

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 1999 - 2000

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Subject: TC 10599

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:35:29 -0900

From: Dillingham LIO <Dillingham_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

Dillingham list #2

Testify

✓ 4. Peggy Wood

Anna May

List #2 from Kodiak to testify

UPDATE - KODIAK

Subject: List #2 from Kodiak to testify

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:11:18 -0900

From: Kodiak Lio <Kodiak_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

2/ Mike Milligan

Subject: KTN Part List#1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 17:56:36 -0900

From: Ketchikan LIO <Ketchikan_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

√1) Patti Green KTN

~~File~~

Mike Wiggins is
back in Kodak

Dave —
Please look at
email
for Wrangell
list I sent
earlier —
any dupes to
Sue's list
(Greg Mc Cormack)
Tommy Barlow
Robert Caldwell

Subject: list #1 Seward LIO

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 17:54:20 -0900

From: Seward LIO <Seward_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

- ✓ 1. Sandy Wassilie

Subject: List #1- BARROW

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 17:48:35 -0900

From: Barrow_Lio <Barrow_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

List of testifiers-

1. Merry Carlson- North Slope Borough Health Department

Subject: Part List #1

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 17:52:41 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- ✓1. Dori Olson
- ✓2. Pauline Wilson
- ✓3. Dave Musgrave
- ✓4. Gara Bridwell
- ✓5. Annie Keep-Barnes
- ✓6. Janno Parrish
- 7. Jason Miller
- ✓8. Jim Sweeney
- ✓9. Colleen Ketchum

ANCHORAGE - UPDATE

Subject: List #4 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:08:31 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

- ✓10. Rick Sewell - UAA Alumni Assn.
- ✓11. Sherry Thompson - UAA
- ✓12. Ted Ragains - UAA
- ✓13. Randi Brunion-Olson
- ✓14. Megan Hall - UAA

See
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Ave - UPDATE

Subject: List #5 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:16:15 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

25. Janice Tower - American Academy of Pediatrics

UPDATE - ANC

Subject: List #6 Anchorage

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:39:41 -0900

From: Donna Grenier <Donna_Grenier@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us

- 26. Linda Spencer - UAA
- 27. Skye Rubadeau - UAA

UP Date

Subject: Part List #5

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:43:08 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- 6. Pat Race
- 7. Aaron Suring
- 8. Kim Race
- 9. Mika Mack
- 30. Josephus Govaars

How are things going there? Any idea the numbers in the other areas?
Karissee

Subject: Part List #6

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 20:23:14 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

31. Tammy Smith

32. Christine Petty

and that look like it for us. Karisse

FAIRBANKS - UPDATE

Subject: Part List #2

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:12:50 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- ✓10. Linda Pearson
- ✓11. Murray Richmond
- ✓12. Don Gray
- ✓13. Greg Hoffman
- 14. ~~Linda Cozzini~~ had to leave
- 15. Debbie Miller ✓
- 16. Janelle McCracken ✓

UPDATE - FAIRBANKS

Subject: Part List #3

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 18:32:06 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

- ✓6. Viletta Knight
- ✓7. Marta ~~Miller~~ Mueller
- ✓8. Vanessa Spencer
- 19. Jillian Swope
- 20. Jack Fletcher
- 21. George Beu
- ✓22. Alice Szuberla
- 23. Jeff Walters *had to leave*
- ✓2. Alice Szuber
- 23. Jeff Walters

see next page

FAIRBANKS - UPDATE

Subject: Part list #4 +

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 19:01:26 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

Update: Testifiers Jeff Walters (23) and Linda Cozzini (14) had to leave if you want to take them off. Also (17) Marta Mueller was spelled wrong on the last list sent.

New Part List #4
24. Cindy Branley
25. Gail McCain

Karisse

Subject: Re: Part List #6

Date: Thu, 23 Mar 2000 20:41:05 -0900

From: Fairbanks LIO <Fairbanks_LIO@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Dave McKenna <Dave_McKenna@legis.state.ak.us>

We had ONE more come in -
Lisa Villano

Dave McKenna wrote:

> *Thanks- I didn't realize, but my printer had run out of paper and I*
> *never got lists 5+6 to the chair. He has them now though. Sorry about*
> *that. Thanks, Dave*

>
> *Fairbanks LIO wrote:*

>
> > *31.Tammy Smith*

> > *32.Christine Petty*

> >

> > *and that look like it for us. Karisse*

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

HB 312-APPROPRIATIONS: OPERATING BUDGET

✓ NAME: Paul McBy Subject/Bill No: Funding Education
 Co./Dept./Title: Teacher Phone: 337-6138
 Address: 1749 Old Harbor Zip: 99504
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

✓ NAME: Ann MacFarlane Subject/Bill No: Children's Programs funding
 Co./Dept./Title: Juneau School Dist RALLY Phone: 463-1975
 Address: 17014 Crazy Horse Drive Zip: 99601
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Shodie Akin Subject/Bill No: Children's funding
 Co./Dept./Title: National Association for the Ed of Young Children Phone: 321-9814
 Address: PO BOX 211363 Aniak Bay AK Zip: 99821
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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✓ NAME: Donald Cecil Subject/Bill No: Univ. of Alaska
 Co./Dept./Title: Univ. of Alaska Phone: 463-5282
 Address: POB 33239; Juneau Zip: 99803
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: John Cyr Subject/Bill No: Ed Funding
 Co./Dept./Title: Pres NEA-AK Phone: 586-3098
 Address: Juneau Zip: _____
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Valleri Collins Subject/Bill No: Daycare Subsidy
 Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: 780-6300
 Address: P.O. Box 21641 Juneau Zip: 99802
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Suey Linzmeier Subject/Bill No: Children's programs
 Co./Dept./Title: _____ Phone: 463-3518
 Address: 4825 Thane Rd. Juneau Zip: 99801
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Joy Lyon Subject/Bill No: _____
 Co./Dept./Title: President - Alaska Assoc. for Ed. of Young Children Phone: 586-6989
 Address: 570 Seater Juneau AK Zip: 99801
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

