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Legislative Report: March 16 – March 20

Last week in Juneau, significant developments unfolded concerning the state's budget and ongoing legislative disputes fueled by unexpected revenue surges from heightened oil prices associated with the Iran conflict. The anticipation of moderate windfalls has become a central point of contention among legislators.

A pivotal vote regarding access to funds from the state's Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR) for the FY26 supplemental budget (HB289), again failed in the House. Accessing the CBR mandates a three-quarter supermajority, which the House could not achieve. In contrast, the Senate swiftly approved the supplemental budget and CBR draw without opposition. The ensuing conflict will now be addressed by a newly appointed conference committee, tasked with settling discrepancies between the two legislative bodies regarding the allocation of increased revenue.

The conference committee convened last Thursday and undertook procedural steps to delineate their powers for amendments between the differing bill versions. No substantial actions were taken beyond accepting identical items from both versions. Committee Chair, Representative Andy Josephson indicated an objective to present a report for a vote by Monday or Tuesday next week. Ongoing delays regarding the supplemental appropriations bill have generated much concern and uncertainty for this summer's construction projects.

Governor Dunleavy unveiled a second round of budget amendments on March 13, augmenting the original FY2027 budget request with an additional \$18 million in Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) and \$11.2 million in supplemental items. The amendments also highlight \$26.8 million in overspending by the Department of Corrections over FY2024 and FY2025. You can see details of the amendments [here](#).

Governor Dunleavy also introduced legislation last week proposing a revised tax structure for the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas (AKLNG) Project, transitioning from a property tax model to one based on the gas volume traversing the pipeline, [SB 280](#) and [HB 381](#).

As legislative negotiations continue, the juxtaposition of potential revenue influx against its controversial use underscores the complexities facing Alaska's policymakers. With key decisions looming on supplemental funding and emerging infrastructure projects, the coming weeks are crucial for determining the trajectory of state spending and legislative priorities.

Next week we should see the conference committee's report and anticipate floor votes for HB 289, the supplemental budget and much attention on developments surrounding the gasoline bill and the implications of the budget amendments on state fiscal strategies.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS OF INTEREST

Mar 24, 2026

House COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

08:00am | BARNES 124

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JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA; -- Testimony --; MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; -- Testimony --; SICK LEAVE EXEMPTION: FISH PROCESSORS; - - Testimony --; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Bills:

- [HB 309](#)
- [HB 291](#)
- [HB 375](#)

Mar 25, 2026

House FINANCE

01:30pm | ADAMS 519

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APPORTION TAXABLE INCOME; DIGITAL BUSINESS; VOTER PREREGISTRATION FOR MINORS; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Bills:

- [HB 280](#)
- [HB 21](#)

Senate RESOURCES

03:30pm | BUTROVICH 205

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JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA; -- Public Testimony --; FARM & AGRICULTURAL LAND ASSESSMENTS; -- Public Testimony --; PUBLIC LAND: SALE/LEASE/COMMERCIAL DEVELOP; -- Invited & Public Testimony --; CONFLICT OF INTEREST: BDS FISHERIES/GAME; -- Invited & Public Testimony - -; ; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled; **Streamed live on [AKL.tv](#)**

Bills:

- [SB 230](#)
- [SB 200](#)
- [SB 224](#)
- [HB 33](#)

Mar 26, 2026

Senate FINANCE

09:00am | SENATE FINANCE 532

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AK WORK & SAVE PROGRAM; RETIRE. SAVINGS BD; -- Testimony --; TRS CONTR RATE; PERS/TRS SOC SECUR OR SBS; -- Testimony --; BEH. HEALTH CRISIS SURCHARGE & FUND; ; -- Invited & Public Testimony --; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled; **Streamed live on [AKL.tv](#)**

Bills:

- [SB 55](#)

House FINANCE

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Monetary Terms of Agreement - Department of Law; PEACE OFFICERS/FIREFIGHTERS: DISABILITY; -- Public Testimony --; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Bills:

