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MEMORANDUM

To: Vince Tutiakoff, Mayor
Erin Reinders, City Manager

RE: Legislative Report

Date: March 8, 2020

Overview:

The House passed the operating budget on March 3rd, it is the first time that a budget has been passed to the senate this quickly since the early 90's. This budget approves \$4.5 billion in unrestricted general fund spending, the Governor's proposed operating budget was for \$4.4 billion. When you consider the supplemental budget for this year, this budget reflects a \$35 million reduction from last year.

In his budget FY 2021 the Governor restored \$128.3 million for Medicaid, \$7.5 million for Adult Public Assistance and \$5 million for the pioneer's homes that he had cut last year. The House included \$11 million in UGF and \$7.4 in ticket sales for Alaska Marine Highway, \$7.6 million to address the growing prison population and for mental health and rehabilitation services, \$6.3 million to hire Alaska State Troopers, \$1.7 million to increase the court system's productivity, \$1.6 million for criminal prosecutors, \$1.0 million to expediently process evidence, \$1.0 million to grow the Village Public Safety Officers program, \$1 million for Alaska Public Radio, \$180,000 for the dairy industries and they restored the Ocean Ranger Program.

The House budget did not include the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD), but since then two bills have been introduced in attempts to determine future PFD payouts.

HB 300 was introduced by Rep. Wool which would, in part, appropriate the Percent of Market Value (POMV) in the following manner;

- 40% to the Public Education Fund
- 10% to Capital Projects
- 10% to the University of Alaska
- 15% to the General Fund
- 15% to the Dividend Fund
- 10% to Community Assistance for local government

HB 306, introduced by the House Rules Committee (Rep. Kopp, chair and Jennifer Johnston, vice chair) would appropriate 20% of the POMV to the dividend fund and 80% to the general fund.

This bill would also establish a mandatory evaluation of the plan's effectiveness and effects on the Permanent Fund and Dividend Program.

It is evident that the Permanent fund dividend will be the bottleneck to a budget compromise again this year.

Weekly Schedule:

(H)FINANCE Mar 09 Monday 9:00 AM += HB 159 + HB 185 +	Standing Committee* ADAMS 519 MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION -- Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
(H)RESOURCES Mar 09 Monday 1:00 PM *+ HB 240 += HB 151 += HB 138 +	Standing Committee* BARNES 124 REGULATE PFAS USE; FIRE/WATER SAFETY -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS <Bill Hearing Canceled> -- Public Testimony -- NATIONAL RESOURCE WATER DESIGNATION -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
(H)FINANCE Mar 09 Monday 1:30 PM *+ HB 259 +	Standing Committee* ADAMS 519 SUPPLEMENTAL PFD FOR 2019 RECIPIENTS Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
(H)TRANSPORTATION Mar 10 Tuesday 1:00 PM += HB 253 + SB 115 +	Standing Committee* BARNES 124 SALE, TRANSFER, OR DISPOSAL OF FERRIES -- Public Testimony -- MOTOR FUEL TAX; EV REG. FEE -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

(H)FINANCE Mar 10 Tuesday 1:30 PM *+ HB 300 *+ HB 306 +	Standing Committee_ ADAMS 519 PERM FUND: APPROPS FR EARNINGS RESERVE PFD/GF APPROPS; EARNINGS RESERVE Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
(H)RESOURCES Mar 11 Wednesday 1:00 PM += HB 138 += HB 151 +	Standing Committee_ BARNES 124 NATIONAL RESOURCE WATER DESIGNATION -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
(H)FINANCE Mar 11 Wednesday 1:30 PM += HB 300 += HB 306 +	Standing Committee_ ADAMS 519 PERM FUND: APPROPS FR EARNINGS RESERVE PFD/GF APPROPS; EARNINGS RESERVE Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
(S)EDUCATION Mar 12 Thursday 9:00 AM += SB 149 +	Standing Committee_ BUTROVICH 205 HIGH SCHOOL START TIME -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
(H)TRANSPORTATION Mar 12 Thursday 1:00 PM += SB 115 *+ HB 273 +	Standing Committee_ BARNES 124 MOTOR FUEL TAX; EV REG. FEE -- Public Testimony -- ABANDONED VEHICLES; PRIVATE PROPERTY -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
(H)FINANCE Mar 12 Thursday 1:30 PM += HB 300 += HB 306	Standing Committee_ ADAMS 519 PERM FUND: APPROPS FR EARNINGS RESERVE -- Public Testimony -- PFD/GF APPROPS; EARNINGS RESERVE -- Public Testimony --
(H)FINANCE	Standing Committee_