Handwritten notes:
 2/11/00
 9:00 AM
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NAME: Susan DeLoach Subject/Bill No: _____
 Co./Dept./Title: Bright Beginnings Early Learning Center / owner + director Phone: 790-1842
 Address: 9315 Glacier Hwy. Juneau Zip: 99801
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Carol Hedlin Subject/Bill No: hi brany + 117A
 Co./Dept./Title: AKLA Member / Un. V. of AK SE Phone: 790-2985
Inst. Lib. Lib. Lib.
 Address: PO Box 211284 Anka Bay AK Zip: 99821
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Elise Tomlinson Subject/Bill No: _____
 Co./Dept./Title: AkLA Chair - Juneau Chapter Phone: 364-3694
 Address: 2225 Great Western St #B Douglas Zip: 99824
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Laren E. Eddy Subject/Bill No: _____
 Co./Dept./Title: Education Support Staff Assoc. V. Pres. Phone: 907-452-6060
 Address: 314 Iditarod Fairbanks Zip: 99701
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Bill Bjork Subject/Bill No: Budget
 Co./Dept./Title: NEA - ALASKA Phone: 479-3479
 Address: PO 333 Ester Zip: 99725
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: CRYSTAL LORABETZ Subject/Bill No: BUDGET
 Co./Dept./Title: TEACHER Phone: 338-2220
 Address: PO 211325 ANC Zip: 99521
 Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

*Any other
 3/23/00
 signature
 sheets*

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Not here

NAME: Barbara Angaiak Subject/Bill No: Ed. Funding

Co./Dept./Title: Parent + Teacher Phone: 543-3459

Address: P.O. Box 1233 Bethel, Ak Zip: 99559

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

Not here

NAME: Norman Mills Subject/Bill No: Ed. Funding

Co./Dept./Title: Teacher Phone: 859-2444

Address: 8 Zapadni St. St. George Is. Zip: 99591

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

Not here

NAME: Cindy Boesser Subject/Bill No: under-school-age Children's Funding

Co./Dept./Title: owner Home Basin Child Care Phone: 463-3490

Address: 875 Basin Rd. Juneau Zip: 99801

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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NAME: Lucy Hope Subject/Bill No: _____

Co./Dept./Title: Teacher - NEK Phone: _____

Address: Wasilla, AK Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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NAME: Rita Davis Subject/Bill No: _____

Co./Dept./Title: Teacher in MATSU Phone: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions



Teleconference Update Summary

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TC Date: March 23, 2000	Moderator:
Time: 6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM	Toll Free Number: 800 368 8772
Status: Announced	Dial-up Number:
Sponsor: SFIN: FINANCE	Personal Number: 907 258 8772
Chairs: Parnell	Testimony Allowed: Yes
Torgerson	Time Limit: 1 minutes
Purpose: PUB	Backup Material: No
Contact: Debbie 4656594	Meeting ID: 7346

Public Remarks: Testimony to be taken statewide on the operating budget. The chair will take testimony in a round robin style.

Internal Comments:

Agenda

Bill Number	Bill Subject
HB 312	APPROPRIATIONS: OPERATING BUDGET
HB 313	APPROPRIATIONS: MENTAL HEALTH

LIO Sites

Chair	Name	Room
-	ANCHORAGE	
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-	FAIRBANKS	
	GLENNALLEN	
-	HOMER	
x	JUNEAU	CAP532
-	KENAI	
-	KODIAK	
	KOTZEBUE	
-	KETCHIKAN	
	MATSU	
-	NOME	
	PETERSBURG	
-	SEWARD	
-	SITKA	
	TOK	
	VALDEZ	
-	WRANGELL LTC	
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VTS Sites

Chair	Code	Name	Location	LIO
	CRA	CRAIG	CITY HALL	SIT
	TNB	THORNE BAY	CITY HALL	SIT

**PUBLIC
TESTIMONY**

**HB 312
OPERATING
BUDGET**

Hello, my name is Shodie Akin and I am speaking on behalf of the children I have worked with, do work with, and will work with in the future.

Children need the support of all Alaskans.

There are many programs available currently to help children of Alaska.

Infant Learning, Head Start, Child Care Assistance, Child Care Licensing, Child Care Grant and Denali Kid Care are just a few.

These programs help keep children of Alaska healthy, safe, and in Quality Child Care.

Without these special funding programs children are the ones who are deprived. Thank You!

TO: Lorraine + Jan

1023 E. 20th B
Anch 94501

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To the legislators concerning AWAIC:

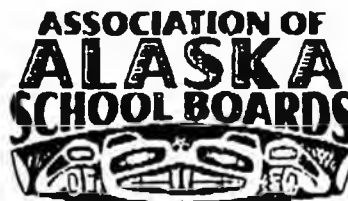
From my own experience, I strongly urge you all to support AWAIC / Willis Way shelter's because when no safe place can be found for me and my children we can go there for safety, food to eat, clothes we need, just every aspect an abused person needs when it arises. I've learned more with their support groups. I have come from a small village of 60+ population and wished there was more support shelters. It is difficult especially with a lot of children to get out and have a "new start" at life again.

Also I strongly urge your support for Alaska legal services because I had zero money for my divorce I finally got!

P.S. I can't make it to the meeting because I'm going to divorce support group 2-nite.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jilly Remay
(Chuckwale)

Carl Rose
AASB
586-1083



Advocates for Alaska's Youth

Where AASB would like to see the \$19M "surplus" spent...

Initiative	Description	Amount
Governor's QUALITY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (SB 244, HB 336)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infuses the Quality Schools Grants program to address new benchmark exams in grades 3,6,8 and remediation in grades 10-12 for the graduation exam. • Schools must qualify for the funds through Department of Education & Early Development requirements. • Must show EED district strategies that will improve student learning. 	\$7.6 million
Sen. Wilken's PER PUPIL FUNDING INITIATIVE (SB 198)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases the per pupil spending "base allocation" from \$3,940 to \$3,990. • Provides much needed funding in support of regular instructional programs in grades K-12. 	\$10 million
Alaska schools PUPIL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING (SB 250)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The House version of SB 250, the fast track supplemental, reappropriates \$2.1 million to fully fund state aid to the FY00 pupil transportation component of the education funding formula. <p>(The Senate version of the FY00 fast track supplemental shortfunds state aid to pupil transportation by \$2.1 million. Additionally, the Senate and House operating budget proposals shortfund transportation by \$5 million in FY01.)</p>	\$2.1 million
<i>Total</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Total cost of initiatives and full funding of pupil transportation for FY00.</i> 	\$19.7 million

NOTE: The so-called "surplus" in education funds—i.e. difference in FY00 authorized to FY01 projected education funding—is \$19,166,900.

