

BLUMER AND ASSOCIATES

City of Unalaska Legislative Report

4/30/21

The House operating budget has been in the spotlight this week with the House Finance Committee going well into Thursday evening to get through the many amendments and passed HB69 out of committee. The amended budget proposal rolls all the different types of funding into a single budget bill [HB 69](#) . The House version of the FY22 budget includes many Community priorities including full funding for school bond debt reimbursement and Community Assistance

The House took up the bill on the Floor late Friday afternoon with amendments due by noon on Saturday, they will work over the weekend to pass **HB69**. It is scheduled, pending referral, in Senate Finance early next week. Update: The House finally adjourned late on Saturday and will be back on the floor Sunday at 11am, in third reading.

We are about three weeks from the constitutional adjournment date and the focus will be on the operating and capital budgets, we will see most other legislation stall until next year and committees will begin to shut down. Floor debates will be long and laborious.

Legislative updates from here forward will primarily focus on the schedule and changes to the budget. With fast paced legislation I will provide email updates.

HB76, the disaster declaration extension passed both bodies this week, after months of discussion and a looming deadline. Referred to as “disaster declaration lite” the bill enacted minimal measures needed to keep the vaccines flowing and to qualify for federal aid. Gov. Dunleavy signed the bill on Friday and then promptly ended the disaster declaration, which immediately terminated several healthcare provisions in the bill, including expedited licensing, telemedicine flexibilities, and liability protection.

Weekly Schedule

Time	Description
Fri 4/30/21 8:00 AM	SB 21 - License Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics
	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE
Fri 4/30/21 8:00 AM	HB 75 - Employer Contributions To Pers
	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE

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Fri 4/30/21 8:00 AM	HB 18 - Teachers: National Board Certification
Fri 4/30/21 9:00 AM	DAVIS 106 - HOUSE EDUCATION SB 50 - Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend
Fri 4/30/21 9:00 AM	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE SB 49 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds
Fri 4/30/21 1:00 PM	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE HJR 1 - Const Am: Permanent Fund; Pomv;earnings
Fri 4/30/21 1:30 PM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE JUDICIARY SB 76 - Abandoned Vehicles; Private Property
Fri 4/30/21 1:30 PM	BELTZ 105 (TSBldg) - SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE SB 53 - Perm Fund; Advisory Vote
Fri 4/30/21 1:30 PM	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE JUDICIARY
Mon 5/3/21 9:00 AM	BELTZ 105 (TSBldg) - SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE SB 9 - Alcoholic Beverage Control; Alcohol Reg
Mon 5/3/21 9:00 AM	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds
Mon 5/3/21 9:00 AM	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE SENATE FINANCE 532 -SENATE FINANCE + HB100 EXTEND WORKFORCE INVEST BOARD ALLOCATIONS TELECONFERENCED
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --
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	+ SB9 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; ALCOHOL REG TELECONFERENCED
	+ HB69 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS TELECONFERENCED
	+ HB71 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET TELECONFERENCED
Tue 5/4/21 9:00 AM	+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE

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Tue 5/4/21 9:00 AM	SENATE FINANCE 532 -SENATE FINANCE + HB27 NAMING IRENE WEBBER BRIDGE TELECONFERENCED -- Invited & Public Testimony -- -- + SB123 ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM & FUND: AIDEA TELECONFERENCED -- Invited & Public Testimony -- -- -- += SB97 STATE LAND SALES AND LEASES; RIVERS TELECONFERENCED += HB69 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS TELECONFERENCED += HB71 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET TELECONFERENCED
Tue 5/4/21 10:00 AM	+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED HB 82 - Gas Leases; Renewable Energy Grant Fund
Tue 5/4/21 1:30 PM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE FISHERIES HB 70 - Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend
Tue 5/4/21 1:30 PM	ADAMS 519 - HOUSE FINANCE ADAMS 519 -HOUSE FINANCE *+ HB70 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP; AMEND TELECONFERENCED + Overview: Capitol Budget by Neil Steininger, TELECONFERENCED Director, Office of Management & Budget + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED
Tue 5/4/21 3:00 PM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS HB 73 - Perm Fund; Advisory Vote
Tue 5/4/21 3:30 PM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS SB 31 - Prohibiting Binding Caucuses
Tue 5/4/21 3:30 PM	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE STATE AFFAIRS HB 3 - Definition Of "disaster": Cybersecurity BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE STATE AFFAIRS

