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Alaska State Legislature

Representative Peggy Wilson
House District 2
Putting Alaska's Families First

SPONSOR STATEMENT

SSHB 18

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

Our Children are Alaska's greatest resource and we must do all we can to provide them with the best education possible.

We need to do all we can to attract and keep the most highly qualified teachers and support staff in our school systems. The costs faced by our school districts for such things as insurance, fuel, and retirement benefits, under PERS and TRS, continue to rise at an alarming rate. Public education has been charged with assuming greater responsibility with the federal requirements under "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB), while at the same time inflation has severely reduced the purchasing power of the student dollar. Therefore it is imperative that the legislature steps forward again this year with a significant increase to the education funding formula.

The substantial increase to the base student allocation in SS House Bill 18 would assist our local schools districts in meeting their needs along with the public's expectations and demands. I ask your support of SS House Bill 18.

SSHB 18 sponsor 1/18/05

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number:
Bill Version: HB018-EED-ESS-01-21-05
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):
Dept. Affected: Education & Early Development
Title: An act increasing the base student allocation for state funding of public education; and providing for an ...
RDU: K-12 Support
Component: Foundation Program
Sponsor: Rep. Wilson
Requester: Special Committee on HESS
Component No.: 141

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	66,380.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	**66,380.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	66,380.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	**66,380.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*
This bill would increase the Base Student Allocation, from $4,576 to $4,901 for FY06.

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Division: School Finance — Date/Time 1/24/05 11:00 AM
Approved by: Karen Rehfeld, Deputy Commissioner — Date 1/24/2005
Agency: Education & Early Development

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Department of Education and Early Developement
Prepared on 1/21/05
FY06 Base Allocation Increase $4,901

Prepared by Mindy Lobaugh

School District	FY06 Projection @ $4,576	FY06 Projection @ $4,901	Difference
Alaska Gateway	4,915,667	5,175,533	259,866
Aleutian Region	1,059,727	1,107,987	48,260
Aleutians East Borough	3,501,788	3,796,254	294,466
Anchorage	223,154,797	244,770,329	21,615,532
Annette Island	1,398,131	1,583,465	185,334
Bering Strait	17,205,353	18,906,033	1,700,680
Bristol Bay Borough	1,239,140	1,378,945	139,805
Chatham	1,733,593	1,864,815	131,222
Chugach	1,905,637	1,974,278	68,641
Copper River	6,032,438	6,473,563	441,125
Cordova	3,087,845	3,357,225	269,380
Craig	3,698,050	3,992,578	294,528
Delta/Greely	8,942,900	9,576,123	633,223
Denali Borough	4,597,598	4,963,369	365,771
Dillingham	4,263,506	4,624,253	360,747
Fairbanks N. Star Borough	72,823,842	79,893,599	7,069,757
Galena	16,058,992	16,728,499	669,507
Haines Borough	1,563,785	1,733,731	169,946
Hoonah	1,535,829	1,661,825	125,996
Hydaburg	767,366	801,143	33,777
Iditarod Area	4,427,089	4,615,268	188,179
Juneau Borough	23,648,457	26,113,928	2,465,471
Kake	1,190,539	1,287,831	97,292
Kashunamiut	2,546,629	2,819,652	273,023
Kenai Peninsula Borough	46,190,906	50,813,700	4,622,794
Ketchikan Gateway Borough	11,703,837	12,844,285	1,140,448
Klawock	1,331,394	1,396,114	64,720
Kodiak Island Borough	15,580,674	17,014,912	1,434,238
Kuspuk	4,610,680	5,026,423	415,743
Lake & Peninsula Borough	5,980,874	6,438,676	457,802
Lower Kuskokwim	39,975,145	42,788,908	2,813,763
Lower Yukon	18,120,223	19,870,254	1,750,031
Mat-Su Borough	83,064,699	90,051,328	6,986,629
Nenana	3,922,379	4,205,129	282,750
Nome	6,359,841	6,868,775	508,934
North Slope Borough	8,451,990	9,826,084	1,374,094
Northwest Arctic Borough	22,227,553	24,041,790	1,814,237
Pelican	404,184	417,112	12,928
Petersburg	3,691,527	4,026,125	334,598
Pribilof	1,258,266	1,386,004	127,738
Saint Mary's	1,992,370	2,134,710	142,340
Sitka Borough	7,265,034	7,978,669	713,635
Skagway	710,547	781,580	71,033
Southeast Island	3,069,832	3,193,687	123,855
Southwest Region	6,817,409	7,474,022	656,613
Tanana	1,027,629	1,104,254	76,625
Unalaska	2,405,593	2,654,755	249,162
Valdez	3,684,508	4,005,546	321,038
Wrangell	2,276,815	2,480,148	203,333
Yakutat	991,431	1,074,244	82,813
Yukon Flats	4,617,236	4,844,436	227,200
Yukon/Koyukuk	11,059,848	11,932,116	872,268
Yupiit	4,225,753	4,638,935	413,182
Mt. Edgecumbe High School	1,842,250	2,026,174	183,924
Other	26,096,100	26,096,100	
Total	**762,255,225**	**828,635,221**	**66,379,996**

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Date: January 26, 2004

To: Representative Peggy Wilson

From: Steve Atwater, Superintendent

Re: Comment on School Funding Proposal

I am encouraged by your proactive approach toward school funding. As has been the case for the past several years, our projected level of revenue for the coming school year is lower that our anticipated level of expenditures. Specifically, we must eliminate $500,000 or a little more that 5% of this year's budget (assuming that the revenue level for education remains the same) in order to balance revenue with expenditures. Although we expect that there will be an increase to education funding, not knowing what this amount will be, forces us to take this conservative approach when building our budget for FY2006. We are thus in the precarious predicament of eliminating teaching positions as well as reducing non-classroom activities such as our school to life program without knowing our level of funding.

In sum, we will need an additional $500,000 to be able to offer the same level of service that we do today. Your proposal would allow us to increase our budget by about $330,000. I appreciate all your work to make such an increase a reality. I also encourage you to do all that you can to settle the education funding issue early in this session. Since our hiring season peaks in April, the sooner we know our level of revenue, the easier it will be to find the right teacher for our small village schools. If possible, I would like to avoid the hiring scramble that carries on into the summer months.

Thanks for keeping education at the top of your priority list.

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