Mar 13 Friday 1:30 PM

ADAMS 519

+= [HB 300](#)

PERM FUND: APPROPS FR EARNINGS RESERVE

+= [HB 306](#)

PFD/GF APPROPS; EARNINGS RESERVE

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Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Here is the link to more information about the committee hearings, at this time of year it is good to check daily if you are watching a hearing as they change frequently.

<http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/index.php?tab2=type%3DAll%26com%3D%26startDate%3D04%2F22%2F2019%26endDate%3D04%2F27%2F2019%26chamber%3D#tab2>

Bills of Interest:

BILL	SHORT TITLE	PRIME SPONSOR(S)	CURRENT STATUS	STATUS	DATE
HB 6	DISPLAY OF STATE AND NATIONAL MOTTOS	RAUSCHER	(H) STA		02/20/19
HB 7	SEX EDUCATION	RAUSCHER	(H) EDC		02/20/19
HB 11	PEACE OFFICER RETIREMENT BENEFITS	RAUSCHER	(H) L&C		02/20/19
HB 17	REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM	RAUSCHER	(H) HSS		02/20/19
HB 23	SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION FEES	NEUMAN	(H) FIN		04/17/19
HB 24	LIMITED TEACHER CERTIFICATES; LANGUAGES	KREISS-TOMKINS	(H) RLS		03/03/20
HB 25	PRIVATE POLICE ORGANIZATIONS	SULLIVAN-LEONARD	(H) CRA		02/20/19
HB 27	REGULATION OF FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS	TARR	(H) L&C		02/07/20
HB 28	EQUAL PAY & MINIMUM WAGE ACT	TARR	(H) STA		02/20/19
HB 39	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	CHAPTER 1 FSSLA 19		06/28/19
HB 40	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	CHAPTER 2 FSSLA 19		06/28/19
HB 41	SHELLFISH PROJECTS; HATCHERIES; FEES	ORTIZ	(S) FIN		05/06/19
HB 42	OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS	RAUSCHER	(H) TRA		02/20/19

HB 46	APPROP: ERA FOR PAYMENT OF PFD	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(H) STA	02/20/19
HB 47	PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(H) STA	02/20/19
HB 61	REPEAL DEBT REIMBURSEMENT: CAP. PROJECTS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(H) EDC	02/20/19
HB 64	ALCOHOL TAX: APPROP TO COMMUNITY ASSIST.	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(H) HSS	02/20/19
HB 65	FISH TAX: REPEAL MUNI REFUNDS/REV. SHARE	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(H) FSH	02/20/19
HB 66	REPEAL STATE DEBT REIMBURSE. FOR SCHOOLS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(H) CRA	02/20/19
HB 69	REPEAL AK PUBLIC BROADCASTING COMM.	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(H) CRA	02/20/19
HB 79	PEACE OFFICER/FIREFIGHTER RETIRE BENEFITS	KOPP	(H) FIN	04/03/19
HB 84	WORKERS' COMP: POLICE, FIRE, EMT, PARAMED	JOSEPHSON	(H) L&C	04/26/19
HB 138	NATIONAL RESOURCE WATER DESIGNATION	KOPP	(H) RES	04/17/19
HB 185	REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION	STUTES	(H) FIN	02/26/20
HB 194	SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION	VANCE	(H) CRA	01/21/20
HB 232	MUNICIPAL TAX CREDITS	HOPKINS	(H) RLS	03/03/20
HB 234	APPROP:SUPP; REAPPROP; CAP; AMEND; CBR	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(S) FIN	02/28/20
HB 236	INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION	STORY	(H) AWAIT NEXT COM	03/06/20
HB 249	MARINE HIGHWAY CORPORATION	STUTES	(H) TRA	02/17/20
HB 253	SALE, TRANSFER, OR DISPOSAL OF FERRIES	KREISS-TOMKINS	(H) TRA	02/17/20
SB 1	REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM	WILSON	(S) FIN	04/10/19
SB 5	PERM. FUND CORP TO MANAGE MUNI ASSETS	STEVENS	(S) CRA	01/16/19

