

# 2017 CAPITOL CURRENTS

30<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Session

Twelfth Edition – 4/3 to 4/9/17

– 7 Days to go! –

~ **The 24-Hour Rule is coming, should see plenty of action these next few weeks** ~

## HIGHLIGHTS

The FY18 Operating and Mental Health budgets passed the Senate on the 6<sup>th</sup>. **HB 57 and 59** are now back in the House awaiting concurrence. The House leadership can bring the bills up for concurrence any day there is a Floor Session.

The differences between the House and Senate versions of the bills are too great for the House to concur with the Senate's versions of the bills so after the vote to concur fails a conference committee will be appointed.

Once the FY18 budget conference committee members are appointed, by both bodies, the Legislature will be under the "24-hour" rule. The rule allows bills to be noticed the day before a hearing is scheduled in a committee instead of the regular week notice.

Once the 24-hour rule is invoked, daily vigilance is required to ensure you are able to participate in hearings for bills in which you have a interest.

## BUDGET ISSUES

Alaska is facing a \$2.8 billion deficit, and the Senate finally completed their proposal to address it with a \$276 million cut.

The State will have to live with fewer teachers, troopers, ferry service, and a lower Permanent Fund Dividend in 2018.

According to the Legislative Finance Division, Health and Social Services will lose \$49 million, and education will lose nearly 5% or \$69 million. The annual PFD is expected to be about \$2,300 this year. The Senate budget cuts it to \$1,000.

The state's subsidy for oil and gas drilling survived.

The Senate Majority said failing to cut would lead us deeper into recession. Senate finance members warned that Alaska will still have a \$685 million deficit, requiring even more cuts next year.

Minority Democrats members offered 20 amendments on various portions of the budget. All but two dealing with school programs were voted down.

Senator Dunleavy defected from the majority and voted against the proposal. It is expected that he'll be stripped of his majority member duties. Many are vying for his seat on the Senate Finance Committee.

The House's budget contains fewer cuts and more revenue, including an income tax and some Permanent Fund earnings.

According to OMB Director Pat Pitney, even if cuts proposed by the Senate were to go through, it would be difficult to sustain the reductions for more than a single year.

The same level of government support for the following year will require an additional \$100-\$200 million from the unrestricted general fund.

Most Revenue measures [HB 115](#), [CSHB 111\(RES\)](#), [CSSB 26\(FIN\)](#) are all moving forward. **SB 26** is already in the House and scheduled for hearings in Finance this week.

### **EDUCATION ISSUES**

A group of education bills were introduced this past week in the Senate. **SB102**, **SB103**, and **SB104** all have goals of improving educational outcomes for students.

This would be done by, establishing innovation grants, improving broadband capacity, and providing school districts with a three-year reprieve from curriculum review.

At the same time, the Senate followed through on its pledge to make significant cuts from schools.

### **HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES ISSUES**

In a move to take the mystery out of Alaska's health care prices, **HB 123** passed the House and now goes to the Senate.

This legislation would require doctors, hospitals and a host of other health care providers to disclose the charges of their most commonly performed services and procedures.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

**SB 54** is on its way to the House for consideration. This bill was in response to concerns from law enforcement and Alaskans in communities troubled by the increases in crime, largely fueled by drug abuse.

It makes substantive revisions to last year's criminal justice reform package and allows for tougher sentences all the way around. These tweaks implement a number of recommendations from the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission.

The rollbacks in this bill are expected to cost more than **\$4 million**.

In addition, **SB 55** -- the bill making technical corrections to improve implementation of last year's crime bill (SB 91) -- passed the Senate.

**HB 24** moves back to the House for concurrence this week. The bill adds a strain of synthetic heroin, U-47700 also known as "Pink" to Alaska's Schedule IA list of controlled substances.

The Senate CS added Tramadol-a pain medication-to the list of Schedule IV A drug. Tramadol would still be legal under a valid prescription.

### **GOVERNOR'S CORNER**

<http://gov.alaska.gov>

Governor Walker has joined three other western states urging the federal government not to interfere with legal marijuana in their jurisdictions. Including Alaska, the states of Washington, Oregon, and Colorado have a regulated commercial cannabis industry.

