

2017 CAPITOL CURRENTS

30th Alaska State Legislature ~ 1st Session

Tenth Edition – 3/20 to 3/26/17

– 21 Days to go! –

~ *First bill signed into law deals with opioid epidemic* ~

HIGHLIGHTS

The legislature passed and the governor has now signed **SB 91**, allowing the chief medical officer of the department of health and social services to issue a standing order, including a statewide standing order, for the prescription of an opioid overdose drug.

SB 91 was fast tracked and became the first bill signed into law this year.

The drug ordered under the disaster emergency declared earlier this year, naloxone, if administered in time, gives overdose victims a chance to survive, ultimately reducing the number of deaths caused by opioid and heroin addiction.

The House version of the FY18 operating budget, **HB 57** was passed out of the House this Friday when it appeared ready to just sleep over for the weekend. Although a bit behind in the timeline for consideration, the budget will have several hearings this next week to work out differences on the Senate proposed budget.

They will eventually wind up in conference committee to iron out any wrinkles between the two bills.

BUDGET ISSUES

The House Republicans have offered their own version of fixing the fiscal gap. **HB 192** calls for a \$4.1 billion spending cap, phased cuts (\$600 million) over four years, and the use of Permanent Fund earnings within a sustainable and structured framework that protects and grows the Fund.

A **December 2016 study** by the nonpartisan Institute of Social and Economic Research showed that the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend "lifted about 25,000 Alaskans out of poverty in 2015."

Despite this, there is still serious consideration being given to capping the PFD.

Folks from across the state who will have "skin in the game" are starting to question why oil companies won't chip in to help out on the current fiscal crises.

HB 111, OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX; PAYMENTS; CREDITS is still coursing its way through the process and is currently being heard in House Finance with public testimony taken on March 25th.

EDUCATION ISSUES

Newly introduced **Senate Bill 96** proposes several measures including new virtual education programs, school consolidations and funding to pursue health insurance pooling.

The Senate is still talking about cutting 5% for education in their version of the FY18 Operating budget as well as 5% from the University budget as well.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES ISSUES

Plans to replace the Affordable Care Act (aka Obama Care) has failed to gather enough support in the U.S. House and has been declared dead. The proposed American Healthcare Act could have cost up to 45,000 Alaskans to lose their health insurance coverage.

Planned Parenthood funding would have also been affected, but for now appears to live on for another day.

Defunding Planned Parenthood means erecting barriers between Alaskans and health care. In Alaska, Medicaid and Title X funds cover a large portion of family planning services. In 2014, these funds made it possible for 26,070 Alaskan women to receive contraception, including care received at Planned Parenthood health centers.

Still in play is **HB 159** and its companion **SB 79** both dealing with opioid prescriptions and setting various parameters for its use. The House version resides in HSS and the Senate bill is still in Labor & Commerce. Administration has agreed to changes that will be forth coming.

An Alaskan lawmaker has proposed new legislation (**HB 196**) that would levy a 1-cent tax on imports or manufacture of a standard measure of opioid dosage.

According to the bill sponsor, it could raise as much a \$5 million a year based on prescriptions written in the state.

On a related note, the Preferred Drug List for opioid dependence treatments filled by pharmacies may be found at: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/pharmacy/medpriorauthoriz.aspx>

NATURAL RESOURCES

The U.S. Senate passed legislation this past week to repeal a regulation governing hunting regulations on federal wildlife refuges in Alaska. The measure now goes to the president's desk for his signature.

It was a close vote of 52 – 47 and overturns an Obama administration regulation.

GOVERNOR'S CORNER

<http://gov.alaska.gov>

The governor's office posts' press releases and other items of interest at the website above.

The governor has declared the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, and Autism Awareness Month.

First Lady Donna Walker will join other Alaska leaders in Washington, D.C. on March 30th for events commemorating the Alaska Purchase known as the Treaty of Cession. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the document that transferred the ownership of Alaska from Russia to the United States.