To Whom It May Concern:

3/23/00

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) is an agency whose work affects everyone in the community. Most people know someone who has been affected by domestic violence or have been affected themselves. Domestic violence knows no boundaries and affects people of every age, stature, and race. I only began to learn about AWAIC and its impact 8 months ago, when I became a full-time volunteer advocate in the Non-Residential Services Program. Now I personally see the impact that AWAIC has by directly being involved with clients and also with other employees.

I come from a small town in Ohio where domestic violence is a "secret" and most people are not able to get help. Many people die because they do not get help. Here in Anchorage, the community is so lucky to have one of the best agencies for domestic violence in the country. Luckily, funding has allowed for there to be a shelter, a batterers intervention program, community education and support through a non-residential program, a program

for Alaska Natives (Willa's Way), ^{DATE} and a program for homeless victims (Moving Forward). All of these programs must be strong in order to end domestic violence because this involves preventing as well as intervening in the cycle of violence that affects families from generation to generation. In Anchorage, these services are desperately needed.

Decreasing the money available for domestic violence agencies decreases the funding available for advocates, people who work to keep DV from becoming a secret. Without the funding for education and support that advocates provide, people will die because members of the community will not receive the necessary knowledge to avoid the violence or the safety planning to stay alive. ~~to receive~~

AUATC believes that everyone has the right to live and love without violence. Support and education empower people to make positive choices that help them stay violence free. In Non-Residential Services, we provide individual support sessions, ^(+group) crisis intervention for walk-ins, safety planning and education to the community, and legal advocacy.

Without these services, people may die. With less funding for advocates who help victims, people may die. The bottomline should not be how many people can be helped with the funding available. The bottomline should not be money at all. Advocates have more important worries, such as saving lives.

I know just how much hope a victim gets just by having a listening ear, either when calling in crisis or walking in in crisis. The Non-Residential Services office handles many of these crisis situations as well as educates schools, agencies, and DOC & McLaughlin. We are highly understaffed and can not afford to lose any more resources.

My volunteer year will be ending soon. But, despite my transient status at AWAIC, I believe in its mission and its employees. They are passionate, hard-working people who could easily make more money at another agency. But they believe in what they do. And I think that their impact is extraordinary. They have earned the respect of the community, and deserve continued support for what they do to save lives.

Christy Meredith
Tasuit Volunteer

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please appropriate at least \$2.8 million dollars toward Tobacco Control. Tobacco is the leading cause of death and disability. It is the most preventable cause of death. Funding of tobacco control is financially as well as socially responsible. Elimination of tobacco use will be of benefit to the health of Alaskans and will also save money for the State. The state receives \$30 million dollars annually from ^{the} tobacco settlement. The intent of the use of these dollars was for Tobacco Control. Please fund Tobacco Control at at least \$2.8 million this year.

Name Ann P. Lamer

Address 13700 Capstan Dr.

City Anchorage, Zip 99516

March 23, 2000

TO: Members of the Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Karla Julzi, President of the Board of Directors
Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Anchorage

I am testifying tonight to request your support for restoring to the budget of the Council on Domestic Violence \$100,000 that was cut by the Legislature last year. AWAIC, which is the largest domestic violence agency in the state, experienced \$38,650 of this cut. This is the equivalent of one ~~staff position~~ staff for AWAIC.

AWAIC's experience is similar to that of other domestic violence shelters in the state - the need for our services is going up, not down. We have had more nights this year when the shelter was full to overflowing than we have ever had.

AWAIC's mission is to teach people to live and love without violence. Our goal is to eliminate domestic violence. Since we are talking about lives, about safety, for women and children, our communities can accept nothing less than wiping out domestic violence. We cannot afford to fall back in our effort. I urge you to approve an amendment to the budget to restore the \$100,000 CDVSA cut.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Home phone: 907-349-2890
Office phone: 907-263-8553
Address: 10631 Republic Circle
Anchorage 99515

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

I am here to encourage you to invest in support for young children. I spent some time this week learning about the vulnerable brain of the young child. Recent research is confirming what mothers' intuition and tradition have always held. For young children to develop optimally they need good food, good health, and a stable, loving caregiver. In a world where many mothers of young children must work, stable care means child care. We need day care assistance fully funded. ^{Writing lists mean stress and worry, and perhaps compromised} University of Alaska is expanding courses ^{promised} for training early childhood workers - they need to be well supported as well. We can afford to care well for young children. Indeed, we can't afford not to.

Name Bonny Headley
Address 919 David Place
City Anchorage zip 99501

3-23-00

Senate Finance Committee,

I'm here to testify in favor of FULL FUNDING for all children's programs, especially ones supporting children before school-age. I have worked in Child Care off and on for many years, first in Centers and currently in my own licensed & Nationally Accredited Family Child Care Home. I am qualified for much higher paying jobs, but I passionately believe that Early Childhood work is the most important, most challenging work. For the past 3 years I have been operating a high quality program. It has been the best possible job for me, and I would love to keep doing it, but to tell you the truth, I can't. Parents can not pay enough to make a profitable business in this field. Our savings have zeroed. My husband and I can not continue to subsidize child care. We've been able to justify it because we've seen it as an investment in my son, who

is in my program until Fall, when he enters public school. My story is not so different from many, many child care workers. At the Western States Leadership Network Conference, a gathering of Early Childhood Professionals, I hear many variations of the same history. Good people just can't afford to work with young children.

I have waited as long as I can to testify - luckily I was writing to get ready to speak. My themes are that whatever you can do to INCREASE funding for children and support of compensation for quality care, is essential to change this sad drain of Early Childhood workers. Like my husband & I, always try to remind yourself - it's an **INVESTMENT IN THE CHILDREN!**

Thank you for all you do for children in this state

Sincerely, Cindy Boesser
Cindy Boesser 875 Basin Rd. - January 1980

463-3490

Written Public Testimony
For HB 912/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Funding MUST be added to the D.O.T
Budget to enable them to open the
Denali Highway this spring and to
maintain it this summer.

To "LET IT MELT" is perhaps the
most costly thing that could be done.
SEVERE DAMAGE to bridges, roadway
and in the paved area, the asphalt
damage will be many times more than
the cost to open.

