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Governor Mike Dunleavy
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The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building, Room 208
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority vested in me by Article II, Section 15, of the Alaska Constitution, I have vetoed the following bill:

SCS CSHB 69(FIN)

“An Act relating to the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date.”

I have vetoed SCS CSHB 69(FIN) for the following reasons:

Senate leadership and I concur that the State’s fiscal outlook has deteriorated significantly in the face of decreasing oil prices, thus revenue, and potential reductions in federal funding as well. While we agree that additional funding for education is necessary, the fiscal reality dictates that the amount put forward match this reality. The amount put forward in this bill does not.

Many Alaskans also agree that we need to improve educational outcomes in our schools to ensure that Alaska’s young people receive the best education that we can provide. With 34 days left in the legislative session, there is still plenty of time to agree upon a bill that contains both needed funding and educational policy. To that end, we are prepared to continue to work with the legislature and stakeholders to agree to a bill as soon as possible that addresses the concerns of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Enclosure