There will be special events this year throughout Alaska, and will culminate in a special ceremony in Sitka on Alaska Day – October 18th.

NEW DOCUMENTS

~ Reports noted in House/Senate Journals are on file with the House Clerk or Senate Secretary ~

- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium 2016 Annual Report

NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

<http://www.akleg.gov>

Health Care Issues

HB 191 / Reinbold – Maintenance of Certification: Doctors

HB 196 / Kreiss-Tomkins – Opioid Tax

Education Issues

SB 96 / Sen.EDU – Education: Schools/Teachers/Funding

WAYS TO FOLLOW HEARINGS

Check “committee calendar” the day of scheduled hearing. A bill can be rescheduled last minute.

Website-Daily Committee Hearings for March 27 – April 2, 2017 - [Hearing Schedule](#)

Gavel to Gavel: Most committee hearings can be seen and heard on Gavel Alaska. It is broadcast on both local access TV and on the internet at www.360north.org

Streaming Video: <http://alaskalegislature.tv>

Testifying:

Legislative Information Office (LIO) Find your LIO here: <http://akleg.gov/lios.php>

Call-in: Available with prior approval from the committee chair

1-855-463-5009 or in Juneau 907-463-5009

BILLS ON THE MOVE

~ Below are pertinent bills that had hearings or other action this past week ~

HOUSE COMMITTEE OR FLOOR ACTION

HB 1 / Election Registration and Voting

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=HB%20%20%201>

Heard and moved from House State Affairs on 3/21. Next committee is Judiciary.

Allows qualified voters to register to vote within 30 days or on the day of an election to vote a questioned ballot; enhances online voter registration with electronic signatures to make the registration process quicker and easier; ensures the same early voting locations are available during every election; creates an option for permanent absentee voting for individuals that plan to vote by mail every year; and clarifies terminology for early voting to remove confusion between early voting and absentee in-person voting.

HB 7 / Marked Ballot Photos; Persuasion at Polls

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb7#tab6_4

Heard and held in Senate C&RA on 3/21.

During the hours the polls are open, a person who is in the polling place or within 200 feet of any entrance to the polling place may not physically display a photo, video, or other image of the person's marked ballot in an attempt to persuade a person to vote for or against a candidate, proposition, or question.

HB 8 / Enforcement of Foreign Protective Orders

<Passed House on 3/6>

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb8#tab6_4

Heard and held in Senate C&RA on 3/16.

Conforms Alaska law with the Full Faith and Credit provisions of the Violence Against Women's Act requiring law enforcement and courts to recognize protective orders issued by tribal courts and courts of outside jurisdictions.

HB 16 / Driver's License Requirement; Disability: ID and Training

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb16#tab6_4

Heard and moved from Senate State Affairs on 3/23. Next committee is Finance.

Requires training of all law enforcement for non-apparent disability awareness. It also adds a section to the DMV manual that instructs drivers as to their responsibilities when interacting with a peace officer. In addition, a voluntary marker could be placed on an ID card to indicate a non-apparent disability.

HB 24 / List U-47700 As a Controlled Substance

<Passed House on 3/6>

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb24#>

Scheduled in Senate Judiciary on 3/27.

Companion to SB 20. Lists "Pink" as a controlled substance; the amendment adds tramadol to the list of controlled substances.

HB 31 / Sexual Assault Examination Kits

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_complete_bill.asp?session=30&bill=HB31

Scheduled in House Finance on 3/31.

CS work draftJ was adopted as the working document. This new draft being considered takes out the language mandating that law enforcement send sexual assault examination kits for testing within 18 month after collection. It adds sexual assault language to existing training components of Title 18. In addition, this new version establishes protocols governing the distribution and use of sexual assault examination kits by having the victim choose one of three reports. During the committee, the bill was amended further relating to minimum age for anonymous reporting. This revised bill still requires an inventory and reporting on all untested examination kits.

HB 43 / New Drugs for the Terminally Ill

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb43#>

Scheduled in House Judiciary on 3/29.