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Wed 5/5/21 8:00 AM	SB 32 - College Credit For High School Students
Wed 5/5/21 9:00 AM	DAVIS 106 - HOUSE EDUCATION HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds
Wed 5/5/21 9:00 AM	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE SENATE FINANCE 532 -SENATE FINANCE + HB169 APPROP: EDUCATION; PUPIL TRANSPORTATION TELECONFERENCED += HB69 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS TELECONFERENCED += HB71 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET TELECONFERENCED
Wed 5/5/21 1:30 PM	+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED SB 11 - Community Property Trusts
Wed 5/5/21 1:30 PM	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE JUDICIARY HB 70 - Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend
Wed 5/5/21 1:30 PM	ADAMS 519 - HOUSE FINANCE ADAMS 519 -HOUSE FINANCE += HB70 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP; AMEND TELECONFERENCED + Presentation: Capitol Budget by Dept. of TELECONFERENCED Transportation & Public Facilities + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED
Wed 5/5/21 3:15 PM	SB 21 - License Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics
Thu 5/6/21 9:00 AM	BARNES 124 - HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds
Thu 5/6/21 9:00 AM	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE SENATE FINANCE 532 -SENATE FINANCE += HB69 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS TELECONFERENCED += HB71 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET TELECONFERENCED + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED

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Thu 5/6/21 1:30 PM	HB 70 - Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend
Thu 5/6/21 1:30 PM	ADAMS 519 - HOUSE FINANCE ADAMS 519 -HOUSE FINANCE += HB70 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP; AMEND TELECONFERENCED + Presentations: TELECONFERENCED - Village Safe Water Program by Ruth Kostik, Administrative Services Director, Dept. of Environmental Conservation - Broadband Need + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED
Thu 5/6/21 3:00 PM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS
Thu 5/6/21 3:00 PM	HB 73 - Perm Fund; Advisory Vote
Thu 5/6/21 3:00 PM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS HB 66 - Elections, Voting, Ballots
Thu 5/6/21 3:30 PM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS SB 83 - Elections; Voting; Ballot Reqs
Thu 5/6/21 3:30 PM	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE STATE AFFAIRS SB 4 - Prohibit Peace Off. Shoot Moving Vehicle
Thu 5/6/21 3:30 PM	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE STATE AFFAIRS SB 1 - Chokehold Ban
Thu 5/6/21 3:30 PM	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE STATE AFFAIRS HB 3 - Definition Of "disaster": Cybersecurity
Fri 5/7/21 9:00 AM	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE STATE AFFAIRS HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds
Fri 5/7/21 9:00 AM	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE SENATE FINANCE 532 -SENATE FINANCE += HB69 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS TELECONFERENCED += HB71 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET TELECONFERENCED + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED

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Fri 5/7/21 1:30 PM	HB 70 - Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend
Fri 5/7/21 1:30 PM	ADAMS 519 - HOUSE FINANCE ADAMS 519 -HOUSE FINANCE += HB70 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP; AMEND TELECONFERENCED *+ "An Act relating to the payment of thePermanent TELECONFERENCED Fund Dividend." + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED
Fri 6/30/23 10:00 AM	HB 41 - Shellfish Projects; Hatcheries; Fees
Fri 6/30/23 10:00 AM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE FISHERIES HB 28 - Registration Of Boats: Exemption GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE FISHERIES

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%2F30%2F2021%26endDate%3D05%2F08%2F2021%26chamber%3D#tab2>

Bills of Interest

Bill	Short Title	Prime Sponsors	Current Status	Status Date
HB 2	Minimum Age To Sell Tobacco/nicotine	RAUSCHER	(H) CRA	2/18/2021
HB 3	Definition Of "disaster": Cybersecurity	JOHNSON	(S) STA	4/21/2021
HB 4	Business/prof. License Immunity Covid-19	JOHNSON	(H) L&C	2/18/2021
HB 9	Income Tax; Pfd Payment/credit	HANNAN	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 11	Defensive Display Of Firearm	RAUSCHER	(H) CRA	2/18/2021