SB 6	PRE-K/ELEM ED PROGRAMS/FUNDING; READING	BEGICH	(S) FIN	02/17/20
SB 19	APPROP: CAPITAL BUDGET; SUPPLEMENTAL	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	CHAPTER 3 FSSLA 19	07/08/19
SB 20	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(S) FIN	02/13/19
SB 26	EQUAL PAY & MINIMUM WAGE ACT	BEGICH	(S) L&C	01/18/19
SB 50	EMPLOYMENT TAX FOR EDUCATION FACILITIES	BISHOP	(S) FIN	01/31/20
SB 57	REPEAL MUNI LEVY OF O&G TAX/CREDIT	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(S) CRA	02/13/19
SB 59	REPEAL DEBT REIMBURSEMENT: CAP. PROJECTS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(S) FIN	02/13/19
SB 62	ALCOHOL TAX: APPROP TO COMMUNITY ASSIST.	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(S) CRA	02/18/19
SB 63	FISH TAX: REPEAL MUNI REFUNDS/REV. SHARE	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(S) CRA	02/18/19
SB 64	REPEAL STATE DEBT REIMBURSE. FOR SCHOOLS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(S) FIN	04/19/19
SB 74	INTERNET FOR SCHOOLS	HOFFMAN	(H) RLS	02/14/20
SB 103	PFD APPROPRIATIONS; EARNING RESERVE	FINANCE	RETURNED TO (S) RLS	05/02/19
SB 104	APPROPRIATION LIMIT	FINANCE	(S) FIN	04/05/19
SB 130	SEAFOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT	STEVENS	(S) RES	01/21/20
SB 136	STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS	STEVENS	(S) EDC	01/21/20
SB 145	REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION	MICCICHE	(S) FIN	02/26/20
SB 204	STATE LAND SALES; PLATS; RIVERS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(S) RES	02/19/20
SB 205	SUPPLEMENTAL PFD FOR 2019 RECIPIENTS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	(S) FIN	02/19/20

Resources:

In order to testify, it is best to go to a Legislative Information Office (LIO) if you have one close to you or call one of the numbers below.

Link to LIO offices <http://akleg.gov/lios.php> - for addresses and phone numbers.

Off net:

Juneau - 586-9085 - for all phone numbers originating in Juneau

Anchorage - 563-9085 - for all phone number originating in Anchorage

Other, 1-844-586-9085 - for all phone numbers not originating in Juneau or Anchorage

Please note that if you are in an "Other" community and your phone number originates in Juneau or Anchorage, the 1-844-586-9085 will not work. You must use the Juneau or Anchorage number.

Here are a couple of links to websites that report on Juneau activities which you may find interesting:

- Governor's office press releases.
<https://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/>
- Majority Press Releases
 - *House* – akhouse.org
 - *Senate* - <http://www.alaskasenate.org/>
- Minority Press Releases
 - *House* - <http://alaskahouserеспублиcans.org/>
 - *Senate* - <http://alaskasenedems.com/>