Summer maintenance must continue
or resulting damage will close this important
highway impacting small business and the
entire state.

Name DAVID D. STRAIGHT

Address BOX 10158

City FAIRBANKS zip 99710

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be filed by the LJO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

The Opening of the Denali Highway is a Must this Spring! Severe damage to the roadway will surely result if the highway is left to melt. It will not melt until late July. Heavy runoff in this mountainous highway area will destroy a valuable State Asset.

New Asphalt patches laid out in '98 + '99 will be ruined, Any one of which will cost more to replace than the small cost to open the road !!

If Summer maintenance is reduced or deleted we will lose expensive screened ~~for~~ fines placed at considerable expense. Bridges + roadway will be lost — probably closing the road.

This will destroy the seasonal businesses + impact severely All Alaskans + Tourists. Funding must be made available to Do.T. to Open + Maintain this Vital Highway Link !!

Name Kristy Hawk
Address HC 72 Box 7292
City Paxson, AK zip 99737

For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to
Valdez LIO
835-2097

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

In a time of public service cuts everywhere - the last thing that needs to be cut is public communication. Please do not cut the public radio budget.

Name Cindy Butherus
Address 2070 Homestead
City Valdez zip 99686

For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax
to
Valdez
LIO
835-2097

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please fully support Public
Radio. Cuts to public communication
will hurt all of us.

Thank you,

Cindy Besore

Name _____

Address Box 651

City Valdez Zip 99686

For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Restore the money to
Public Radio & TV - Cutting
would be bad!! - we
depend on it
Thnx

Name Shana Anderson
Address P.O. Box 1456
City Valdez Zip AK 99686

Shana Anderson

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For HB 312/HB 313
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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

2001 Budget

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

FOR TWO YEARS NOW THE RESIDENTS OF THE TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMMUNITIES, FAIRBANKS VISITORS ASSOC., HOLLAND AMERICA/WEST TOURS, CANADIANS, ETC., HAVE FLOODED OUR LEGISLATORS WITH VOLUMES OF LETTERS, PROPOSALS, AND RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE ESSENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE TAYLOR HIGHWAY. THE QUESTION NOW IS: HAVE YOU LISTENED TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE?

PLEASE INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET FOR 2001, MONIES FOR THE ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE OF THE TAYLOR HIGHWAY, MARCH 15TH THRU OCT. 15TH.

Name Jana E. Ulvi

Address PO. Box 27

City EAGLE Zip AK 99738

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For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

2001 Budget

Date: March 23, 2000

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Senate Finance Committee Members,
Re: Taylor Highway / Boundary Spur schedule
March 15th - October 15th 2001

Last year we engaged in a successful fight to open the Taylor.
This year we are engaged in what we hope will be a
successful fight to open our highway.

Let's NOT fight next year at this time. It's time, energy
and money-consuming. Fighting for essential
services is frustrating.

Let's please budget monies to open the Taylor Highway
and boundary spur mid-March, and keep them
open through mid-October.

Let's get on with acting responsibly and intelligently.

Name Jeanne Tatangelo

Address Box 27

City Eagle zip 99738

For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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SUPPORT Public Radio
Restore The Public
Radio & TV. Budget.
No Future cuts

Name Henry Grimm

Address P.O. Box 3538

City VALDEZ AK zip 99686

Henry Grimm

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Operating Budget Testimony

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Support Public Radio.
Restore The Public
Radio & TV. Budget.
No future cuts!!!

Name Buck Wilson
Address P.O. Box 2676
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Buck Wilson

Written Public Testimony
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Operating Budget Testimony

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FOR THOSE OF US WHOSE LIVES ARE EFFECTED
BY DISABILITIES & ARE UNABLE TO CONNECT WITH
MANY AREAS OF COMMUNICATIONS AVAILABLE TO
MOST OF THE POPULATIONS, PBR IS NOT A
LUXURY ... IT IS A NECESSITY!

ADD TO THAT LIVING IN A REMOTE AREA OF
THE PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA - AND
YOU WOULD FEEL THE NEED TO ADD TO THE
BUDGET - NOT SUBTRACT.

Name SUZANNE HICKMAN
& KRIS JAMES
Address PO BOX 2392
City Valdez Zip 99686

PLEASE,
KEEP US CONNECTED
- DON'T REDUCE
FUNDING FOR
PUBLIC RADIO

Since I have worked for public radio (KCHU) I have become knowledgeable about the importance and need of public radio to people that live in, what we call, "the bush." These are areas where there is no access to newspapers, commercial television, or commercial radio. These amenities are not there because there is not enough demand to make it profitable for suppliers of these services.

True, these people live in these remote, isolated areas by choice. It is important that they remain informed citizens about community, state, national and international events. Many of these people depend on public radio for communication with the outside world. They also depend on it for communications with each other.

Public funding for these services has been cut excessively in the past. It was felt that the users of these services should pay for them. Cuts have been made up by many fund-raisers, membership drives, pull tab gambling and other measures. There is only so much that can be done to make up for these cuts.

Government is charged with furnishing those services that private financiers cannot or will not furnish. Communication with people in these remote areas is a service that is not profitable for private enterprise at this time. If these people have basic services they will remain in place and become the nucleus of larger populations in the future.

Public funding is important to continued success of communications with these areas. It is requested that the legislature look with favor on this subject.



Leonard E. Lanier

PO Box

Valdez, AK 99686

Ramya Subramanian
23231 Glacier View Drive
Eagle River, AK 99577

March 23, 2000

Representative Eldon Mulder
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
Fax: (907) 465-6592

Dear Representative Mulder.

I am writing to request your complete support of University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton's budget request increase of \$16.9 million to the university budget.

The time has come for the legislature to show leadership and vision for the state of Alaska, which cannot be done by flattening the budget of the largest economic engine in the state. At a time when every single state in the union is increasing the budgets of its state university, and at a time when an educated, well-trained force of citizens is the only way to stay viable in this rapidly changing marketplace, it would be foolhardy to have an impoverished university. I urge you and your colleagues in the Finance committee to support President Hamilton, and his vision for what the university can deliver.