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HB 12	Hold Legislative Sessions In Anchorage	RAUSCHER	(H) CRA	2/18/2021
HB 14	Nursing: Licensure; Multistate Compact	THOMPSON	(H) HSS	2/18/2021
HB 15	Temp Permits & Licenses; Military License	THOMPSON	(H) L&C	2/18/2021
HB 16	Search And Rescue Surplus State Property	JOHNSON	(H) CRA	2/18/2021
HB 18	Teachers: National Board Certification	KREISS-TOMKINS	(H) EDC	3/10/2021
HB 23	Ballot Custody/tamper; Voting; Voter Reg	RAUSCHER	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 26	Conflict Of Interest: Bd Fisheries/game	HOUSE FISHERIES	(H) RLS	4/16/2021
HB 28	Registration Of Boats: Exemption	HOUSE FISHERIES	(H) FIN	3/31/2021
HB 29	Electric Utility Liability	RAUSCHER	(H) JUD	2/18/2021
HB 30	Workers' Comp: Death; Perm Partial Impair	JOSEPHSON	(H) FIN	4/7/2021
HB 31	Observe Daylight Saving Time All Year	ORTIZ	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 37	Income Tax; Permanent Fund; Earnings Res.	WOOL	(H) W&M	4/28/2021
HB 41	Shellfish Projects; Hatcheries; Fees	ORTIZ	3RD RDG, 4/30 CAL(H)	4/28/2021
HB 45	Workers' Comp. And Contagious Diseases	JOSEPHSON	(H) FIN	3/20/2021

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HB 50	Municipal Regulation Of Trapping	JOSEPHSON	(H) RES	2/18/2021
HB 55	Peace Officer/firefighter Retire Benefits	JOSEPHSON	(H) FIN	4/16/2021
HB 57	Funds Subject To Cbr Sweep Provision	JOSEPHSON	(H) FIN	4/5/2021
HB 59	Workplace Violence Protective Orders	CLAMAN	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 63	Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board	STUTES	(H) RLS	4/26/2021
HB 64	Fishery Development Assoc.; Assessments	STUTES	(H) FIN	4/21/2021
HB 65	Boards Of Fisheries And Game Confirmation	STUTES	(H) FSH	2/18/2021
HB 66	Elections, Voting, Ballots	TUCK	(H) STA	4/21/2021
HB 67	Approp: K-12 Acad. Recovery From Covid-19	STORY	(H) EDC	2/18/2021
HB 68	Approp: Supplemental; Amending	RULES	(H) FIN	2/18/2021
HB 69	Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds	RULES	(H) FIN	2/18/2021
HB 70	Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend	RULES	(H) FIN	3/31/2021
HB 72	Approp: Era For Payment Of Pfd	RULES	(H) FIN	2/18/2021
HB 73	Perm Fund; Advisory Vote	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 75	Employer Contributions To Pers	RULES	(H) L&C	2/18/2021
HB 76	Extending Covid 19 Disaster Emergency	RULES	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	4/28/2021

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HB 79	Saltwater Sportfishing Operators/guides	RULES	(H) RLS	4/26/2021
HB 82	Gas Leases; Renewable Energy Grant Fund	RULES	(H) FSH	3/1/2021
HB 84	Approp: Supp; Reapprop; Amending; Cbr	RULES	(H) FIN	2/18/2021
HB 88	Equal Pay & Minimum Wage Act	TARR	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 93	G.o. Bonds: State Infrastructure Projects	RULES	(H) FIN	2/18/2021
HB 95	Elections; Election Investigations	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 96	Elections; Voting; Ballot Reqs	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 134	Amhs Operation & Planning Board	RULES	(H) TRA	3/10/2021
HB 144	Establish AK Military Affairs Commission	HOPKINS	(H) FIN	4/16/2021
HB 181	Approp: Special; American Rescue Plan Act	RULES	(H) FIN	4/19/2021
HJR 1	Const Am: Permanent Fund; Pomv; Earnings	KREISS-TOMKINS	(H) JUD	4/22/2021
HJR 2	Const. Am: 90 Day Regular Session	CLAMAN	(H) JUD	4/9/2021
HJR 6	Const. Am: Approp Limit; Budget Reserve	RULES	(H) W&M	3/24/2021
HJR 7	Const. Am: Perm Fund & Pfds	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HJR 8	Const. Am: State Tax; Voter Approval	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021