Allows terminally ill patients who have exhausted other available treatments and do not qualify for clinical trials to gain faster access to safe, but experimental drugs. By providing certain immunities to prescribing physicians, manufacturers and distributors acting in good faith, this bill would allow terminal patients, in consultation with their doctor, the freedom to try new treatments without the burden of waiting for federal approval.

HB 44 / Legislative Ethics: Voting and Conflicts

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=HB%20%2044>

Scheduled in House State Affairs on 3/28.

The bill lists relationships and situations which if exists would prohibit a legislator from taking or withholding official action or exert official influence that could substantially benefit or harm the financial interest of those involved. The bill defines the phrase "substantially benefit or harm".

HB 49 / Extend Board of Direct-Entry Midwives

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb49#>

Scheduled in House Finance on 3/31.

Extends the Board of Direct-Entry Midwives through June 30, 2021.

HB 54 / Voluntary Termination of Life

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb54#>

Scheduled in House HSS on 3/28.

Allows for terminally ill patients to die with dignity on their own terms. It specifies that this process stops immediately if there is any evidence of coercion. The law further requires two physicians to be involved throughout the request process for independent diagnoses to further ensure against coercion.

HB 64 / Reading Proficiency Task Force; Dyslexia

<Passed the House on 3/24>

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb64#>

Transmitted to the Senate on 3/24.

HB 74 / Driver's License and ID Cards and Real ID Act

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb74#>

Heard and held in House State Affairs on 3/21. Next hearing is scheduled for 3/28.

Allows DMV to issue both REAL ID federal compliant and noncompliant identification cards and driver licenses as a citizen of Alaska requests. This in turn will allow our residents to access military facilities, other federal facilities, and pass through TSA checkpoints at airports with these proper compliant cards. Otherwise, a U.S. passport, other recognized passport, and other federally issued identification documents will be necessary to fly to the lower-48 or gain access to a federal building.

HB 79 / Omnibus Workers' Compensation

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=HB%20%2079>

Heard and moved from House L&C on 3/22. Scheduled in House Judiciary on 3/31.

The bill streamlines procedures and bears down on employers who attempt to delay prescribed medical treatments and fail to provide coverage, required by law. It takes aim at employers' misclassification of employees and "deceptive" leasing practices; and, strengthens requirements for employees to report wages they receive while receiving workers' compensation benefits.

The bill also expands personal liability among employers who are shown to be evading workers' compensation requirements. The bill reduces administrative costs by allowing employers to pay benefits electronically and allows the Division of Workers' Compensation to mandate electronic filing of certain reports from employers and insurers.

HB 86 / Student Loan Default/Occupational License Renewal

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb86#>

Heard and moved from House L&C on 3/24.

House Bill 86 repeals current statutes that allow the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) to threaten nonrenewal of occupational licenses for individuals who have defaulted on their student loans. Affected occupations include licenses for nurses, pharmacists, social workers, veterinarians, dentists, attorneys, teachers (k12), EMS workers, and correctional officers.

HB 102 / Limited Teacher Certificates; Languages

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb102>

Heard and held in House Education on 3/20. Scheduled for public testimony on 3/27.

HB 102 expands the existing "Type M" and "Type I" teacher certificates, tackling one of the biggest challenges facing Alaska's immersion programs: finding fully certified teachers also fluent in a Native or foreign language. The bill provides districts and charter schools case-by-case flexibility to hire language teachers they know are qualified to lead a classroom but who – for reasons such as limited English proficiency, advanced age, or familial responsibilities – are unable at the time to get a full teacher certification.

CSHB 123(HSS) / Disclosure of Health Care Costs

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb123#tab1_4

Heard and held in House Judiciary on 3/24. Next scheduled on 3/27.

The bill will require health care providers to publish health care price information in public spaces and on their websites and to submit that price information to the Department of Health and Social Services. Individual providers will be required to disclose the total undiscounted costs of their 25 most commonly provided health care services and procedures. Larger medical facilities would provide the same price information for their 50 most common health care services and procedures.

