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HB 181 Sponsor Statement

House Bill 181 will move the authority to set legislative session per diem for legislators from Legislative Council (composed of legislators), and assign it to the State Officers Compensation Commission, an independent commission composed of Alaska citizens.

Since 1994, legislative per diem — the daily rate that legislators receive for lodging, meals, and incidentals during session — has been set by Legislative Council, a joint House and Senate committee which deals with legislative business on behalf of all sixty legislators.

Under HB 181, the Alaska State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC) would set legislative session per diem instead. The commission's job, as currently required by statute, is to recommend salaries for the governor, the lieutenant governor, legislators, commissioners, and deputy commissioners, as well as their benefits and allowances. HB 181 would add legislative session per diem to that list, to ensure that legislator per diem is set at a reasonable level, to de-politicize the issue, and to ensure an independent and objective process.

The commission is made up of five Alaska private citizens who are appointed by the Governor. SOCC Commissioners may not be employed by the state; may not serve as members of another state board, commission, or authority; and may not hold elected state or municipal office. In addition, SOCC commissioners may not serve in any office or position for which the Commission makes recommendations during the four years preceding their term.

The authority to set per diem is consistent with duties that the commission already performs. SOCC consults Alaska's historical data on salary and compensation rates, as well as comparative data from other states, to set salaries. The commission can approach legislative per diem in a similarly thoughtful, depoliticized, objective, and independent way.

HB 181 would relieve legislators from being in the position of setting their own compensation. It would empower an impartial body to compensate legislators equitably, without engaging in party politics.

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March 27, 2017

Miss Stephanie Gilardi,
House State Affairs Committee Aide

Dear Stephanie —

We'd love to have HB 181 considered for a hearing. Attached are all the necessary documents.

The staffer assigned to the bill is Berett Wilber, who can be reached at berett.wilber@akleg.gov.

Thanks, and we appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JKT".

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HB 181 Sectional Analysis

Section 1.

Clarifies that legislators are entitled to per diem during legislative session, as appropriated by the Legislature.

Section 2.

Clarifies that legislators are entitled to a travel allowance.

Section 3.

Clarifies that Legislative Council is responsible for setting legislative travel policies.

Section 4.

Legislators may receive a per diem as recommended by the State Officers Compensation Commission.

Section 5.

Clarifies that travel policies for the Joint Armed Services Committee, which are currently linked to those set by Leg Council, are still linked to travel policies set by Leg Council.

Section 6.

Requires that the State Officers Compensation Commission adds per diem to the list of equitable funding it must recommend, along with compensation, benefits, and other allowances.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 181(STA)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KREISS-TOMKINS, Fansler, Grenn, Ortiz, Gara

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to per diem for legislators; relating to a travel allowance for legislators**
2 **and legislative employees; and relating to the State Officers Compensation**
3 **Commission."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 24.10.120(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Salaries, travel allowances, per diem for legislators during legislative
7 sessions, travel expenses, relocation expenses, and additional allowances for members
8 of the legislature shall be paid, subject to appropriation, as approved by the
9 legislative fiscal officer.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.10.130(c) is amended to read:

11 (c) The Alaska Legislative Council shall adopt a policy in accordance with
12 AS 39.23.540(d) regarding reimbursement for moving expenses applicable to all
13 legislators and a policy allowing a travel allowance for all legislators and
14 legislative employees [AN APPLICABLE PER DIEM ALLOWANCE POLICY].

1 The **policies** [POLICY] must set conditions for the reimbursement for moving
 2 expenses and payment of **travel allowances** [PER DIEM] and prescribe the amounts
 3 of reimbursement adapted to the special needs of the legislative branch as determined
 4 by the council.

5 * **Sec. 3.** AS 24.10.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 (d) Legislators may receive a per diem allowance during legislative sessions
 7 as recommended by the State Officers Compensation Commission under
 8 AS 39.23.580, unless disapproved by the legislature as provided in AS 39.23.540(d),
 9 and subject to appropriation as provided in AS 39.23.540(g).

10 * **Sec. 4.** AS 24.20.660 is amended to read:

11 **Sec. 24.20.660. Travel allowance [AND PER DIEM ALLOWANCES].**
 12 Members of the Joint Armed Services Committee are entitled to reimbursement for
 13 travel expenses. Members of the committee shall receive **a travel allowance** [PER
 14 DIEM ALLOWANCES] in accordance with the policy adopted by the legislative
 15 council under AS 24.10.130(c).

16 * **Sec. 5.** AS 39.23.580 is amended to read:

17 **Sec. 39.23.580. Policy of the legislature.** It is the policy of the legislature that
 18 the commission recommend an equitable rate and form of compensation, **per diem**
 19 **allowances during legislative sessions,** benefits, and **other** allowances for legislators.