Bill	Short Title	Prime Sponsors	Current Status	Status Date
HJR 13	Urge Exemption For Cruise Ships	ORTIZ	(H) TRA	3/1/2021
SB 1	Chokehold Ban	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) STA	1/22/2021
SB 2	Peace Officers: De-escalation, Misconduct	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) STA	1/22/2021
SB 3	Police Officers: Oral Warning/de-escalate	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) STA	1/22/2021
SB 4	Prohibit Peace Off. Shoot Moving Vehicle	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) STA	1/22/2021
SB 6	Rip For Public Employees/teachers	KAWASAKI	(S) FIN	4/19/2021
SB 7	State Trooper Policies: Public Access	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) JUD	4/23/2021
SB 8	Pre-k/elem Ed Programs/funding; Reading	BEGICH	(S) EDC	1/22/2021
SB 9	Alcoholic Beverage Control; Alcohol Reg	MICCICHE	(S) FIN	4/14/2021
SB 10	Free/reduced Tuition For Essential Worker	BEGICH	(S) RLS	4/28/2021
SB 11	Community Property Trusts	BEGICH	(S) JUD	3/22/2021
SB 12	Military Spouse Courtesy License	KAWASAKI	(S) RLS	4/28/2021
SB 15	Open Meetings Act; Penalty	COSTELLO	(S) FIN	4/21/2021
SB 16	Equal Pay/ Living Wage Act; Sex Discrim.	BEGICH	(S) L&C	1/22/2021
SB 17	Energy Efficiency & Policy: Pub. Bldgs	BEGICH	(S) L&C	4/9/2021

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SB 18	Class Size Reduction Grant Program	BEGICH	(S) EDC	1/22/2021
SB 19	Extend Special Education Service Agency	STEVENS	(H) RLS	4/26/2021
SB 20	Out Of State Teacher Reciprocity	STEVENS	(S) CALENDAR 4/30	4/29/2021
SB 21	License Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics	REVAK	(H) L&C	4/16/2021
SB 23	Initiative Severability	REVAK	(S) JUD	4/14/2021
SB 24	Virtual Meetings For Corporations	WILSON	CHAPTER 1 SLA 21	3/31/2021
SB 25	State Gov't Finances: Website	WIELECHOWSKI	(S) FIN	4/9/2021
SB 26	Repeal Certificate Of Need Program	WILSON	(S) L&C	4/9/2021
SB 29	Cook Inlet: New Admin Area; Permit Buyback	MICCICHE	(S) FIN	3/10/2021
SB 30	Colorectal Cancer Screen Coverage	BEGICH	(S) HSS	1/25/2021
SB 31	Prohibiting Binding Caucuses	SHOWER	(S) STA	1/25/2021
SB 32	College Credit For High School Students	STEVENS	(H) EDC	4/9/2021
SB 34	State-tribal Education Compact Schools	STEVENS	(S) EDC	1/25/2021
SB 37	Teachers & Pub Employee Retirement Plans	KIEHL	(S) L&C	1/25/2021
SB 41	Health Insurance Info.; Incentive Program	HUGHES	(S) L&C	1/25/2021

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SB 43	Elections, Voting, Campaign Finance	HUGHES	(S) JUD	2/22/2021
SB 44	Personal Use Fishing Priority	KAWASAKI	(S) RES	1/25/2021
SB 48	Approp: Supplemental; Amending	RULES	(S) FIN	1/25/2021
SB 49	Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds	RULES	(S) FIN	1/25/2021
SB 50	Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend	RULES	(S) FIN	1/25/2021
SB 52	Approp: Era For Payment Of Pfd	RULES	(S) FIN	1/25/2021
SB 53	Perm Fund; Advisory Vote	RULES	(S) JUD	2/24/2021
SB 54	Ahfc Water & Sewer Bonds/transportation	RULES	(S) FIN	3/5/2021
SB 55	Employer Contributions To Pers	RULES	(S) RLS	4/19/2021
SB 56	Extending Covid 19 Disaster Emergency	RULES	(S) FIN	2/12/2021
SB 68	Approp: Supp; Reapprop; Amending; Cbr	RULES	(S) FIN	2/3/2021
SB 73	Anticipation Of Revenue; Borrowing; Credit	RULES	(S) FIN	2/5/2021
SB 74	G.o. Bonds: State Infrastructure Projects	RULES	(S) FIN	3/24/2021
SB 75	Appropriation Limit	VON IMHOF	(S) FIN	2/5/2021
SB 76	Abandoned Vehicles; Private Property	KIEHL	(S) L&C	4/23/2021
SB 83	Elections; Voting; Ballot Reqs	RULES	(S) STA	2/12/2021

Bill	Short Title	Prime Sponsors	Current Status	Status Date
SB 100	State Income Tax	BEGICH	(S) STA	3/10/2021
SB 128	Approp: Special; American Rescue Plan Act	RULES	(S) FIN	4/19/2021
SJR 1	Const Am: Guarantee Perm Fund Dividend	WIELECHOWSKI	(S) FIN	4/19/2021
SJR 3	Const. Am. Prohibiting Binding Caucuses	SHOWER	(S) STA	1/22/2021
SJR 9	Urge Exemption For Cruise Ships	KIEHL	LEGIS RESOLVE 1	4/9/2021