

HB

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Alaska State Legislature

*Representative Peggy Wilson
Putting Alaska's Families First*

SPONSOR STATEMENT

Sponsor: Representative Peggy Wilson

CSHB 233(EDU) "An Act relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

Public education is charged with assuming greater responsibility while at the same time they face a reduction in the purchasing power of the student dollar. Alaska cannot continue to ask its 53 school districts to meet all these additional responsibilities with insufficient dollars; therefore additional funding is a necessity.

Previous cuts to school funding are slowly eroding Alaska's capacity to provide high quality education. School districts all over the state are budget trimming to cope with inflationary factors including but not limited to greatly increased insurance and fuel costs. In some districts decreasing enrollment makes the situation worse. The legislature supports the concept of the "No Child Left Act" and it is imperative that increased funds be allocated in order to implement this act and assure that no child is left behind.

The increase of \$158.00 per student, as provided in House Bill 233, would assist our local schools districts as they seek to provide our students with the best education possible in these difficult financial times. I ask your support of House Bill 233.

HB 233 sponsor 4- 28 - 03

School District	Increase to Basic Need	Change to Floor	Net Increase
Alaska Gateway	194,070	(77,628)	116,442
Aleutian Region	39,893	(15,957)	23,936
Aleutians East Borough	143,684	-	143,684
Anchorage	10,738,693	-	10,738,693
Annette Island	83,707	-	83,707
Bering Strait	845,932	-	845,932
Bristol Bay Borough	93,731	-	93,731
Chatham	87,286	-	87,286
Chugach	59,573	(23,669)	35,904
Copper River	211,934	-	211,934
Cordova	133,535	(4,228)	129,307
Craig	178,350	-	178,350
Delta/Greely	293,046	-	293,046
Denali Borough	130,879	-	130,879
Dillingham	166,734	(66,694)	100,040
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	3,490,329	-	3,490,329
Galena	561,453	(224,581)	336,872
Haines Borough	90,151	-	90,151
Hoonah	63,756	(25,502)	38,254
Hydaburg	29,459	-	29,459
Iditarod Area	171,200	(68,480)	102,720
Juneau Borough	1,187,319	-	1,187,319
Kake	50,225	(20,090)	30,135
Kashunamiut	134,311	-	134,311
Kenai Peninsula Borough	2,271,136	-	2,271,136
Ketchikan Gateway Boroug	550,500	-	550,500
Klawock	52,084	(8,313)	43,771
Kodiak Island Borough	712,836	-	712,836
Kuspuk	222,376	(32,127)	190,249
Lake & Peninsula Borough	233,979	(20,248)	213,731
Lower Kuskokwim	1,621,292	(648,517)	972,775
Lower Yukon	865,393	-	865,393
Mat-Su Borough	3,216,215	-	3,216,215
Nenana	140,737	-	140,737
Nome	234,339	-	234,339
North Slope Borough	757,227	-	757,227
Northwest Arctic Borough	912,374	-	912,374
Pelican	10,475	(4,190)	6,285
Petersburg	161,223	-	161,223
Pribilof	63,128	(24,321)	38,807
Sitka Borough	355,017	-	355,017
Skagway	38,392	-	38,392
Southeast Island	95,992	(25,167)	70,825
Southwest Region	327,685	-	327,685
St. Mary's	74,830	-	74,830
Tanana	35,143	(14,057)	21,086
Unalaska	133,206	(53,283)	79,923
Valdez	236,612	(94,645)	141,967
Wrangell	107,042	-	107,042
Yakutat	42,923	-	42,823
Yukon Flats	174,692	9,708	184,400
Yukon/Kovukuk	310,605	(2,663)	307,942
Yupitit	184,591	(17,328)	167,263
Mt. Edgecumbe High Schoo	76,542	-	76,542
TOTALS:	33,397,736	(1,461,980)	31,935,756

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