

34TH ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB53 and HB55
May 14, 2025
4:03 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Josephson called the Conference Committee meeting on HB 53 and HB 55 to order at 4:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

House:

Representative Andy Josephson, Chair
Representative DeLena Johnson
Representative Calvin Schrage

Senate:

Senator Lyman Hoffman, Vice-Chair
Senator James Kaufman
Senator Bert Stedman

MEMBERS ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT:

Alexei Painter, Director, Legislative Finance Division

SUMMARY

HB 53 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET; CAP; SUPP

HB 53 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 55 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

HB 55 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

#HB53

#HB55

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53 (FIN) am (brf sup maj fld) (efd fld)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; and making supplemental appropriations."

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53 (FIN) am S

"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 providing for an effective date."

and

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55 (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."

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"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."

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Chair Josephson called the meeting to order. Before the committee was HB 53 and HB 55.

Chair Josephson relayed that limited powers of free conference had been granted by both the House and the Senate. He invited Director Alexei Painter of the Legislative Finance Division (LFD) to join the committee table. He explained that if there were objections, the committee would make note of the item and set it aside. The committee would continue to go through the other items in the area or department, adopt the other items, and then come back to any item that had an objection. He relayed that the committee would be addressing items in HB 53 and

HB 55 based on the motion sheets distributed to members earlier in the day (copy on file). The meeting would cover the following items:

EXECUTIVE BRANCH-WIDE APPROPRIATIONS
DEBT SERVICE ITEMS
FUND CAPITALIZATION
FUND TRANSFERS
LANGUAGE AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS
FY 25 SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING ITEMS INCORPORATED IN HB
53 AND HB 55

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following items in the Executive Branch-Wide Appropriations:

Items 1 and 2 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee ADOPT the following Debt Service Appropriations:

Item 1 Senate, both lines

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Josephson stated that the action closed all conferenceable items in Debt Service Appropriations.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following Fund Capitalization items:

Items 1 through 4 Senate, all items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following Fund Transfer items:

Items 1 and 2 Senate, both items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Josephson stated that the action closed all conferenceable items in Fund Transfers.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following Language and Other Appropriations:

Page 5, Items 1-4 Senate, all items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following Language and Other Appropriations:

Page 5 through 7, Senate, all lines
Item 5

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

Chair Josephson stated that the action closed all conferenceable items in Language and Other Appropriations.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following items from the FY 25 Supplemental Operating Budget that were included in HB 53 and HB 55:

Page 8, Item 1 Open
Page 8, Items 2-11 Senate, all items

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RECONVENED

Vice-Chair Hoffman restated the motion.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following items from the FY 25 Supplemental Operating Budget:

Page 9, Items 12-22 Senate, all items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following items from the FY 25 Supplemental Operating Budget:

Page 10, Items 23-32 Senate, all items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following items from the FY 25 Supplemental Operating Budget:

Page 11, Items 33-41 Senate, all items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following items from the FY 25 Supplemental Operating Budget:

Page 12, Items 42-51 Senate, all items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following items from the FY 25 Supplemental Operating Budget:

Page 13, Items 52-62 Senate, all items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following items from the FY 25 Supplemental Operating Budget:

Page 14, Items 63-72 Senate, all items

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED that the committee adopt the following items from the FY 25 Supplemental Operating Budget:

Page 15, Items 73 and 74 Senate, both items
Page 15, Item 75 Open

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

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Chair Josephson concluded the meeting. He noted the date and time of the next meeting would be posted on BASIS.

Vice-Chair Hoffman MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

There being NO OBJECTION, it was so ordered.

HB 53 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 55 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