## NEW DOCUMENTS

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

1. Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development – Recommended Guidelines for Prescribing Schedule II Controlled Substances December 30, 2016
2. Alaska Board of Pharmacy – 2017 Prescription Drug Monitoring Report
3. Dept. of Revenue/Child Support Services Division – Letter Certifying No Tier 3 Country in Hague Child Support Convention Treaty/Uniform Interstate Family Support Act
4. Dept. of Administration - Violent Crimes Compensation Board 2016 Annual Report

## NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

<http://www.akleg.gov>

### Public Safety Issues

HB 214 / Drummond – Bree’s Law; Dating Violence Programs

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### Education Issues

SB 102 / Sen. Finance – Internet for Schools; Funding

SB 103 / Sen. Finance – Education Grants-Scholarship; Innovative Education Fund

SB 104 / Sen. Finance – Education Curriculum

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### Election/Voter Issues

SJR 7 / Dunleavy – Constitutional Amendment: Voter Approval for New Taxes

## BILLS ON THE MOVE

### HOUSE COMMITTEE OR FLOOR ACTION

#### [CSHB 1\(STA\)](#) / Election Registration and Voting

**Public testimony scheduled in House Judiciary on 4/14.**

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 9](#) / Pharmacy Board and Employees; Drug Distributor; Manufacturer

**Public Testimony scheduled in House L&C on 4/10.**

Authorizes the Board of Pharmacy to license and inspect out of state wholesale drug distributors and outsourcing facilities. Because of federal law enacted in November of 2013, this mandates regulation for licensing of wholesale drug distributors within a strict timeframe.

#### [CSHB 31\(FIN\)](#) / Sexual Assault Examination Kits

**<Passed House on 4/7>**

The CS took 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.

**CSHB 43(JUD) / New Drugs for the Terminally Ill**

**Scheduled for House Floor 4/9**

Allows a terminally ill patient who has exhausted other available treatments, and don't 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.

**CSSSHB 44(STA) / Legislative Ethics: Voting and Conflicts <Passed House on 4/8>**

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 54 / Voluntary Termination of Life**

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

**Public testimony was taken. Held in House HSS on 4/6.**

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 100 / Posttraumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day**

**<Passed House on 4/5>**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb100#>

Referred to Senate State Affairs. Establishes June 27 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day.

**CSHB 123(HSS) / Disclosure of Health Care Costs**

**<Passed House on 4/7>**

[http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb123#tab1\\_4](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb123#tab1_4)

Transmitted to the Senate on 4/7.

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 127 / Criminal Convictions Overturned: Receive Past PFD**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb127#>

Was heard and held in House Finance on 4/4 and 4/6. **Scheduled on 4/13.**

If a past criminal conviction has been vacated, reversed, or dismissed for an individual, they would then qualify for past PFD's.

**HB 138 / March: Sobriety Awareness Month**

**<Passed House on 4/7>**

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

Transmitted to the Senate on 4/7. 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](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb146#tab6_4)

**Was heard and held in House Finance on 4/4.**

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 164 / Protect: Vulnerable Adults/Long Term Care**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb164#>

Heard and moved from House HSS on 4/4. Referred to Finance.

Companion is SB 83. Certain provisions of the reporting requirements for the protection of vulnerable adults is amended to include alignment with the Older Americans Act of 1965. It also allows the Ombudsman to disclose a person's identity for purposes of making a referral to an agency under certain conditions. It also clarifies where reports of harm are to be lodged within DHSS.

**HB 172 / Industrial Hemp Production Licenses**

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

Heard and moved from House Judiciary on 4/3. Referred to Finance.

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#>

Scheduled in House Judiciary on 4/12.

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#>

House Rules to calendar for House Floor on 4/9.

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.

**HJR 15 / Oppose Federal REAL ID Requirements**

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

Referred to House Rules on 4/3. Not yet calendar for floor vote.

Encourages Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005.

**SB 32 / Prescriptions for Biological Products**

<Passed Senate on 4/4>

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

Scheduled testimony in House HSS on 4/11 and 4/13.

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 dispensed.

**SB 63 / Regulation of Smoking**

<Passed Senate on 3/27>

[http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb63#tab6\\_4](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb63#tab6_4)

Scheduled in House C&RA on 4/13.

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.

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

Referred to Rules 4/6. - Proclaims April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**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 Finance on 4/7.

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#>

Heard and moved from Senate Judiciary on 4/7.

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 54 / Crime and Sentencing**

<Passed Senate on 4/7>

[http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb54#tab6\\_4](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb54#tab6_4)

Transmitted to the House.

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**

<Passed Senate on 4/3>

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

Referred to House Judiciary on 4/5.

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 62 / Repeal Certificate of Need Program**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb62#>

Heard and held in Senate L&C on 4/7.

This proposal would repeal the Certificate of Need (CON) Program effective July 1, 2019. Currently the CON process requires health service providers to obtain approval of the commissioner before building or remodeling health care facilities or purchasing equipment costing more than an established capital expenditure threshold. The existing threshold for a CON is \$1.5 million.