Another important line item in the university budget, is a singular service that benefits all Alaskans - the statewide database project. By delivering information resources - journal and newspaper articles - to every single community in Alaska, via the Internet, we have finally begun to diffuse the lines between the information haves and have-nots. As a librarian in the University of Alaska Anchorage, and the current President of the Alaska Library Association, I can speak with authority on the difference this service has made to users around the state. The Databases for Alaskans project is searched 500,000 times by school students, home schoolers, librarians, teachers, university students, parents, and families looking for both recreational and research information. It has made a difference to those little communities which have poorly-funded libraries and schools. I urge you to support this initiative, which costs \$400,000.00, and enable us to renew this service for another two years.

As a citizen of the United States, and an eight-year resident of Alaska, I want to be proud of my state's vision for its monuments of education, like universities, libraries, and museums. None of these institutions should be begging to survive! I urge you to find a permanent solution to keep these institutions not just alive, but healthy and robust, so that they may create healthy communities in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Ranjana Subramanian

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

2001 Budget

Date: March 23, 2000

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I urged you to consider giving the University of Alaska full funding of what they have requested. I and many other students have taken classes at the local College of Rural Alaska, Tok Center. As a full time home maker, it would have been difficult to move to Fairbanks or other places to continue my College education. College of Rural Alaska, Tok Center has provided me the opportunity to continue to live at home, work in Tok and still take classes.

Name Roslyn Ann

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City Tanorcross Zip 99772

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
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To: Senate Finance Committee Members

2001 Budget

Date: March 23, 2000

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Without the Tok University, I would be unable to get a degree. We need an increase in the budget to be able to operate efficiently.

Thank you
Sharon Longest
PO Box 814
Tok AK 99780

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Written Public Testimony
HB 312/HB313
Operating Budget
To: Senate Finance Committee members
3/23, 2000

As a senior citizen returning to school to finish my education, the UAF has been a major help and influence in my life. I strongly urge that funds be appropriated to continue this wonderful institution to keep this university alive for future generations.

Ethel Murphy
Box 662
Tok, Alaska 99780

Written Public Testimony
HB 312/HB313
Operating Budget
To: Senate Finance Committee members
3/23, 2000

Hello to the Senate Finance committee members. My name is Donna Northway a student here at the U of A in Tok Alaska. The U of A is very important to me, and I'm sure for the rest of the other students. I myself moved from a small community here to Tok to continue on with my higher education here. Please don't cut on the budget, because as of now we as students are having a hard time paying for books and tuition as it is. I do enjoy my classes here. And I do plan on continuing on with the courses that I need living here with my children enables me to do more with my children, this place Tok is important because the school is here and we don't have to move into Fairbanks or elsewhere when I was in Northway taking classes over the phone at home, it wasn't easy. I did not have a computer or other office materials that I needed. Taking classes here at the Tok Campus and having access to the computer lab and network is way better than doing it in a village at home. Thank you for your time.

Donna Northway
Student UAF

Box 996
Tok, Alaska 99780

Written Public Testimony
HB 312/HB313
Operating Budget
To: Senate Finance Committee members
3-23, 2000

I am a student attending UAF-Tok. I have recently started taking classes again and feel that UAF has given me great opportunities to fulfill my life goals. By furthering my education I will be able to provide my family a better life, in return I will be able to give back to the community and state what they have given me' a chance to learn!!

When you, the Senate Finance Committee, discuss the 2001 state budget, I encourage you to fully fund the University's 2001 budget request, and give the rest of the students stepping stones to further their education, instead of pulling it out from under them.

Sincerely,

Karla Champagne
PO Box 601
Tok, AK 99780

**Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony**

**Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6992 or 465-4779**

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LJO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Dear Senate Finance Committee Co-Chairs:

On behalf of the patrons of the Delta Community Library and the citizens of the Delta Greely area, I urge you to once again fully fund the Alaska Statewide Database for Libraries.

The Delta Library just became connected to the Internet this past September, and we are just now beginning to use this fabulous research tool with our patrons.

We are including instructions for it's use in our free Internet classes, and the scope and breadth of the Database continually amazes and delights our patrons and our staff. Access to the database has cut our reference question time by 50% easily, and as we become more experienced in using this source, I expect our turn around time to reduce even more.

There is nothing I can think of that has produced such a dramatic effect on our library in the past twelve years as having Internet access and the use of the Alaska Statewide Database. Even here at the end of the Alaska Highway, we can offer people from many backgrounds and ages some of the best reference service ever.

Location should not be a limiting factor when providing service to our patrons and with your full support of the Alaska Statewide Database and other service projects for libraries, Alaska will continue to be on the cutting edge of the Information Age as we enter this new century.

I urge you to vote YES to once again fully fund the Alaska Statewide Database.

Yours sincerely,

Name Joyce A. McCombs, Director Delta Community Library

Address HC 60 Box 3760

City Delta Zip 99737

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For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony**

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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I would like to register my concern regarding the critical need to increase funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Please realize the current ^{level} funding of \$1.4 million is not enough to substantially reduce tobacco use in Alaska. In order to significantly impact tobacco prevention and cessation programs in the most positive way, we must be allowed a considerably larger portion of the Tobacco Settlement money that the state receives, roughly \$25 - \$30 million per year.

Please fund tobacco programs first! I ask that you appropriate NO LESS than \$2.8 million to help prevent and reduce the suffering inflicted from tobacco-related diseases. Please help Alaskans to prevent (and kick) tobacco addiction.

Thank you.

Name Cathy Flavin
Address PO Box 492
City Dillingham AK zip 99576

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Karen Swenson, Principal
P. O. Box 511
Togiak, Alaska 99678



March 23, 2000

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

I am writing in support of funding for Alaska's Children and adequate funding for rural education and services.

I urge you to support the Governor's Children's Budget.

We need to continue to support legislation for adequate funding for education in all areas of Alaska including rural Alaska. We particularly need to fund adequate and safe buildings for students in rural Alaska.

We need to fund the University of Alaska System to a level that is adequate to provide rural areas.

We need adequate funding for the Juvenile Justice System.

We need to support funding for Health Care.

If you would like further information on any of these issues, please feel free to call me at 907-493-5613.