20 * **Sec. 6.** AS 24.10.130(b) is repealed.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 181
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: HB181-DOA-DOP-03-21-17
Title: LEGISLATURE PER DIEM AND TRAVEL
ALLOWANCE
Sponsor: KREISS-TOMKINS
Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Centralized Administrative Services
Allocation: Personnel
OMB Component Number: 56

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? no
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 181

Analysis

HB181 requires the State Officers Compensation Commission to make recommendations for per diem, in addition to their other responsibilities. These responsibilities will not require additional meetings, therefore a zero fiscal note is submitted.

2017 Legislative Compensation By State

State	Salary	Per Diem
Alabama	Alabama legislators receive a taxable compensation equal to the Alabama median annual household income, as ascertained and adjusted yearly by the State Personnel Board. The board met on Oct. 27, 2015, and set the median annual household income amount at \$44,765.00. This current median annual household amount will begin on Jan. 1, 2017 and will continue through Dec. 31, 2017.	Alabama legislators no longer receive a set per diem rate while in session. Legislators are reimbursed for in-state travel expenses which include mileage and per diem in accordance with rates and procedures applicable to state employees. All out-of-their-district reimbursable travel must be for official business and in the interests of the state or in the performance of official duties, as approved by the applicable Presiding Officer.
Alaska	\$50,400/year	\$213 or \$247/day (depending on the time of year) tied to the federal rate. Legislators who reside in the Capitol area receive 75 percent of the federal rate.
Arizona	\$24,000/year	\$35/day for the first 120 days of the regular session and for special sessions and \$10/day thereafter. Members residing outside Maricopa County receive an additional \$25/day for the first 120 days of the regular session and for special sessions and an additional \$10/day thereafter (V). Set by statute.
Arkansas	\$39,400/year	\$153/day (V) plus mileage; tied to the federal rate.
California	\$104,118/year	\$183/day for each day in session.
Colorado	\$30,000/year	Up to an amount equal to 85 percent of the federal per diem rate for Denver per day for members who live more than 50 miles away from the Capitol. Set by the legislature; \$45/day for members who live 50 or fewer miles from the Capitol.
Connecticut	Salaries range from \$28,000 for rank and file to \$38,689 for Senate President and House Speaker	No per diem is paid.
Delaware	\$45,291/year	No per diem is paid.
Florida	\$29,697/year	\$152/day based on the number of days in session. Travel vouchers are filed to substantiate.
Georgia	\$17,342/year	\$173/day (U); set by the Legislative Services Committee.
Hawaii	Speaker and President: \$68,880/year. Members: \$61,380/year	\$225/day throughout session for members who do not reside on the island of Oahu; \$10/day for members living on Oahu during the mandatory five-day recess only.
Idaho	\$17,017 annually; \$21,017 for Speaker & Pro Tem	\$129/day for members establishing a second residence in Boise; \$49/day if no second residence is established and up to \$25/day travel (V). Set by the compensation commission.
Illinois	\$67,836/year	\$111/per session day.
Indiana	\$25,435.98/year	\$161/day, except for \$175 during the months of Feb-April 2017. (U); tied to the federal rate.
Iowa	\$25,000/year	\$166/day (U); \$124.50/day for Polk County legislators (U). Set by the legislature to coincide with the federal rate. State mileage rates apply.
Kansas	\$88.66/day (C)	\$142/day.
Kentucky	\$188.22/day	\$154/day
Louisiana	\$16,800/year plus additional \$6,000/year (U) expense allowance	\$156/day (U); tied to the federal rate.

Maine	\$14,271/year for first regular session; \$10,158 /year for second regular session. In addition, legislators receive a constituent service allowance (\$2,000/year for Senators and \$1,500 /year for Representatives).	\$38/day for lodging, or mileage and tolls in lieu of housing (at a rate of \$0.44/mile up to \$38/day) plus \$32/day for meals. Set by statute.
Maryland	\$47,769/ year for regular members; \$62,044 for President & Speaker	Meals = \$45 / day; mileage = \$.535/ mile; lodging = \$103/ day
Massachusetts	\$62547.97/year	No per diem
Michigan	\$71,685/year	\$10,800/year expense allowance for session and interim (V); set by the compensation commission.
Minnesota	\$31,140.90/year	\$86/day for senators and \$66/day for representatives.
Mississippi	\$10,000/year	\$142/day (U) tied to federal rate.
Missouri	\$35,915/year	\$113.30/day (U); tied to the federal rate. Verification of per diem is by roll call.
Montana	\$90.64/day (L)	\$114.39/day (U).
Nebraska	\$12,000/year	Per diem is \$142 for those members who reside 50 miles or more from the Capitol For those inside the 50 mile radius the rate is \$51. Mileage is paid at the rate of \$.535
Nevada	\$150.71 for legislators elected in 2017 and \$146.29 /day for mid-term members. Maximum of 60 days of session.	\$142/per day.
New Hampshire	\$200/two-year term; \$250/two-year term for President and Speaker; \$3/day for Special Session for first 15 days of session	No per diem is paid.
New Jersey	\$49,000/year; President of the Senate and Assembly Speaker earn an additional 1/3 (\$65,333)	No per diem is paid.
New Mexico	None	\$164/day (V); tied to the federal rate.
New York	\$79,500/year	\$175/full day (including overnight)
North Carolina	\$13,951/year Member; \$17,048/year Majority & Minority Leader; \$21,739/year Deputy & Speaker Pro Tempore; \$38,151/year President Pro Tempore & Speaker	\$104/day (U) set by statute. \$0.29 per mile set by statute. Monthly expense allowance: \$559/month, Member; \$666/month Majority & Minority Leader; \$836/month Deputy Pro Tempore & Speaker Pro Tempore; \$1,413/month President Pro Tempore & Speaker.
North Dakota	\$177/day during legislative sessions (C)	Lodging reimbursement up to \$1,682 per month (V).
Ohio	\$60,584/year	No per diem is paid.
Oklahoma	\$38,400/year	\$156/day (U); tied to the federal rate.
Oregon	\$24,216/year	\$142/day (U); tied to the federal rate
Pennsylvania	\$86,478.50/year	\$179 (10/1/16 - 9/30/17); tied to the federal rate
Rhode Island	\$15,429.72/year Per Article VI, Section 3 of the Rhode Island Constitution, the rate of compensation is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the cost of living, and the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House are compensated at an annual rate of double that of other senators and representatives. Legislators receive mileage.	No per diem is paid.