- [HB 210](#)

Mar 27, 2026

Senate EDUCATION

03:30pm | BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

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PUBLIC SCHOOL FIN. DATA INTERNET WEBSITE; -- Invited & Public Testimony -
-; LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS; -- Invited & Public
Testimony --; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled; **Streamed live on [AKL.tv](#)**

Bills:

- [SB 267](#)
- [SB 278](#)

Senate RESOURCES

03:30pm | BUTROVICH 205

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INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT; -- Invited & Public Testimony --; CLEAN UP MARINE DEBRIS; -- Invited & Public Testimony --; BOARD OF FISHERIES; -- Invited & Public Testimony --; ; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled; **Streamed live on [AKL.tv](#)**

Bills:

- [SB 174](#)
- [SJR 20](#)
- [SB 269](#)

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BILL TRACKING LOG

Bill	Sponsors	Last Action	Latest Version
HB 1	MCCABE Underwood Johnson	House, May 18, 2025: (H) COSPONSOR REMOVED: JIMMIE	HB001B, AM CSHB 1(STA), introduced 05/18/2025
HB 13	GRAY Eischeid Fields	Senate, Mar 18, 2026: (S) Referred to STATE AFFAIRS	HB0013D, AM SCS CSSH 13(CRA), introduced 03/18/2026
HB 18	G.NELSON Rauscher Johnson	House, Feb 13, 2026: (H) PRIME SPONSOR CHANGED: G.NELSON REPLACED RAUSCHER	HB0018A, AM HB 18, introduced 01/22/2025
HB 26	MINA Burke Bynum	Senate, Mar 24, 2026: (S) -- Public Testimony --	HB0026D, AM CSHB 26(TRA) am, introduced 04/30/2025, passed House 05/02/2025

<u>HB 31</u>	<u>STUTES</u> <u>Kopp</u> <u>Himschoot</u>	House, Jul 30, 2025: (H) EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF LAW 10/22/25	<u>HB0031Z, AM Enrolled</u> <u>HB 31, introduced</u> <u>05/20/2025</u>
<u>HB 33</u>	<u>STUTES</u> <u>Himschoot</u> <u>Hannan</u>	Senate, Mar 25, 2026: (S) -- Invited & Public Testimony --	<u>HB0033A, AM HB 33,</u> <u>introduced 01/22/2025,</u> <u>passed House 05/13/2025</u>
<u>HB 53</u>	HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	Senate, Jan 20, 2026: (S) DPS INTENT LANGUAGE REPORT	<u>HB0053Z, AM Enrolled</u> <u>HB 53, introduced</u> <u>05/20/2025</u>
<u>HB 78</u>	HOUSE FINANCE	Senate, Mar 12, 2026: (S) Heard & Held -- Please Note Time Change --	<u>HB0078D, AM SCS CSHB</u> <u>78(L&C), introduced</u> <u>02/02/2026</u>
<u>HB 125</u>	<u>JIMMIE</u> <u>Foster</u> <u>Kopp</u>	Senate, May 19, 2025: (S) Referred to COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	<u>HB0125C, AM CSHB</u> <u>125(RES), introduced</u> <u>05/07/2025</u>
<u>HB 169</u>	<u>TOMASZEWSKI</u>	House, Apr 2, 2025: (H) Referred to COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	<u>HB0169A, AM HB 169,</u> <u>introduced 04/02/2025</u>
<u>HB 184</u>	<u>STORY</u> <u>Hall</u> <u>Mina</u>	Senate, Mar 2, 2026: (S) Referred to FINANCE	<u>HB0184B, AM CSHB</u> <u>184(CRA), introduced</u> <u>05/16/2025, passed</u> <u>House 02/27/2026</u>
<u>HB 203</u>	<u>MCCABE</u> <u>Foster</u> <u>Tomaszewski</u>	House, Mar 5, 2026: (H) COSPONSOR(S): ST. CLAIR	<u>HB0203A, AM HB 203,</u> <u>introduced 04/22/2025</u>
<u>HB 254</u>	<u>VANCE</u> <u>Coulombe</u>	House, Jan 23, 2026: (H) COSPONSOR(S): COULOMBE	<u>HB0254A, AM HB 254,</u> <u>introduced 01/20/2026</u>
<u>HB 264</u>	HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	House, Mar 3, 2026: (H) Heard & Held	<u>HB0264A, AM HB 264,</u> <u>introduced 01/23/2026</u>
<u>HB 280</u>	HOUSE RULES	House, Mar 25, 2026: (H) FINANCE at 01:30 PM ADAMS 519	<u>HB0280A, AM HB 280,</u> <u>introduced 01/23/2026</u>
<u>HB 286</u>	<u>ELAM</u>	House, Mar 20, 2026: (H) Referred to FINANCE	<u>HB0286A, AM HB 286,</u> <u>introduced 01/28/2026</u>