HB 138 / March: Sobriety Awareness Month

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb138#>

Heard and moved from House HSS on 3/23. Referred next to C&RA.

Designates March as Sobriety Awareness Month every year.

HB 146 / School Tax; PFD Payment for School Tax

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb146#tab6_4

Heard and held in House Education on 3/22. Public testimony to be taken on 3/27.

This bill taxes adjusted gross income on federal tax returns for every person who earns income in Alaska. The minimum tax would be \$100 a year and has a cap of \$8,500. The revenue collected would be designated to support public education in Alaska.

HB 151 / DHSS; CINA; Foster Care; Child Protection

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb151#>

Heard and moved from House HSS on 3/23. Referred next to Finance.

Also known as the “Children Deserve a Loving Home Act” aims to improve both caseload levels and worker retention by implementing significant new training and workforce standards. Another important tenet of this bill is enacting timeline for waivers and exemptions to licensing requirements for relatives who may want to care for a child, but are not licensed foster parents. It also provides for the employment of mentors to help caseworkers become more effective. The bill also extends subsidies for adoptions and guardianships to age 21.

HB 159 / Opioids; Prescriptions; Database; Licenses

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb159#>

Heard and held in House HSS on 3/18. Scheduled next for 3/30.

Provides an option for patients to execute a “Voluntary Nonopioid Directive” that would allow a person not to be administered an opioid. The bill would also require health care licensing boards, such as nurses, physicians, and osteopaths to adopt regulations for licensure, renewal, and certification by regulation to make certain requirements of licensee’s continued demonstration in pain management. It would also implement provisions to limit an initial prescription for an opioid to not more than a seven day supply.

For pharmacists, the bill would require registration with the controlled substance prescription database regardless of whether the pharmacist has a federal drug enforcement administration registration number. Further, it would allow a person to request a pharmacist to dispense less than the prescribed amount of a schedule II or schedule III controlled substance. Among other items, it also would require that the controlled substance prescription database be updated daily rather than the current weekly update.

HB 172 / Industrial Hemp Production Licenses

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb172#>

Heard and moved from House Resources on 3/22. Referred next to Judiciary.

This is an act to define hemp as an agricultural product and allow for the commercial farming of hemp through a pilot program. Industrial hemp’s definition will be changed from a controlled substance to an agricultural product.

HB175 / U.S. President Election Popular Vote Compact

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb175#>

Heard and held in House State Affairs on 3/23.

The National Popular Vote bill would grant the presidency to the candidate who receives the most votes in the nation. Additionally, this bill is an interstate compact repealing the winner take all rule and would take effect only when enacted by states possessing a majority of the electoral votes.

HCR 1 / Amend Uniform Rules: Abstain from Voting

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hcr1#>

Scheduled for House State Affairs on 3/28.

The resolution would change the standard from unanimous consent to a majority vote when a member seeks to abstain from voting due to a substantial conflict of interest.

HCR 2 / Respond to Adverse Childhood Experiences

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=HCR%20%202>

Heard and moved from House HSS on 3/23. Referred to State Affairs.

HCR 3 / April 2017: Child Abuse Prevention Month

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=HCR%20%203>

Heard and moved from House HSS on 3/23. Referred to Finance.

Proclaims April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and proclaiming April 7, 2017 as Go Blue Friday.

HJR 14 / FCC: Increase Rural Health Care Budget

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hjr14>

Heard and moved from House L&C on 3/20. Referred to Rules.

HJR 15 / Oppose Federal REAL ID Requirements

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=HJR%2015>

Heard and held in House State Affairs on 3/21. Next scheduled hearing is on 3/28.

SENATE COMMITTEE OR FLOOR ACTION

SB 6 / Industrial Hemp Production

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb6>

Heard and moved from Senate Judiciary on 3/20. Referred to Finance.