**SB 72 / Discrimination: Gender ID and Sexual Orientation**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=SB%20%2072>

Public testimony scheduled in Senate HSS on 4/10.

Companion is HB 184. Provides additional duties to the State Commission for Human Rights and prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression. This covers a multitude of areas including, but not limited to employment, financial institutions, public accommodations, labor organizations, and property.

**SB 83 / Protect: Vulnerable Adults/Long Term Care**

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

Scheduled in Senate Finance on 4/11.

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 96 / Education: Schools; Teachers; Funding**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb96#>

Heard and held in Senate Finance on 4/6.

Creates the Alaska Virtual Education Consortium allowing districts to offer virtual education courses through an online database. It also expands the scope of cooperative grants to allow districts to work with businesses, nonprofits, and state and local government. In addition, it allows school districts to consolidate and pursue health insurance pooling.

**SB 99 / Pre-Elementary Programs; Funding**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb99#>

Heard and held in Senate Education on 4/7.

Amends current statutes to include early education in the rights of children to attend schools. In turn, it establishes grant programs to facilitate the success of such an endeavor.

**SB 102 / Internet for Schools; Funding**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=sb102#>

Scheduled in Senate Finance on 4/10.

Directs money from the higher education fund to increase the amount of Broadband Assistance Grants (BAG) that the state can pay to school districts and will allow schools the flexibility to direct additional dollars to the classroom.

**SB 103 / Education Grants-Scholarship; Innovative Education Fund**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=SB%20103>

Scheduled in Senate Finance on 4/10.

The current Alaska Performance Scholarships and the Alaska Education Grants will be phased out over the next four years. The Higher Education Fund will be renamed to The Alaska Innovation Education Grant Fund. The purpose is to provide school districts with grants to fulfill academically innovative ways of delivering education.

**SB 104 / Education Curriculum**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=SB%20104>

Scheduled in Senate Finance on 4/10.

Provides all school districts with a three year reprieve from having to update or renew any curriculum. Allows the State Board of Education to approve the curriculum from the largest five school districts and of two rural school districts and allow that curriculum to be used by all school districts on a voluntary basis for three years.

**SCR 5 / Alaska Reads Day**

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=scr5#>

Public testimony scheduled in Senate Education on 4/12.

Proclaims March 2, 2018 as Alaska Reads Day. The hope is to create awareness for early literacy.

**HB 8 / Enforcement of Foreign Protective Orders** <Passed House on 3/6>

[http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb8#tab6\\_4](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb8#tab6_4)

Scheduled in Senate Judiciary on 4/14.

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** <Passed House on 2/8>

[http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb16#tab6\\_4](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb16#tab6_4)

Heard and moved from Senate Finance on 4/7.

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 23 / Insurance for Dependents of Deceased Fire and Police** <Passed House on 3/13>

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb23#>

Heard and held in Senate Finance on 4/5.

Provides major medical insurance coverage under the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska for certain surviving spouses and dependent children of peace officers and firefighters.

**HB 24 / List U-47700 As a Controlled Substance** <Passed Senate on 4/3>

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

Awaiting concurrence in House on Senate changes.

Lists "Pink" as a controlled substance. An amendment adds tramadol to the list of controlled substances.

**HB 49 / Extend Board of Direct-Entry Midwives** <Passed House on 4/7>

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

Scheduled in Senate L&C on 4/11.

Extends the Board of Direct-Entry Midwives through June 30, 2023.

**HB 78 / Indigenous Peoples Day** <Passed House on 2/3>

<http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/30?Root=hb78#>

Scheduled for public testimony in Senate State Affairs on 4/11.

Establishes the second Monday of October of each year as Indigenous Peoples Day.

**HB 86 / Student Loan Default/Occupational License Renewal** <Passed House on 3/29>

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

Scheduled in Senate Education on 4/12.

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** <Passed House on 4/5>

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

Scheduled for public testimony in Senate Labor & Commerce on 4/11.

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.

**HJR 14 / FCC: Increase Rural Health Care Budget**

<Passed House on 4/5>

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

**Public testimony to be taken in Senate HSS on 4/12.**

Urges the FCC to increase the Rural Health Care Program budget to ensure that rural communities in the state continue to have access to affordable broadband telehealth services.

**BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW:**

**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.

**COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

***NOTE: The 24-Hour rule may go in effect this week.***

***Hearings only have to be announced the day before a committee meets.***

***Check the Daily Schedule late at night for the next day’s hearings once the rule goes into effect.***

**MONDAY – April 10**

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee

8:00 AM H. Finance Room 519

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

(HOUSE) JUDICIARY Committee

1:00 PM Gruenberg Room 120

**HB 200 / Nonpartisan Open Primary Elections**

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee

1:30 PM S. Finance Room 532

**SB 102 / Internet for Schools; Funding**

**SB 103 / Education Grants and Scholarship; Innovative Edu. Funding**

**SB 104 / Education Curriculum**

(SENATE) HSS Committee

1:30 PM Butrovich Room 205

**SB 72 / Discrimination: Gender ID.; Sexual Orientation** <Public testimony>

(HOUSE) LABOR & COMMERCE Committee

3:15 PM Barnes Room 124

**HB 38 / Workers’ Compensation: Death Benefits**

**HB 9 / Pharma Bd & Employees: Drug Dist/Manufacture**

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee

4:00 PM H. Finance Room 519 <Note time change>

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

## **TUESDAY – April 11**

(SENATE) LABOR & COMMERCE Committee  
9:00 AM Beltz Room 105 (TSBldg)  
**HB 102 / Limited Teacher Certificates; Languages**  
**Bills previously heard/scheduled**

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee  
1:30 PM H. Finance Room 519  
**SB 26 / Appropriation Limit and Permanent Fund: Dividend; Earnings**  
**HB 115 / Income Tax; PFD Credit; Permanent Fund Income**

(SENATE) FINANCE Committee  
1:30 PM S. Finance Room 532  
**SB 83 / Protect: Vulnerable Adults and Long Term Care**

(SENATE) LABOR & COMMERCE Committee  
1:30 PM Beltz Room 105 (TSBldg)  
**HB 49 / Extend Board of Direct-Entry Midwives**  
**Bills previously heard/scheduled**

(HOUSE) HSS Committee  
3:00 PM Capitol Room 106  
**HB 118 / Compensation for Wrongful Conviction** <Testimony – Invitation only>  
**SB 32 / Prescriptions for Biological Products** <Testimony – Invitation only>

(SENATE) STATE AFFAIRS Committee  
3:30 PM Butrovich Room 205  
**HB 78 / Indigenous Peoples Day**

## **WEDNESDAY – April 12**

(SENATE) EDUCATION Committee  
8:00 AM Butrovich Room 205  
**SCR 5 / Alaska Reads Day** <Public testimony>  
**HB 86 / Student Loan Default-Occupational License Renewal**  
**HB 135 / School Construction Grant Program**

(HOUSE) JUDICIARY Committee  
1:00 PM Gruenberg Room 120  
**HB 200 / Nonpartisan Open Primary Elections**  
**HB 175 / US President Election Popular Vote Compact**

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee  
1:30 PM H. Finance Room 519  
**HB 166 / Museum Construction Grant Program**  
**HB 151 / DHSS; CINA; Foster Care; Child Protection**  
**HB 103 / Optometry and Optometrists**

(HOUSE) LABOR & COMMERCE Committee  
3:15 PM Barnes Room 124  
**HB 83 / TRS and PERS Retirement Plans** <Public testimony>

## **THURSDAY – April 13**

(HOUSE) C&RA Committee

8:00 AM Barnes Room 124

**SB 63 / Regulation of Smoking**

(JOINT SESSION of HOUSE/SENATE)

11:00 AM House Chambers

**Consideration of Governor's Appointees**

(HOUSE) FINANCE Committee

1:30 PM H. Finance Room 519

**HB 127 / Criminal Conviction Overturned: Receive Past PFD**

**HB 47 / Municipal PERS Contributions and Interest**

**HB 155 / Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Exchange**

(HOUSE) HSS Committee

3:00 PM Capitol Room 106

**HB 118 / Compensation for Wrongful Conviction** <Public Testimony>

**SB 32 / Prescriptions for Biological Products** <Public Testimony>

## **FRIDAY – April 14**

(HOUSE) JUDICIARY Committee

1:00 PM Gruenberg Room 120

**HB 1 / Election Registration and Voting** <Public Testimony>

(SENATE) JUDICIARY Committee

1:30 PM Beltz Room 105 (TSBldg)

**HB 8 / Enforcement of Foreign Protective Orders**

## **SUNDAY – April 16** *(90<sup>th</sup> Legislative Day)*

### **WEBSITES OF INTEREST**

2017 Legislators contact information

<http://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/whoswho.pdf> ~ <http://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/800numbers.pdf>

2017 1<sup>st</sup> Session Staff contact list [http://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/session\\_phone\\_list.pdf](http://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/session_phone_list.pdf)

2017 House & Senate Committees <http://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/commlist.pdf>

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