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## **City of Unalaska Legislative Report**

**4/25/22**

There are only 22 days left before the 120<sup>th</sup> day and mandatory adjournment which means the focus is primarily about budget work. We can expect to see new committee substitutes for the capital budget in both the House and Senate, so keep an eye on capital projects and the various infrastructure funding to see what ends up making it into the committee substitutes. There are talks that the capital budget and the operation budget may be rolled into one for expedited passage, this roll-up could include the infrastructure funding as well. Once that happens things will begin moving quickly to get to conference committee.

The General Obligation (GO) Bond bill is scheduled in the Senate Transportation Committee, if passed out it will move to Senate Finance. This bill faces several challenges, this movement may be a strategy to get some of the projects rolled into the Capital Budget and have the discussion about why and when a GO Bond Bill might be in the best interest of the State.

Once the Senate rolls out its version of the budget bills this week it should give us a good indication of where things are headed. We know that the budget taking shape has significant changes from the Governor's budget introduced earlier this year. We also know that the Capital budget is still "under construction" but it will be a high dollar amount than then the Governor's proposed \$195.4 million, possibly in the neighborhood of the \$300- \$400 million range. Federal infrastructure funds will factor into the final decisions. Also, it is highly likely that school bond debit reimbursement and FY2023 oil tax liability will be fully funded.

Still unresolved is the Permanent Fund Dividend issue, with increased revenues and the economy recovery funds, there seems to be less heat on this than in recent years. It appears that a 50-50 or some other percentage split of the percent of market value (POMV) is one of the more acceptable approaches. However, that could change at a moment's notice.

There will be some urgency and "horse trading" to try and get personal legislation passed in the next three weeks since this is the second year of a two-year legislature, which means all bills die upon adjournment sine die. Also, over the next week or two we will see committee start to close. April 20<sup>th</sup> was the last meeting for the Senate Education Committee and the rumor is Senate Health and Social Services will close soon. So far, the House has made not announcements about committee shutdowns.

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%2F25%2F2022%26endDate%3D05%2F03%2F2022%26chamber%3D#tab2>



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### **Bills of Interest**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Prime Sponsors</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Status Date</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB 28</u></a>	Registration Of Boats: Exemption	HOUSE FISHER- IES	(S) FIN	2/23/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 30</u></a>	Workers' Comp: Death; Perm Par- tial Impair	JOSEPHSON	(S) L&C	3/23/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 55</u></a>	Peace Officer/firefighter Retire Benefits	JOSEPHSON	(S) L&C	1/18/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 56</u></a>	Power Cost Equalization	FOSTER	(H) CRA	2/18/21
<a href="#"><u>HB 64</u></a>	Fishery Development Assoc.; As- sessments	STUTES	(H) RLS	3/2/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 75</u></a>	Employer Contributions To Pers	RULES	(H) FIN	5/1/21
<a href="#"><u>HB 88</u></a>	Equal Pay & Minimum Wage Act	TARR	(H) STA	2/18/21
<a href="#"><u>HB 134</u></a>	Amhs Operation & Planning Board	RULES	(H) TRA	3/10/21
<a href="#"><u>HB 135</u></a>	Geothermal Resources	RULES	(H) FIN	1/27/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 225</u></a>	Municipal Property Tax Senior Exemption	GILLHAM	(H) CRA	1/18/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 227</u></a>	Muni Energy Improvemnt Assess- ment Program	SCHRAGE	(S) L&C	4/20/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 247</u></a>	Power Cost Equalization Fund	THOMPSON	WITH- DRAWN	4/20/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 322</u></a>	AK Marine Hwy System Vessel Repl. Fund	HOUSE TRANS- PORTATION	(H) RLS	4/4/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 350</u></a>	School Bond Debt Reimbursement	DRUMMOND	(H) FIN	4/4/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 363</u></a>	Broadband: Office, Grants, Parity	EDGMON	(H) RLS	4/20/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 370</u></a>	AK Energy And Broadband Au- thority	TUCK	(H) L&C	2/22/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 371</u></a>	Broadband Cost Equalization Fund	TUCK	(H) L&C	2/22/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 378</u></a>	Municipal Property Tax Assess- ments	EASTMAN	(H) CRA	2/22/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 393</u></a>	Fishery Landing Tax Surcharge	MCCABE	(H) FSH	2/22/22
<a href="#"><u>HB 395</u></a>	Funds: AK Marine Hwy System	RULES	(H) FIN	3/9/22



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<a href="#"><u>HB 411</u></a>	Municipal Tax Exemptions/deferrals	HOUSE COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	(H) RLS	4/20/22
<a href="#"><u>HJR 6</u></a>	Const. Am: Approp Limit; Budget Reserve	RULES	(H) W&M	3/24/21
<a href="#"><u>SB 6</u></a>	Rip For Public Employees/teachers	KAWASAKI	(S) FIN	4/19/21
<a href="#"><u>SB 9</u></a>	Alcoholic Beverage Control; Alcohol Reg	MICCICHE	(H) FIN	2/22/22
<a href="#"><u>SB 11</u></a>	Community Property Trusts	BEGICH	(H) RLS	3/14/22
<a href="#"><u>SB 15</u></a>	Open Meetings Act; Penalty	COSTELLO	(S) FIN	4/21/21
<a href="#"><u>SB 17</u></a>	Energy Efficiency & Policy: Pub. Bldgs	BEGICH	(S) FIN	5/3/21
<a href="#"><u>SB 33</u></a>	Seafood Product Development Tax Credit	STEVENS	(H) RLS	4/4/22
<a href="#"><u>SB 37</u></a>	Teachers & Pub Employee Retirement Plans	KIEHL	(S) L&C	1/25/21
<a href="#"><u>SB 41</u></a>	Health Insurance Info.; Incentive Program	HUGHES	(S) L&C	1/25/21
<a href="#"><u>SB 100</u></a>	State Income Tax	BEGICH	(S) STA	3/10/21
<a href="#"><u>SB 170</u></a>	Marine Highway Corporation	SENATE TRANSPORTATION	(S) TRA	1/21/22
<a href="#"><u>SB 172</u></a>	Property Tax Exemption	WIELECHOWSKI	(S) CRA	1/26/22
<a href="#"><u>SB 226</u></a>	Funds: AK Marine Hwy System	RULES	(S) TRA	3/9/22