 17 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 20 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 += HJR 39 WAIVE VISA FEES FOR TEACHERS
 += SCR 17 REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL ATTENDANCE AREAS
 -- Public Testimony --
 += HB 28 TEACHER/STATE EMPLOYEE STUDENT LOAN PRGRM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 22 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 24 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + SB 66 STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACTS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE

Apr 16 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Overview: University of Alaska FY27 Budget
 Closeout
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += HB 78 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 16 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 17 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE (continued)

- Apr 17 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
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 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Apr 20 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Apr 20 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Apr 21 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + HB 23 STATE COMMISSION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
 + -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 21 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + HB 280 APPORTION TAXABLE INCOME
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 22 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + HB 10 ADD FACULTY MEMBER UNIV BOARD OF REGENTS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + HB 39 EDUCATION FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 22 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 + HB 263 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET;AMEND;SUPP
 <Pending Referral>
 + HB 265 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 <Pending Referral>
 CS ONE
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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FINANCE (continued)

Apr 23 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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Apr 23 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:30 PM**
+ -- Please Note Time Change --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 24 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+= HB 78 **RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.**
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Overview: New Amendments by
 Office of Management and Budget
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 24 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:30 PM**
+ -- Please Note Time Change --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 16 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
+ Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives:
 Stacia Miller
 Board of Chiropractic Examiners:
 Edward Barrington and Walter Campbell
 Board of Examiners in Optometry:
 Charles Rudstrom and Kathleen Rice
 Board of Nursing: Ashley Scholle
 Board of Pharmacy: Rebekah Balmes and
 Lillian Okpaleke
 Board of Dental Examiners: Travis Perkins
 Board of Professional Counselors: Crystal Herring
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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JUDICIARY (continued)

Apr 22 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 Veronica Lambertsen, Alaska Police Standards
 Council
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 24 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 17 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 20 **Monday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 259 PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT INCREASES
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 272 HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 22 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + HJR 38 PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SJR 25 SUPPORTING US-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 24 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + Presentation: Alaska LNG Pipeline Workforce
 Plan by
 Dirk Craft, AK Workforce Investment Board
 Patrick Rose and Joey Crum, Northern Industrial
 Training
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Apr 16 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 275 NATURAL GAS PROJECTS/INCOME TAX/SURCHARGE

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 17 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:

+ SB 208 AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASES

+ SB 192 EVACUATION DESIGNATION LEVELS

+ SB 174 INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 20 Monday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ HB 117 COMMERCIAL FISHING; SET GILLNET COOP

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ SB 255 MUNI GRANT LAND; MAT-SU BOROUGH TRANSFER

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 20 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SB 275 NATURAL GAS PROJECTS/INCOME TAX/SURCHARGE

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 21 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ HB 117 COMMERCIAL FISHING; SET GILLNET COOP

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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RESOURCES (continued)

- Apr 22 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Apr 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Apr 24 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
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STATE AFFAIRS

- Apr 16 Thursday Davis 106 3:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Location Change --
 + Overview: Voter Initiatives
 This Hearing is Being Convened Per AS 24.05.186
 This Hearing Will Include Overviews of All
 Election Related Ballot Initiatives That Have
 Been Certified for the 2026 Election Cycle
 This Will Be An Opportunity For Members of The
 Public to Learn More About Each Ballot Initiative
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Apr 21 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 += SB 282 MILITARY: JT ARMED SVCS COMMITTEE
 -- Public Testimony --
 += HCR 9 DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 239 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SCR 11 LEG. COMMISSION ON STATE SEAL
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
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	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 16	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Apr 21	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 148	AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

Apr 23	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Apr 16	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	5:50 PM
+	Budget Closeout		

CORRECTIONS

Apr 16	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:15 PM
+	Department of Corrections FY27 Budget Closeout		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Apr 16	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM
+	Budget Closeout		

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Apr 17 Friday Senate Finance 532 12:15 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 Presentation: Subcommittee Budget Closeout
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

HEALTH

Apr 17 Friday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 + Presentation: Subcommittee Budget Closeout
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

REVENUE

Apr 16 Thursday Senate Finance 532 6:10 PM
 + Budget Closeout

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Apr 22 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 5:15 PM
 +
 I. Call to Order
 II. Approval of the Agenda
 III. Approval of the Minutes
 a. March 17, 2026
 IV. Special Audit Request
 a. Department of Health, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 V. Executive Session
 a. Final Release of the FY25 State of Alaska Single Audit
 b. Consideration of Contracts
 i. RFP 26-33-02 Lease of Office Space in Anchorage – Division of Legislative Audit
 ii. RFP 26-33-03 Cyber Security Assessments of Select State IT Systems
 c. Legal Update on Personnel Matter
 VI. Adjourn

TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FUNDING

Apr 22 **Wednesday** **Davis 106** **3:30 PM**
+
Presentation: Residential School Funding by
Jim Merriner, Director of Administrative Projects
Galena City School District
Dr. Doug Walrath, Director, Northwestern Alaska
Career and Technical Center
Conrad Woodhead, CTE and Residential Director,
Kusilvak Career Academy
Stephen Calkin, Assistant Superintendent,
Nenana City School District
Correspondence Program Funding by Lon Garrison,
Executive Director, Alaska Association of School
Boards
Overview of Charter Schools in Alaska by
Todd Hindman
Streamed live on AKL.tv