South Carolina	\$10,400/year	The Subsistence is \$195.53 per day provided the legislator answers to roll call during the session and one round trip mileage per week at the rate of .535 per mile. Subsistence of \$195.53, per diem of \$35.00 and mileage of .535 cent per mile for each committee meeting on a non-legislative day. Legislators also receive an In-district expense of \$1,000.00 per month.
South Dakota	\$6,000/session; \$142/day for interim committees	\$142.00 per legislative day (U)
Tennessee	\$22,667/year	\$220/day (U) for members whose residence is greater than 50 miles from the seat of government; \$59/day for members whose residence is inside of 50 miles from the seat of government.
Texas	\$7,200/year	\$190/day (U); set by ethics commission.
Utah	\$273/day (C)	Up to \$100 plus tax/calendar day (V) for lodging reimbursement, tied to in-state travel reimbursement lodging rate for Salt Lake City metropolitan area; up to \$41/day meal reimbursement (V), tied to in-state travel meal reimbursement rates (includes tax and tips).
Vermont	\$707.36/week during the legislative session only	\$115/day for lodging (overnight stay) or \$74/day for meals; mileage.
Virginia	\$18,000/year for the Senate; \$17,640/year for the House	\$196/day for Senators during 2016 session; \$196/day for House members.
Washington	Legislators: \$46,839/year - eff. 9/1/2016; 47,776/year – eff. 9/1/2017 Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader: \$55,738/year – eff. 9/1/2016 \$56,853/year – eff. 9/1/2017 House and Senate Minority Leaders: \$51,288/year – eff. 9/1/2016 \$52,314/year – eff. 9/1/2017	\$120/day.
West Virginia	\$20,000/year	\$131/day during session (U); set by the compensation commission.
Wisconsin	\$50,950/year	Per diem authorized under Wisconsin Statutes, the Joint Committee on Employment Relations establishes the maximum amount at 90 percent of the federal per diem rate for Madison, which is \$156.50. The leadership of each house then determines, within that maximum, what amount to authorize for the session. Wisconsin Senate - Current authorized amount is up to \$115 per day (\$57.50 per day for legislators living in Dane County). This rate is 66 percent of the maximum per diem rate for Madison.
Wyoming	\$150/day during session	\$109/day (V), including travel days for those outside of Cheyenne; set by the legislature.
2017 Legislator Compensation Data from NCSL		

SESSION AND INTERIM
PER DIEM HISTORY

Effective Date	Juneau Short Term	Juneau Long Term	Juneau Meal Allowance	Interim Per Diem	Comments
5/1/1970	30.00	18.00	9.00		
9/1/1974	35.00	21.00	12.00		
3/1/1975	40.00	24.60	16.00		
8/1/1976	50.00	30.00			
10/1/1977		35.00	21.00		
12/18/1979	60.00	45.00			
1/1/1981	67.00	50.00	25.00		
1/1/1982	80.00	60.00	31.00		First time Juneau Legislators were paid a different rate than State employees. State employees were paid 50.00 for long term per diem in Juneau.
1984, 1985 1986	-	-			Legislators did not receive session per diem in 1984, 1985, 1986. They were receiving 3,900/month salary from 7/21/83 - 1/18/87.
Fed per diem <i>Info only</i>					As of 6/88, the federal per diem rate for Juneau was 114.00.
1/19/1987	80.00	60.00		50.00-55.00	Legislators pay changed to 1,845/month and they started receiving session per diem again. They began collecting interim per diem; rate varied by region.
2/13/1990		60.00			Admin Manual changed to read State employees in Juneau during the session.
Fed per diem <i>Info only</i>					As of 2/1/89, the federal per diem rate for Juneau was 117.00.
Fed per diem <i>Info only</i>					As of 3/1/90, the federal per diem rate for Juneau was 123.00.