Classifies Industrial Hemp as an agricultural crop in Alaska; lists criteria under which a person may register to produce it; lists conditions under which hemp seeds and reconditioned hemp may be kept; authorizes the Division of Agriculture to create regulations; defines industrial hemp to mean the plant Cannabis Sativa containing less than 0.3 percent delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC); removes it from the list of controlled substances and removes it from marijuana definitions

SB 15 / E-Cigs: Sale to and Possession by Minors

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb15#>

Scheduled in Senate Judiciary on 3/27 and 3/29.

Prohibits a person under the age of nineteen from knowingly possessing an electronic smoking product, or a product containing nicotine—doing so will be a criminal violation. Prohibits selling of such products to persons under nineteen—the penalty is a fine not less than \$300 and under certain circumstances may result in business license revocation.

SB 31 / No State Employee Pay Increase for Two Years

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb31#>

Heard and held in Senate Finance on 3/23. Next scheduled for 3/29.

This bill freezes salaries merit step increases between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019 for exempt, partially exempt, and other nonunion employees in the Executive and Legislative branches, and employees of the University of Alaska.

SB 32 / Prescriptions for Biological Products

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb32#>

Scheduled in Senate Finance on 3/29 and 3/31.

It allows a pharmacist to substitute an FDA-approved interchangeable biosimilar for a prescribed originator biologic without first seeking approval from the physician. Once the item is dispensed, the pharmacist must communicate within a certain time to the physician that the biologic was dispersed.

SB 34 / Driver's License and ID Cards and REAL ID Act

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=SB%20%2034>

Heard and moved from Senate State Affairs on 3/23. Scheduled in Finance on 3/27.

Allows DMV to issue both REAL ID federal compliant and noncompliant identification cards and driver licenses as a citizen of Alaska requests. This in turn will allow our residents to access military facilities, other federal facilities, and pass through TSA checkpoints at airports with these proper compliant cards. Otherwise, a U.S. passport, other recognized passport, and other federally issued identification documents will be necessary to fly to the lower-48 or gain access to a federal building.

SB 54 / Crime and Sentencing

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb54#tab6_4

Scheduled in Senate Finance on 3/28 and 3/31.

The bill incorporates 2017 recommendations of the Criminal Justice Commission to the overall criminal justice reform statutes amended through last year's SB 91.

SB 55 / Omnibus Crime and Corrections

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=SB%20%2055>

Heard and moved from Senate Judiciary on 3/20. Scheduled in Senate Finance on 3/28 and 3/31.

Clarifies and amends the following sections to the criminal justice codes. Marijuana penalties, victim notification, probation term lengths, administrative license revocations, referral for minor consuming, removing inflation adjustments, data reporting, and other minor and technical changes.

SB 63 / Regulation of Smoking

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb63#tab6_4

Heard and moved from Senate Finance on 3/20. Rules to calendar on 3/27.

Prohibits smoking in certain places, including specified enclosed areas and at or near specified outdoor areas; provides limited exceptions to the smoking prohibitions for retail tobacco and e-cigarette stores, for enclosed, marked, and vented transit areas, for private residences, for specified vehicles and vessels, for stand-alone shelters and for licensed marijuana establishments; requires notices of smoking prohibitions and fines; prohibits employers and building owners or managers from permitting smoking or supplying smoking accessories in place where it is prohibited; prohibits an employer, or owner or operator of a vehicle from retaliating for initiating or cooperating with enforcement of the Act; allows a municipality to impose additional smoking restrictions and duties.

SB 79 / Opioids; Prescriptions; Database; Licenses

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb79>

Heard and held in Senate L&C on 3/21.

SB 83 / Protect: Vulnerable Adults/Long Term Care

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb83>

Heard and held in Senate HSS on 3/17. Next scheduled for 3/27.