<u>SB 10</u>	<u>DUNBAR</u>	Senate, Jan 22, 2025: (S) Referred to LABOR & COMMERCE	<u>SB0010A, AM SB 10, introduced 01/22/2025</u>
<u>SB 14</u>	<u>DUNBAR</u>	Senate, May 1, 2025: (S) Minutes (SFIN)	<u>SB0014A, AM SB 14, introduced 01/22/2025</u>
<u>SB 50</u>	<u>DUNBAR Josephson</u>	Senate, Jul 30, 2025: (S) EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF LAW 10/14/25	<u>SB0050Z, AM Enrolled SB 50, introduced 05/16/2025</u>
<u>SB 55</u>	<u>STEDMAN Myers Shower</u>	Senate, Mar 26, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only --	<u>SB0055B, AM CSSB 55(L&C), introduced 03/26/2025</u>
<u>SB 79</u>	SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE	House, May 18, 2025: (H) Referred to FINANCE	<u>SB0079B, AM HCS SB 79(L&C), introduced 05/18/2025</u>
<u>SB 81</u>	<u>STEDMAN</u>	Senate, Feb 11, 2026: (S) Referred to FINANCE	<u>SB0081B, AM CSSB 81(L&C), introduced 02/11/2026</u>
<u>SB 130</u>	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF TASK FORCE EVAL ALASKA SEAFOOD INDUSTRY	Senate, Mar 19, 2026: (S) Heard & Held	<u>SB0130C, AM CSSB 130(RES)(Corrected), introduced 03/05/2026</u>
<u>SB 131</u>	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	Senate, May 7, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	<u>SB0131B, AM CSSB 131(RES), introduced 05/07/2025</u>
<u>SB 135</u>	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF TASK FORCE EVAL ALASKA SEAFOOD INDUSTRY	Senate, Apr 15, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	<u>SB0135B, AM CSSB 135(RES), introduced 04/15/2025</u>
<u>SB 161</u>	<u>CRONK Yundt</u>	Senate, Mar 4, 2026: (S) Heard & Held	<u>SB0161A, AM SB 161, introduced 04/09/2025</u>
<u>SB 213</u>	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	Senate, Feb 27, 2026: (S) Minutes (SFIN)	<u>SB0213A, AM SB 213, introduced 01/21/2026</u>
<u>SB 214</u>	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	Senate, Feb 27, 2026: (S) Minutes (SFIN)	<u>SB0214A, AM SB 214, introduced 01/21/2026</u>

<u>SB 227</u>	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	Senate, Mar 25, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only --	<u>SB0227B, AM CSSB 227(RES), introduced 02/19/2026</u>
<u>SB 259</u>	<u>BJORKMAN</u>	Senate, Mar 17, 2026: (S) Heard & Held	<u>SB0259A, AM SB 259, introduced 02/23/2026</u>
<u>SB 268</u>	<u>STEVENS</u>	Senate, Mar 19, 2026: (S) Heard & Held	<u>SB0268A, AM SB 268, introduced 02/23/2026</u>