SESSION AND INTERIM
PER DIEM HISTORY

Effective Date	Juneau Short Term	Juneau Long Term	Juneau Meal Allowance	Interim Per Diem	Comments
6/1/1990	100.00 110.00	9/16-5/15 5/16-9/15	36.00	60% of ST rate	Changed by Administrative Memo 6/90. Administrative Manual updated to reflect change 3/91.
6/29/1990		75% of ST rate		65.00	Leg Council Mtg of 6/28/90 - adopted new interim per diem rate and sent Commissioner Baxter memo requesting change to Administrative Manual on 7/5/90. Administrative Manual updated to reflect change 3/91.
Fed Per Diem <i>Info Only</i>					As of 1/1/91, the federal per diem rate for Juneau was 166.00.
Fed per diem <i>Info only</i>					As of 1/1/92, the federal per diem rate for Juneau was 148.00 (10/2-4/30) and 162.00 (5/1-10/1)
3/23/1992		*			*Administrative Manual changed to read long term per diem for State employees during the session in Juneau @ 75% of short term rate. All other State employee long term rate @ 60% of short term per diem rate.
1/1/1993				*	*Administrative Manual eliminates \$65/day for Legislators, replaces with sliding scale.
4/1/1993					Council adopts Taxation and Compensation Subcommittee Report.
7/1/1993				65.00	Title 24.10.130 changed. Council to set per diem rates instead of Commissioner of Administration. Legislative Council approved \$65 rate at meeting 6/2/93.

SESSION AND INTERIM
PER DIEM HISTORY

Effective Date	Juneau Short Term	Juneau Leg. Rate	Juneau Meal Allowance	Interim Per Diem	Comments
1/1/1994	<u>Federal Rate</u>				<p>Warren Endicott 11/8/93 memo establishes federal rates for session per diem.</p> <p>Council Chair Eldon Mulder 12/23/93 memo allows Legislators to choose between the federal rate and old state rate for the 1994 session.</p> <p>39 Legislators received the old State rate. 21 Legislators received the federal per diem rate.</p> <p>1st Special Session 5/12-16/94 re: budgets, Mental Health Lands, open mtgs... 2nd Special Session 9/26-28/94 re: Mental Health Trust Lands</p>
	151.00	01/10-04/29	113.25		
	166.00	04/30-05/09	124.50		
	166.00	05/10-05/16	124.50		
	151.00	9/26,27,28	113.25		
	<u>State Rate</u>				
	100.00	01/10-05/15	75.00		
	110.00	5/16	82.50		
	110.00	09/26,27,28	82.50		
12/1/1994					State eliminates short term rates, adopts 42.00 Alaska meal allowance.
12/12/1994					Legislative Council adopts federal per diem rates and meal allowances.
3/1/1995	151.00	01/16-02/28	113.25		1995 Legislative Session - 121 days
4/30/1995	148.00	03/01-04/29	111.00		
	160.00	04/30-05/16	120.00		
3/1/1996	148.00	01/08-02/29	111.00		1996 Legislative Session - 121 days
	158.00	03/01-04/30	118.50		
	171.00	05/01-05/07	128.25		
5/1/1996				*	Legislative Council limited interim per diem to 90 days per calendar year.
	171.00	05/08-05/14	128.25		Special Session 5/8/96 - 6/6/96 re: budgets. The Legislature recessed from 5/15/96 to 6/2/96. During the recess Legislators received per diem only if they claimed it. The rate varied depending on where they were during recess.
	*	05/15-06/02	*		
	171.00	06/03-06/06	128.25		
2/1/1997	158.00	01/13-01/31	118.50		1997 Legislative Session - 119 days
	168.00	02/01-05/11	126.00		
12/18/1997				*	Legislative Council removed the 90 day limit on interim per diem.

SESSION AND INTERIM
PER DIEM HISTORY

Effective Date	Juneau Short Term	Juneau Leg. Rate	Juneau Meal Allowance	Interim Per Diem	Comments
3/1/1998	168.00	01/12-02/28	126.00		1998 Legislative Session - 121 days 1st Special Session re: subsistence convened 5/26/98 and adjourned 6/1/98 2nd Special Session re: subsistence convened 7/20/98 and adjourned 7/21/98
	161.00	03/01-05/12	120.75		
	161.00	05/26-06/01	120.75		
	161.00	7/20,21	120.75		
3/1/1999	161.00	1/19-2/28	120.75		1999 Legislative Session - 21st Legislature 1st Special Session re: long range financial plan, budget bills 2nd Special Session re: Subsistence
	173.00	3/1-5/19	129.75		
	173.00	5/20-5/25	129.75		
	173.00	9/22-9/30	129.75		
1/1/2000	161.00	1/10-5/3	120.75	65.00	2000 Legislative Session - 21st Legislature 3rd Special Session re: State employee pay raises convened 5/3, adjourned 5/6/00
	161.00	5/4-6/00	120.75		
	161.00	1/8/01-5/8/01 6/7/01-6/9/01	120.75 120.75	65.00	2001 Legislative Session - 22nd Legislature 1st Special Session re: Cruise Ship Pollution
9/1/2001 5/1/2002	174.00 202.00 202.00 202.00 202.00	1/14/02-5/1/02 5/1/02-5/14/02 5/15-16/02 5/17/02-5/21/02 6/24-27/02	130.50 151.50 151.50 151.50 151.50	65.00	2002 Legislative Session Extended Regular Session 2nd Special Session re: budget bills, Muni bonds - Educ & Museum construction, grants, renaming & other changes to AK Pioneers Home to include Veterans Establishing Veteran's Advisory Council 3rd Special Session Powers/duties of Regulatory Commission of Alaska; Campaign Contributions
4/1/2003	202.00	1/21/03-3/31/03	151.50		2003 Legislative Session
	174.00	4/1/03-5/21/03	130.50		