Sincerely,


Karen T. Swenson
Principal

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**Written Public Testimony
for HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony**

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
842-5105

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23rd, 2000

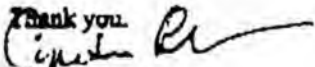
I have been a resident of Dillingham for many years, and have supported KDLG along with many other residents of our community. As you know, the rising costs associated with operating public radio has risen over the years and while we always do as much as possible at the local level to support our station, we always end up pleading for KDLG's life with your Committee.

Unfortunately, your Committee's 'support' for the public's radio stations in rural Alaska has been consistently unsupportive - to the point that tax paying citizens are forced to write letters demanding that you produce a realistic and acceptable (to us) operating budget for them each year.

This is a tiring and unnecessary effort. The realistic view is very plain: the citizens you represent in Bush Alaska do not have the endless stream of radio stations that most people take for granted in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. We only have KDLG and it's barely hanging on. Our radio station provides needed information to our population. To annually have to plead for your Committee to adequately support the station from our tax dollars is a waste of our time, and time that could be better spent by our elected officials doing their jobs.

I ask that the Committee respect the needs of rural citizens as well as those in urban areas who are served by so many stations. We have no other reasonable option, other than obtaining your support or electing public servants that actually listen to us.

Thank you.


Cynthia Fyfe

P.O. Box 586

Dillingham, Alaska 99576

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**Written Public Testimony
for HB 312/HB 131
Operating Budget Testimony**

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
842-5105

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23rd, 2000

It is reprehensible for the Senate Finance Committee to even consider a reduction in funding for public radio in rural Alaska. The news and public service information alone is worth the existing funding. It seems we have to go through this ridiculous funding crisis every year, even though the justification for continuing to receive the benefits derived from public radio access has been explained over and over and over again.

Dillingham residents need KDLG. Outlying residents listen to the radio for weather information, school and local civic information, and to get messages to others in the Bush that can't be delivered otherwise. The Finance Committee members need to realize that their prudent examination of an already tenuous operating budget must allow for the continuation of this essential service -- and we shouldn't have to repeat these desperate requests annually just to get their attention.

Please remember that you represent the interests of the entire constituent population, not just those citizens where most of your votes come from. We vote also, and hope that you realize (once and for all) how important this issue is to us.

Michael Gage

Michael Gage
P.O. Box 263
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

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Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 463-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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PUBLIC RADIO IS CRITICAL FOR
RURAL ALASKA. WEATHER REPORTS,
MESSAGES & IMPORTANT EMERGENCY
INFORMATION IS PROVIDED BY
PUBLIC RADIO. THERE IS NO OTHER
MECHANISM TO RECEIVE THIS INFO.
IN A TIMELY MANNER.

PLEASE INCREASE THE BUDGET
FOR PUBLIC RADIO!!

Name CHRISTINE DECOURTAY

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City Dillingham Zip 94576

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Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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Please increase public
radio funding. It is the
only way we can hear
weather, fishing reports and
emergency information in a
timely manner!

Name Robert J Davis
Address 3125 Cranberry Circle
City Dillingham Zip 99576

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Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
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Date: March 23, 2000

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It is extremely important to maintain an
even balance NOLG This is often our
major link with the "outside".

The news is important to us and
the weather forecasts can mean the
difference between life and death in
this area. I have often listened to
the forecasts to make a decision (based on
them) as to whether I would try to get to
work or just set it out!

Without a solid operating budget to
maintain our radio station we will step back
into the past.

Name Dr. James

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City Dillingham Zip 99576

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**Written Public Testimony
For HB 512/HB 513
Operating Budget Testimony**

**Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779**

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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I hope you will support and fund the University of Alaska.

I know of about four college students who are currently enrolled with the University via Bristol Bay Campus. A couple students are so close to obtaining their credits too.

There's also some college graduates, thanks to campus like Bristol Bay Rural Campus! Please make campuses as mentioned above possible so more Rural college students can continue and obtain what they're working towards.

There needs to be more, not less funding provided to these programs. Voting for full funding of the University including the additional \$16.9 million is the best move you can make to help rural Alaska.

Name Margie Hastings - Teacher #1

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City New Stuyahok AK Zip 99636

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To	Senate Finance	From	Dillingham		
Co./Dept	TC 10599	Co.			
Phone #		Phone #	842-5319		
Fax #	465-6592	Fax #	842-5105		

To: Senate Finance Committee
From: Robin P. Fields Sr.

3/23/00

I am a Haida Indian in Recovery. I am very grateful that I am sober today. I feel that without this program (for Addictions) I would still be practicing my adiction, which is alcoholism.

It has come to my attention that there is going to be a funding cut in this area. This, I feel, will affect many alaskans, sober or not. It is not only detrimental to people in Rehabilitation, but to people who will seek it in the future. This will have a very profound adverse effect to the problem of alcoholism and drug addiction in Alaska!

I am writing this letter in hopes that this (budget) cut will not be acted upon. I hope that all of you will vote against such ^{a cut} of this proportion.

Please help keep Alaskans
CLEAN & SOBER!

Thank you for your
time & consideration

Robin P. Fields Sr.

To Senate Finance
Committee

My name is James
Hudson, I have lived in
Alaska for thirty years.
In that time I have
been able to go to Alcohol
and Drug treatment a couple
of times. It has not always
kept me sober in the
past, I wasn't willing. But
I have always come away
with the bridge that if
I ever get willing that
treatment would save my
life. I have been drinking
and using drugs for 25 years.
I have been in and out of
jails and institutions, and
come very close to Death.
Every though treatment has
not worked for me, in the
past, now that I am older
and am willing to change

in my life, and be a
productive citizen, I am very
thankful I am able to go
to treatment. It might have
taken a couple of times, but
I thank God I am here now.
I believe treatment saves
eyes, I have seen it do
just that with many people
I have known in my life.
I believe for myself I
will be able to stay clean
and sober and have a life.
I don't believe that would
ever be possible for me, if
I weren't able to be here
in treatment.

I pray that you will
consider your decision on this
treatment budget. I feel if
you really think carefully
about it, you will see the
very great need for treatment
in our state.

Thank You

Jim
Houbins

IT IS A KNOWN FACT that Alcoholism
HAS BECOM A OVERWELMING PROBLEM
throuout the state OF ALASKA.