Amends provisions of Title 47 to ensure alignment of the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman with the Older Americans Act in U.S. Code. This clarifies that the Ombudsman may only disclose a report of abuse or neglect in an older Alaskan if they have the consent of the vulnerable adult to do so. It also clarifies other responsibilities that DHSS has to investigate all reports of harm and may transfer those to the Ombudsman for additional assistance. Additionally, the Ombudsman in these proposed amendments would be allowed to disclose a person’s identity for purposes of making a referral to an agency if the person is unable to provide consent.

SB 91 / Extend Disaster Emergency: Opioid Epidemic <Signed into law on 3/21 [*Chapter 1 SLA 17*]>

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb91>

The CS for this bill extends the declaration of disaster emergency issued by the governor on February 14, 2017 until June 30, 2021. The original order had declared a public health crisis in order to combat the state’s opioid epidemic.

SCR 2 / Sexual Assault Awareness Month: April 2017

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=scr2#>

Heard and moved from House State Affairs on 3/21. Referred to House HSS.
Proclaims April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

SJR 2 / Constitutional Amendment: Appropriation Limit

http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sjr2#tab6_4

Scheduled for Senate State Affairs on 3/30.

Proposes an amendment to Alaska’s Constitution to cap certain appropriations made for a fiscal year to not exceed four billion two hundred fifty million dollars by more than fifty percent of the cumulative change in population and inflation since July 1, 2020 derived from federal indices as prescribed by law. If the resolution passes, the amendment will be placed before the voters of the state at the next general election.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

MONDAY – March 27

(HOUSE) EDUCATION Committees

8:00 AM Capitol Room 106

HB 102 / Limited Teacher Certificates; Languages <Public Testimony>

HB 52 / Pre-Elementary School Programs; Plans <Public Testimony>

HB 146 / School Tax; PFD Payment for School Tax <Public Testimony>

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee

9:00 AM S. Finance Room 532

HB 57 / FY18 Operating Budget <Pending Introduction and Referral>

Bills previously heard/scheduled

(HOUSE) JUDICIARY Committee

1:00 PM Gruenberg Room 120

HB 123 / Disclosure of Health Care Costs

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee

1:30 PM H. Finance Room 519

HB 115 / Income Tax; PFD Credit; Permanent Fund Income

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee

1:30 PM S. Finance Room 532

SB 34 / Driver's License and ID Cards and REAL ID Act <Pending Referral>

HB 57 / FY18 Operating Budget <Pending Introduction and Referral>

(SENATE) HSS Committee

1:30 PM Butrovich Room 205

SB83 / Protect: Vulnerable Adults and Long Term Care

(SENATE) JUDICIARY Committee

1:30 PM Beltz Room 105 (TSBldg)

HB 24 / List U-47700 as a Controlled Substance

SB 15 / E-Cigs: Sale to and Possession by Minor

TUESDAY – March 28

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee

9:00 AM H. Finance Room 519 <Note time>

SB 26 / Appropriation Limit and Permanent Fund: Dividend; Earnings

HB 115 / Income Tax; PFD Credit; Permanent Fund Income

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee

9:00 AM S. Finance Room 532

SB 54 / Crime and Sentencing

SB 55 / Omnibus Crime/Corrections

HB 57 / FY18 Operating Budget <Pending Introduction and Referral>

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee

1:30 PM H. Finance Room 519

HB 115 / Income Tax; PFD Credit; Permanent Fund Income

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee

1:30 PM S. Finance Room 532 <Note time>

SB 54 / Crime and Sentencing

SB 55 / Omnibus Crime/Corrections

HB 57 / FY18 Operating Budget <Pending Introduction and Referral>

(SENATE) LABOR & COMMERCE Committee

1:30 PM Beltz Room 105 (TSBldg)

Governor's Appointees to State Boards and Commissions

- **Board of Nursing** <Public Testimony on Appointees>

SB 38 / Pharmacy Benefits Managers <Public Testimony>

(HOUSE) HSS Committee

3:00 PM Capitol Room 106

Presentation: The Economic Cost of Alcohol Abuse in Alaska by the Alaska MH Trust Authority