SESSION AND INTERIM
PER DIEM HISTORY

Effective Date	Juneau Short Term	Juneau Leg. Rate	Juneau Meal Allowance	Interim Per Diem	Comments
6/1/2004	174.00 1/12/04-5/11/04	130.50			2004 Legislative Session
	204.00 6/22/04-6/24/04	153.00			June Special Session - Perm Fund POMV & implement; Advisory Vote on Source of Money Available for Appropriation; Spending Limit, Tobacco Tax; G.O. Bonds for Transportation & Education Capital Project; Workers' Compensation
4/1/2005	204.00 1/10/05-3/31/05	153.00			2005 Legislative Session
	156.00 4/1/05-4/30/05	117.00			
	189.00 5/1/05-5/10/05	141.75			1st Special Session - 24th Legislature (15 days). Budgets, PERS/TRS Workers Compensation, and other Legislation.
	189.00 5/11/05-5/25/05	141.75			
6/29/2005			150.00	Legislative Council adopted \$150 interim long term per diem rate, effective 6/29/05.	
4/1/2006	156.00 1/9/06-3/31/06	117.00			2006 Legislative Session (121 days)
	163.00 4/1/06-4/30/06	122.25			
	218.00 5/1/06-5/9/06	163.50			
	218.00 5/10/06-6/8/06	163.50			2nd Special Session - 24th Legislature (30 days)
	218.00 7/12/06-8/10/06	163.50			3rd Special Session - 24th Legislature (30 days)
	163.00 11/14/06-11/20/06	122.25			4th Special Session - 24th Legislature (7 days)
	163.00 1/16/07-4/30/07	122.25			2007 Legislative Session (121 days)
	218.00 5/1/07-5/16/07	163.50			
	278.00 6/26/2007	208.50			1st Special Session - 25th Legislature (Held in Anchorage) (1 day)
	163.00 10/18/07-11/16/07	122.25			2nd Special Session - 25th Legislature (Held in Juneau) (30 days)

SESSION AND INTERIM
PER DIEM HISTORY

7/1/2008	163.00	1/15/08 - 4/13/08	122.25			2008 Legislative Session 3rd Special Session (held in Juneau, various meetings all over Alaska) 3rd Special Session (held in Juneau, various meetings all over Alaska) 4th Special Session (held in Juneau)
	218.00	6/3/08 - 7/3/08	163.50			
	214.00	7/1/08 - 7/2/08	160.50			
	214.00	7/9/08 - 8/7/08	160.50			
1/1/2009	189.00	1/20/09 - 4/19/09	141.75			2009 Legislative Session 1st Special Session (held in Anchorage)
	278.00	8/1/2009	208.50			
	189.00	1/19/10 - 4/18/10	141.75			2010 Legislative Session