I FIND it a grate disapointment
TO THINK that the Leaders OF Alaska
WOULD FIND it nessery TO TAKE MONY
AWAY WHEN IN REALITY MUCH MORE
IS NEEDED PLEASE CONSIDER THE
FUTUR OF OUR PEOPLE IN THIS
FINE STAT

thank you
Lee Collins



Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

As a citizen of Alaska, a resident of the Mat-Su Borough, and as a parent I urge the Alaska Legislature to refrain from the current short-sighted approach to budgeting. This state, is rich in human and natural resources AND in financial resources. It is shameful for us to be acting as if we are not.

I urge you to support the Governor's Children's budget. If you can't do so for reasons of human compassion - then at least do so because these are fiscally responsible expenditures which will save money on more expensive public expenses later - like costly family violence, and costly prisons and costly remedial and special education, and costly legal actions. I urge you to support the Governor's proposed budgets for:

- Medicaid for children
- Child Protection
- Infant Learning
- Child Care
- Youth Detention
- And Child Support Enforcement

Mia Oxley
HC5 Box 6937Q, Palmer, Ak 99645



Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
The Center of Opportunity

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Senate Finance
Committee

Executive Committee Resolution

Whereas, the State is considering an accelerated transportation program; and,

Whereas, the roads proposed for Anchorage are important transportation corridors.

Therefore be it Resolved that AEDC supports the expedited construction of such projects as C Street Phases II and III (Potter Road to O'Malley) and reconstruction of the Glenn Highway (Gambell Street to McCarrey Street) to accommodate capacity needs.

Passed and approved this 6th day of March 2000.

M. R. Nichols

Melvin R. Nichols, Chairman



Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
The Center of Opportunity

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 14, 2000

To: Anchorage Caucus

From: Larry D. Crawford, President & CEO

Anchorage Economic Development Corporation's Executive Committee recently passed a resolution supporting improvements to major transportation corridors in Anchorage. AEDC urges the legislature to support the expedited construction of such projects as C Street Phases II and III (Potter Road to O'Malley) and reconstruction of the Glenn Highway (Gambell Street to McCarrey Street) to accommodate capacity needs.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Crawford
President & CEO

1413 Halibut Point Rd.
Sitka, AK. 99835
March 23, 2000

Senate Finance Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senate Finance Committee Members:

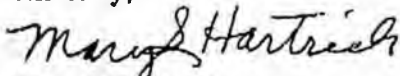
My husband and I have 5 children who have attended Alaska Schools since kindergarten, both in North Pole and now in Sitka. Four have graduated from Alaska Public High Schools. Collectively they represent over 50 years of classroom experiences, field trips, parent/teacher conferences, PAC meetings and, yes, budget hearings!

During the 13 years we have lived in Sitka we have watched an incredible budget process: *every single year* the Sitka School Board and Administration approach the parent groups with the new necessary cuts. We have cut and cut and cut so that we are at bare bones in our operations. We have no school nurses, we have fewer teacher aides for classroom support, we have lost a certified librarian, our supplies are cut, our swim program is history and every year the elementary music and P.E. programs are threatened. This is just the tip of the iceberg of cuts; the ones that come readily to my mind as I write this letter.

I must say that our local administration and school board have been masters at getting blood from a turnip, but enough is enough!

I am amazed that we live in a state that has more than \$27 billion dollars but nickels-and-dimes its schools, teachers and students to death. It is past time to find a way to use that money to improve education. In addition, how can you knowingly support a \$5 million shortfall for pupil transportation knowing that this will require school districts to use regular instructional dollars to meet transportation obligations. Please do all you can to support increased funding for education.

Sincerely,



Mary S. Hartrich

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

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Name Mary Hantrick

Address 1413 HPR

City Sitka zip 99835

**Written Public Testimony
HB312: Operating Budget**

March 22, 2000

To the Senate Finance Committee:

I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum and many other museum supporters statewide. Our organization has been very concerned about the proposed \$56,000 budget cut that would have caused this state museum to operate on a part time basis. A letter summarizing our concerns was distributed to the members of the Senate Finance Committee last week.

Today, I am asking the Senate Finance Committee to accept the recommendations of the House Finance Committee and the Senate Finance Subcommittee reviewing the Department of Education and Early Development budget to increase the budget of the Sheldon Jackson Museum by \$20,000 and allow the museum to access an increased proportion of visitor receipts.

If approved, these two very welcome changes will allow the museum to remain a full time educational institution providing valuable service to Alaska's residents and visitors. Regardless of the outcome, our organization would also like to offer its gratitude to everyone who has worked to put forth and support these amendments. Thank you for considering this testimony.

Kristen Griffin

Kristen Griffin
3708 Halibut Point Road
Sitka, AK 99835
(907)747-4955

March 23, 2000

To: Finance Committee

Senator Farnell, Senator Torgerson, Senator Donlay,
Senator Green, Senator Pete Kelly, Senator Leman,
Senator Wilkens & Senator Adams.

From: Edna Toss

P.O. Box 226 (PH 571-1239 Fax 571-1242)

Sliamna, AK 99656

Education is very important to each
and everyone of us in Alaska. I am
asking for you all to support the
University of Alaska: budget increase
of \$16.9 million. This increase is
long overdue!!

Thank you.

Edna Toss

I recognize that society can become frustrated over what may appear to be the endless and fruitless battle against drug and alcohol abuse. At Nugens Ranch, however, people are achieving sobriety and learning how to maintain sobriety. To those in need of help for substance abuse this recovery is literally life-saving.

~~The~~ The cost of these programs must be less than the destructive effects of addiction. In the long run society must profit from the return of healthy and productive people to society. Also, the benefits of restoring the human spirit to

one who has lived in misery, must be incalculable.
Thank you — Robert Bucklew

To: Who it concerns

Im a Resident in Nugents Ranch
and if it weren't for this phase I
would never have quit using DRUGS
& ALCOHOL I HAVE BEEN A ADICT FOR
15 years - as a result I have
cost the state of Alaska millions
in Hospital, JAIL, and other cost
if I was not give this opportunity
to get off the streets and
learn a new life I would have
end up back in JAIL for another
crime sooner or later But I
have learn a great deal hear
and I Hate the thot of you
cuting many for tretment centers
becas they do Help so many
Pella It is inposabl to count
so many so pleas RE think.
this Budget cut