HB 151 / DHSS; CINA; Foster Care; Child Protection

HB 54 / Voluntary Termination of Life <Testimony – Public Invited>

(HOUSE) STATE AFFAIRS Committee

3:00 PM Gruenberg Room 120

HJR 15 / Oppose Federal ID Requirements

HB 74 / Driver's License and ID Cards and Real ID Act
HB 44 Legislative Ethics: Voting and Conflicts
HCR 1 / Amend Uniform Rules: Abstain from Voting

(SENATE) EDUCATION Committee
5:30 PM Butrovich Room 205 <Note time>
SB 96 / Education: Schools; Teachers; Funding <Public Testimony>

WEDNESDAY – March 29

(JOINT) HOUSE/SENATE EDUCATION Committees
8:00 AM Capitol Room 106
Presentation: State Board of Education <Testimony – Invitation only>

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee
9:00 AM S. Finance Room 532
SB 31 / No State Employee Pay Increase for 2 Years
SB 32 / Prescriptions for Biological Products
HB 57 / FY18 Operating Budget <Pending Introduction and Referral>

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee
1:00 PM H. Finance Room 519 <Note time>
HB 115 / Income Tax; PFD Credit; Permanent Fund Income <Public Testimony>
1:00 – 4:30 PM / Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Off Nets

(HOUSE) JUDICIARY Committee
1:00 PM Gruenberg Room 120
HB 43 / New Drugs for the Terminally Ill <Public Testimony>

(SENATE) HSS Committee
1:30 PM Butrovich Room 205
Presentation: The Economic Costs of Alcohol and other Drug Abuse in Alaska
- by the McDowell Group <Testimony – Invitation only>

(SENATE) JUDICIARY Committee
1:30 PM Beltz Room 105 (TSBldg)
SB 15 / E-Cigs: Sale to and Possession by Minor

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee
5:30 PM H. Finance Room 519 <Note time>
HB 115 / Income Tax; PFD Credit; Permanent Fund Income <Public Testimony>
5:30 – 8:00 PM / All other LIO's, Off Nets

THURSDAY – March 30

(SENATE) EDUCATION Committee
8:00 AM Butrovich Room 205
SB 78 / Permanent Fund Dividend Contributions/Lottery <Public Testimony>
SB 96 / Education: Schools; Teachers; Funding <Testimony – Invitation Only>

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee
9:00 AM S. Finance Room 532
HB 57 / FY18 Operating Budget <Pending Introduction and Referral>

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee
1:30 PM H. Finance Room 519
HB 115 / Income Tax; PFD Credit; Permanent Fund Income

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee
1:30 AM S. Finance Room 532 <Note time>
HB 57 / FY18 Operating Budget <Pending Introduction and Referral>

(HOUSE) HSS Committee
3:00 PM Capitol Room 106
HB 100 / Posttraumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day <Testimony – Invitation only>
HB 159 / Opioids; Prescriptions; Database; Licenses
HB 164 / Protect: Vulnerable Adults/Long Term Care <Testimony – Invitation only>
HB 186 / Food Donations <Testimony – Invitation only>

(SENATE) STATE AFFAIRS Committees
3:30 PM Butrovich Room 205
SJR 2 / Constitutional Amendment: Appropriation Limit

FRIDAY – March 31

(HOUSE) EDUCATION Committee
8:00 AM Capitol Room 106
Presentation: Early Education <Testimony – Invitation only>

(SENATE) EDUCATION Committee
9:00 AM Butrovich Room 205
SB 96 / Education: Schools; Teachers; Funding <Testimony – Invitation Only>

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee
9:00 AM S. Finance Room 532
HB 57 / FY18 Operating Budget <Pending Introduction and Referral>

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HB 57 / FY18 Operating Budget <Pending Introduction and Referral>

(SENATE) HSS Committee
1:30 PM Butrovich Room 205
SB 72 / Discrimination: Gender ID and Sexual Orientation <Public Testimony>

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