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AFGHANISTAN	HERAT (NON-US FACILITIES)	01/01	12/31	99	32	23	8	1		139	12/01/2015
AFGHANISTAN	HERAT	01/01	12/31	0	22	18	6	1		28	06/01/2011
AFGHANISTAN	KABUL (NON-US FACILITIES)	01/01	12/31	102	80	47	20	1		202	12/01/2015
AFGHANISTAN	KABUL	01/01	12/31	0	26	20	7	1		33	07/01/2016
AFGHANISTAN	MILITARY BASES IN KABUL	01/01	12/31	0	26	20	7	1		33	07/01/2016
AFGHANISTAN	MILITARY BASES NOT IN KABUL	01/01	12/31	0	12	13	3	1		15	04/01/2007
AFGHANISTAN	[OTHER] (NON-US FACILITIES)	01/01	12/31	51	40	27	10	1		101	12/01/2015
AFGHANISTAN	[OTHER]	01/01	12/31	0	12	13	3	1		15	08/01/2003
ALASKA	ADAK	05/01	09/30	192	41	28	10			243	03/01/2016
ALASKA	ADAK	10/01	04/30	150	41	28	10			201	03/01/2016
ALASKA	ANCHORAGE [INCL NAV RES]	05/16	09/30	339	91	53	23			453	03/01/2016
ALASKA	ANCHORAGE [INCL NAV RES]	10/01	05/15	99	91	53	23			213	03/01/2016
ALASKA	BARROW	01/01	12/31	205	77	46	19			301	03/01/2016
ALASKA	BARTER ISLAND LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	BETHEL	01/01	12/31	179	97	56	24			300	03/01/2016
ALASKA	BETTLES	01/01	12/31	175	64	39	15			254	03/01/2015
ALASKA	CAPE LISBURNE LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	CAPE NEWENHAM LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	CAPE ROMANZOF LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	CLEAR AB	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	COLD BAY LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	COLDFOOT	01/01	12/31	165	56	35	14			235	10/01/2006
ALASKA	COPPER CENTER	05/15	09/15	150	69	42	17			236	03/01/2016
ALASKA	COPPER CENTER	09/16	05/14	115	69	42	17			201	03/01/2016
ALASKA	CORDOVA	01/01	12/31	140	75	45	19			234	03/01/2016
ALASKA	CRAIG	04/01	09/30	151	59	37	15			225	03/01/2016
ALASKA	CRAIG	10/01	03/31	88	59	37	15			162	03/01/2016
ALASKA	DEADHORSE	01/01	12/31	170	41	28	10			221	03/01/2016
ALASKA	DELTA JUNCTION	05/01	09/30	169	48	31	12			229	03/01/2015
ALASKA	DELTA JUNCTION	10/01	04/30	139	46	30	11			196	03/01/2015
ALASKA	DENALI NATIONAL PARK	06/01	08/31	185	64	39	16			265	03/01/2016
ALASKA	DENALI NATIONAL PARK	09/01	05/31	139	64	39	16			219	03/01/2016
ALASKA	DILLINGHAM	05/01	10/15	350	68	41	17			435	03/01/2016
ALASKA	DILLINGHAM	10/16	04/30	220	68	41	17			305	03/01/2016
ALASKA	DUTCH HARBOR-UNALASKA	01/01	12/31	142	62	38	15			219	03/01/2016
ALASKA	EARECKSON AIR STATION	01/01	12/31	146	59	37	15			220	07/01/2016
ALASKA	EIELSON AFB	05/15	09/15	154	63	39	15			232	03/01/2016

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ALASKA	EIELSON AFB	09/16	05/14	75	63	39	15				153	03/01/2016
ALASKA	ELFIN COVE	01/01	12/31	275	41	28	10				326	03/01/2016
ALASKA	ELMENDORF AFB	05/16	09/30	339	91	53	23				453	03/01/2016
ALASKA	ELMENDORF AFB	10/01	05/15	99	91	53	23				213	03/01/2016
ALASKA	FAIRBANKS	05/15	09/15	154	63	39	15				232	03/01/2016
ALASKA	FAIRBANKS	09/16	05/14	75	63	39	15				153	03/01/2016
ALASKA	FOOTLOOSE	01/01	12/31	175	15	15	3				193	10/01/2002
ALASKA	FORT YUKON LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15				196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	FT. GREELY	05/01	09/30	169	48	31	12				229	03/01/2015
ALASKA	FT. GREELY	10/01	04/30	139	46	30	11				196	03/01/2015
ALASKA	FT. RICHARDSON	05/16	09/30	339	91	53	23				453	03/01/2016
ALASKA	FT. RICHARDSON	10/01	05/15	99	91	53	23				213	03/01/2016
ALASKA	FT. WAINWRIGHT	05/15	09/15	154	63	39	15				232	10/01/2016
ALASKA	FT. WAINWRIGHT	09/16	05/14	75	63	39	15				153	10/01/2016
ALASKA	GAMBELL	01/01	12/31	133	41	28	10				184	03/01/2016
ALASKA	GLENNALLEN	05/15	09/15	150	69	42	17				236	03/01/2016
ALASKA	GLENNALLEN	09/16	05/14	115	69	42	17				201	03/01/2016
ALASKA	HAINES	01/01	12/31	107	81	48	20				208	01/01/2011
ALASKA	HEALY	06/01	08/31	185	64	39	16				265	03/01/2016
ALASKA	HEALY	09/01	05/31	139	64	39	16				219	03/01/2016
ALASKA	HOMER	05/01	09/30	194	72	43	18				284	03/01/2016
ALASKA	HOMER	10/01	04/30	89	72	43	18				179	03/01/2016
ALASKA	JB ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON	05/16	09/30	339	91	53	23				453	03/01/2016
ALASKA	JB ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON	10/01	05/15	99	91	53	23				213	03/01/2016
ALASKA	JUNEAU	05/01	09/30	159	70	42	18				247	03/01/2016
ALASKA	JUNEAU	10/01	04/30	125	70	42	18				213	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KAKTOVIK	01/01	12/31	165	69	42	17				251	10/01/2002
ALASKA	KAVIK CAMP	01/01	12/31	250	41	28	10				301	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KENAI-SOLDOTNA	05/01	10/31	179	85	50	21				285	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KENAI-SOLDOTNA	11/01	04/30	84	85	50	21				190	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KENNICOTT	01/01	12/31	285	68	41	17				370	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KETCHIKAN	04/01	10/01	250	78	46	19				347	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KETCHIKAN	10/02	03/31	99	78	46	19				196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KING SALMON LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15				196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KING SALMON	05/01	10/01	225	73	44	18				316	10/01/2002
ALASKA	KING SALMON	10/02	04/30	125	65	40	16				206	10/01/2002
ALASKA	KLAWOCK	04/01	09/30	151	59	37	15				225	03/01/2016