S/ Ted Jack

2/23/00

My name is Dorothy K.
I am a recovering alcoholic
before I got into treatment
I felt as though I wasn't worth
living. My children have suffered
along w/ me through out my drinking.
Because of Nugen's Ranch a drug
& alcohol facility I was able
to turn things around for myself
as well as my children. Because
of this treatment center it has
saved my life. I know that alcohol-
ism is a disease & that I have
seen people dying from this disease.
I made a decision if I could help
another alcoholic I would &
I am. I am currently working
at Nugen's Ranch as a counselor-
trainee I was known here as a
client & now I am in training
to help others. I am very
disappointed in hearing that the
government wants to do such a
large amount of decrease in the budget.
This treatment center has saved
my life which ~~is~~ gave me a
happier & healthier life also.
Treatment facilities to save lives
& teaches you a new way of life

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN WITH THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS, TOWARDS THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHAB. I FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE THAT THESE SUCH FACILITIES ARE HELPING TO FIND A LIFE AGAIN. I AM WELL AWARE OF THE TURMOIL THAT IS BROUGHT ABOUT BY SUCH ADDICTS. I AM AN ADDICT. BUT I AM NOW IN RECOVERY. AND HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY REALIZE MY MISTAKES. THESE PROGRAMS PULL PEOPLE LIKE ME, BACK INTO REALITY. AND SO ONCE AGAIN, I CAN BE A RESPONSIBLE CITEZEN IN THE COMMUNITY I LIVE IN. PLEASE CONSIDER, NOT THE MONEY. BUT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE DEPENDING ON THESE TREATMENT FACILITIES. PEOPLE WITH FAMILIES, THAT ARE HOPEFULL TO ONCE AGAIN BE PRODUCTIVE.

THE MONMEY THAT IS COMING INTO THE STATE FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT, SHOULD NOT BE THROWN INTO THE ROADS. IT SHOULD BE USED FOR HEALTH PURPOSES. THERE IS SOMETHING LACKING THERE, WHEN OUR OWN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO BURY MONEY. THEN TAKE IT FROM SOMEWHERE THAT IT'S NEEDED, TO REPLACE THE MONEY THAT WAS BURIED. PLEASE RECONSIDER, ATLEAST THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN . THANK YOU

Charles B

March 23, 2000

HB 312/HB313 Operating Budget

Senate Finance Committee

I realize that the state needs to decrease its spending and increase the revenues, but to look at decreasing alcoholism grant funding to the tune of \$1,500,000.00 is not good sense. All treatment programs in the state have long waiting lists and are working to help Alaskans learn to live life without alcohol. These programs operate on very tight budgets with limited staff and other support. Yet the programs are saving individuals and families from complete destruction. I agree that spending funds for alcoholism program is not glamorous, but it is very worth every dollar spent. I have seen the changes in many citizens who have completed alcoholism treatment in Alaska, they are productive citizens. Many enter the field to help others learn to overcome their alcoholism problem.

I would like to see the funding increased to the Alcohol programs. But understanding budgeting all I request is that the alcoholism and drug abuse grant line figure stay the same as in FY00.

I also believe that the state should look at an income tax. Alaska had the tax before and never should have voted to repeal it. I was one of the few people living in the state at the time that voted against repealing the income tax.

Karen Nugen-Logan
P. O. Box 875273
Wasilla, AK 99687

Written Public Testimony
For HB 312/HB 313
Operating Budget Testimony

Fax to Senate Finance Co-Chairs at
465-6592 or 465-4779

To: Senate Finance Committee Members

Date: March 23, 2000

(In an effort to hear from as many as possible tonight we are encouraging you to submit written comments to be faxed by the LIO. Please briefly state your comments regarding the operating budget.) Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Please fund the Saxton youth shelter money because they have helped and help many people in there time of need.

Name Rachal Naze

Address P.O box 601

City TALKEETON zip 99676

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Please help us we desperately need
your financial support, because they
have helped us in our time of need.
We're hungry and need healthy food.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

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In the four plus years that I have been employed at the Saxton Youth Shelter the facility has helped hundreds of homeless youth. The services provided have aided families with their struggles w/ domestic violence. The Saxton Youth Shelter is a vital part of the Mat-Su Valley and is available 24 hours a day for crisis intervention and referral.

Please do not cut our funding.

Name Laurie Munro

Thank you

Address P.O. Box 4223

City Palmer AK 99645

RE: HB 312

03-22-00

To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not make any cuts in funding for the states Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Programs.

These Programs not only help the addicted, but their families, children, friends and society at large.

If these programs are cut we will be seeing these same people in jails and institutions, a far more expensive venture.

Thank You for Your Attention to this matter.

Candace Nixon
3701 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy
Wasilla, AK 99654

my name is Dionysus D.
I am a client at Nugen's Ranch
I am extremely disrupted
to hear of the Budgets cuts,
to treatments facilities ^{that provides} for
our health and our community,
a drug free environment.

Dionysus D. - 3-23-00

To the senate finance Committee
concerning the 1.5 million dollars you
want to cut from the budget.

Please Don't, Alaska is in need
of that money desperately to help keep the
Alcohol & Drug treatment centers going.
It can also help educate the kids that
in nation that are already getting into so
much trouble from drug abuse already.
It shows from all the violence that's
happened in the school systems already.
Instead of filling up the jails that we
already filled to capacity, so lets stop
this nonsense about the cut you propose
and keep it where its suppose to be.

Thank you,
Steve Keppel

My name is Fran Sideris and I am
concerned about the cuts proposed
for Alcoholism treatment in this
state.

I believe this is a #1 social
problem. If we don't fund treatment
we will continue to fill our
prisons. And fund them.

Please reconsider these cutbacks.
Thank you for your consideration
3/23/00

Public Opinion Message

Contact your nearest Legislative Information Office to send your public opinion message

This form must be completely filled out. You may phone, fax, or deliver your POM to any LIO.

From: Please PRINT the information below. This form must be signed by the sender.

Mr., Mrs...	First name Beth	M.I.	Last name G. Pendleton	Jr., Sr., III...
Mailing address 8486 Duran Ct Juneau, AK			Zip code 99801	
Residence (street) address if different from mailing address			Zip code	
Daytime telephone number 907-586-8877	Group affiliation (if applicable) U.S. Forest Service	Signature <i>Beth M. Pendleton</i>		Date 3-9-00

To: Put a ✓ in the appropriate box(es).

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