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ALASKA	KLAWOCK	10/01	03/31	88	59	37	15			162	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KODIAK	05/01	09/30	157	65	40	16			238	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KODIAK	10/01	04/30	100	65	40	16			181	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KOTZEBUE	01/01	12/31	219	110	62	27			356	06/01/2016
ALASKA	KULIS AGS	05/16	09/30	339	91	53	23			453	03/01/2016
ALASKA	KULIS AGS	10/01	05/15	99	91	53	23			213	03/01/2016
ALASKA	MCCARTHY	01/01	12/31	285	68	41	17			370	03/01/2016
ALASKA	MCGRATH	01/01	12/31	160	52	33	13			225	03/01/2016
ALASKA	MURPHY DOME	05/15	09/15	154	63	39	15			232	03/01/2016
ALASKA	MURPHY DOME	09/16	05/14	75	63	39	15			153	03/01/2016
ALASKA	NOME	05/01	09/30	200	93	54	23			316	06/01/2016
ALASKA	NOME	10/01	04/30	175	93	54	23			291	06/01/2016
ALASKA	NOSC ANCHORAGE	05/16	09/30	339	91	53	23			453	10/01/2016
ALASKA	NOSC ANCHORAGE	10/01	05/15	99	91	53	23			213	10/01/2016
ALASKA	NUIQSUT	01/01	12/31	234	41	28	10			285	03/01/2016
ALASKA	OLIKTOK LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	PETERSBURG	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	POINT BARROW LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	POINT HOPE	01/01	12/31	175	68	41	17			260	03/01/2016
ALASKA	POINT LAY LRRS	01/01	12/31	255	41	28	10			306	03/01/2016
ALASKA	POINT LAY	01/01	12/31	255	41	28	10			306	03/01/2016
ALASKA	POINT LONELY LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	PORT ALEXANDER	02/01	08/31	210	41	28	10			261	03/01/2016
ALASKA	PORT ALEXANDER	09/01	01/31	165	41	28	10			216	03/01/2016
ALASKA	PORT ALSWORTH	01/01	12/31	135	70	42	18			223	10/01/2002
ALASKA	PRUDHOE BAY	01/01	12/31	170	41	28	10			221	03/01/2016
ALASKA	SELDOVIA	05/01	09/30	194	72	43	18			284	03/01/2016
ALASKA	SELDOVIA	10/01	04/30	89	72	43	18			179	03/01/2016
ALASKA	SEWARD	05/01	09/30	298	67	41	17			382	03/01/2016
ALASKA	SEWARD	10/01	04/30	99	67	41	17			183	03/01/2016
ALASKA	SITKA-MT. EDGECUMBE	01/01	12/31	200	79	47	19			298	03/01/2016
ALASKA	SKAGWAY	04/01	10/01	250	78	46	19			347	03/01/2016
ALASKA	SKAGWAY	10/02	03/31	99	78	46	19			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	SLANA	05/01	09/30	139	44	29	11			194	02/01/2005
ALASKA	SLANA	10/01	04/30	99	44	29	11			154	02/01/2005
ALASKA	SPARREVOHN LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	SPRUCE CAPE	05/01	09/30	157	65	40	16			238	03/01/2016

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ALASKA	SPRUCE CAPE	10/01	04/30	100	65	40	16			181	03/01/2016
ALASKA	ST. GEORGE	01/01	12/31	220	41	28	10			271	03/01/2016
ALASKA	TALKEETNA	01/01	12/31	100	71	43	18			189	10/01/2002
ALASKA	TANANA	05/01	09/30	200	93	54	23			316	06/01/2016
ALASKA	TANANA	10/01	04/30	175	93	54	23			291	06/01/2016
ALASKA	TATALINA LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	TIN CITY LRRS	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	TOK	05/15	09/30	95	66	40	17			178	03/01/2016
ALASKA	TOK	10/01	05/14	73	66	40	17			156	03/01/2016
ALASKA	UMIAT	01/01	12/31	350	41	28	10			401	03/01/2016
ALASKA	VALDEZ	05/16	09/16	169	71	43	18			258	03/01/2016
ALASKA	VALDEZ	09/17	05/15	89	71	43	18			178	03/01/2016
ALASKA	WAINWRIGHT	01/01	12/31	175	66	40	17			258	01/01/2011
ALASKA	WAKE ISLAND DIVERT AIRFIELD	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	10/01/2016
ALASKA	WASILLA	05/01	09/30	170	84	49	21			275	03/01/2016
ALASKA	WASILLA	10/01	04/30	99	84	49	21			204	03/01/2016
ALASKA	WRANGELL	04/01	10/01	250	78	46	19			347	03/01/2016
ALASKA	WRANGELL	10/02	03/31	99	78	46	19			196	03/01/2016
ALASKA	YAKUTAT	01/01	12/31	105	75	45	19			199	01/01/2011
ALASKA	[OTHER]	01/01	12/31	120	61	38	15			196	03/01/2016
ALBANIA	TIRANA	01/01	12/31	190	68	41	17			275	12/01/2016
ALBANIA	[OTHER]	01/01	12/31	77	29	22	7			113	12/01/2016
ALGERIA	ALGIERS	01/01	12/31	188	63	39	15			266	06/01/2016
ALGERIA	[OTHER]	01/01	12/31	192	90	52	22			304	01/01/2015
ALL PLACES NOT LISTED	ALL PLACES NOT LISTED	01/01	12/31	35	16	15	4			55	10/01/2007
AMERICAN SAMOA	AMERICAN SAMOA	01/01	12/31	139	55	35	14			208	06/01/2015
AMERICAN SAMOA	PAGO PAGO	01/01	12/31	139	55	35	14			208	12/01/2015
ANDORRA	ANDORRA	01/01	12/31	209	98	56	25			332	01/01/2008
ANGOLA	LUANDA	01/01	12/31	405	136	75	34			575	08/01/2013
ANGOLA	[OTHER]	01/01	12/31	405	136	75	34			575	08/01/2013
ANGUILLA	THE VALLEY	01/01	12/31	279	129	72	32			440	10/01/2016
ANTARCTICA	ANTARCTICA REGION POSTS	01/01	12/31	0	0	0	1			1	06/01/2010
ANTARCTICA	MCMURDO STATION ANTARCTICA	01/01	12/31	0	0	0	1			1	05/01/2010
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	ALL CONTRACTOR FACILITIES	01/01	12/31	20	18	16	4			42	10/01/2002
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	05/01	11/30	203	92	53	23			318	05/01/2016
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	12/01	04/30	252	96	55	24			372	05/01/2016
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	[OTHER]	04/16	12/14	37	15	15	3			55	05/01/2008

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The Right Balance

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Different Approaches

To help take politics out of the issue, 19 states have created compensation commissions to provide independent and impartial recommendations.

Most commissions convene every couple of years, review comparable salaries and benefits, provide an opportunity for public comment and issue formal recommendations. The governor and legislative leaders usually nominate committee members. Many states require that members come from different backgrounds and political parties to ensure diversity.

Commissions' levels of influence varies. Some serve only an advisory role and make proposals the legislature can modify. In other states, commission recommendations are binding unless lawmakers vote to reject them or the governor turns them down. In Arizona and Nebraska, commission recommendations must be approved by voters before going into effect. In California and Washington, commissions have carte blanche to raise or lower salaries.

The effect of commissions on salaries has varied. California's Citizens Compensation Commission reduced the salary of its legislators by almost \$21,000 in 2009.

"California legislators were reducing staff salaries and issuing mandatory furloughs in an effort to reduce costs," says Charles Murray, chairman of the commission. "They didn't have the authority to lower salaries on their own but we realized it needed to be done."

Alaska's Officers Compensation Commission recommended a \$26,000 increase for 2009, which was adopted and raised the salaries of Alaskan lawmakers for the first time in more than 15 years.

"We understood the obvious problems with legislators establishing a compensation system that includes their own pay and benefits," says Representative Mike Doogan, who sponsored the 2008 legislation to create the commission. "The legislation was not an attempt to increase or reduce salaries but rather to create a commission that could provide an equitable solution."

Many legislators from states with commissions agree they provide a way to address the issue fairly. Other states have tied legislative compensation to other state employee salaries or to changes in the cost of living. In these cases, increases in legislative salaries are automatic. Florida legislators receive the same annual percentage increase as state employees. In Massachusetts, legislative salaries are tied to an index that provides an automatic increase or decrease, according to the median household income for

the state.

No matter how salaries are determined, it's still difficult to have an open discussion about them, given the public's hostility toward the issue. Legislators are all too aware of the potential political consequences of supporting an increase, even if they believe it's the right thing to do.

One has only to look at Pennsylvania to understand the implications involved. In 2006, primary voters there ousted 17 incumbents for increasing their salaries by 16 percent the previous year. To avoid voter scrutiny, many other lawmakers decided not to seek reelection. The increase was ultimately repealed four months later because of the political firestorm that had erupted.

Rosenthal thinks there needs to be a transparent process that addresses the issue fairly.

"Too much bad press and misinformation often cloud the issue. Ultimately, voters don't receive a balanced view of what is really happening," he says. "I don't think legislators should make as much as they would in the private sector because they are serving the public, but they do deserve a salary that is fair."

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/about-state-legislatures/pay-problem.aspx#diff>