



Dianne Blumer
6058 Azalea Dr
Anchorage, Alaska 99516
907-575-2279

Legislative Report: March 30 – April 3

The Alaska Legislature is on a brief recess for the Easter holiday, with no committee hearings scheduled for Friday or Monday. Before the break, the House Finance Committee advanced the Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget late Wednesday evening.

FY27 Budget Highlights

The House Finance Committee budget includes the following priorities:

- Full funding for Community Jails
- Maximum Community Assistance payments of \$30 million for the current year
- Recapitalization of the Community Assistance Fund, ensuring a \$20 million allocation for FY28
- Full funding for school bond debt reimbursement
- A one-time increase in school funding
- Inclusion of a full Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD)

Despite these wins, the budget reflects a misalignment between revenue and expenditures, setting the stage for substantive floor debate. The bill now moves to the Senate, where continued advocacy will be critical.

The Senate Finance Committee is expected to release a capital budget this week, with reports suggesting a range of \$400 to \$450 million. There is a significant deferred maintenance backlog for schools and state facilities, and funding levels will be closely watched. Discussions around the Governor's proposed gas pipeline legislation are also ongoing.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS OF INTEREST

Apr 09, 2026

Senate FINANCE

09:00am | SENATE FINANCE 532

[Committee Page](#)

APPROP: CAPITAL/FUNDS/SUPP/REAPPROP; -- Testimony --;
Overview: Bond Reimbursement and Grant Review; Board by;
Department of Education and Early Development; Bills Previously
Heard/Scheduled; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Bills:

- [SB 214](#)

House FINANCE

01:30pm | ADAMS 519

[Committee Page](#)

APPROP: CAPITAL/FUNDS/SUPP/REAPPROP; Presentation: Bond
Reimbursement & Grant Review; Committee by Department of
Education and Early; Development; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Bills:

- [HB 264](#)

Senate FINANCE

01:39pm | SENATE FINANCE 532

[Committee Page](#)

-- Please Note Time Change --; RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED
BENEFIT OPT.; -- Testimony --; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled;
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Bills:

- [HB 78](#)

How to Watch Live Committee Meetings

1. Go to AKLEG.GOV at the time of your desired committee hearing

2. Click on the 5th tab to the right, "Live Now"
3. Scroll down to your meeting and select "Watch Now"

Call-In Numbers

- From Anchorage and Juneau: (907) 586-9085
- From anywhere else around the state (toll free): 1-844-586-9085
- Let the operator know which committee hearing you need to be connected to.

How to Watch Previous Committee Meetings

1. Go to AKLEG.GOV
2. Click on 4th tab to the right, "Meetings"
3. Click on "Both Schedule" from the menu on the left
4. Make sure your date range is properly reflected in the date boxes on the right side of the screen.
5. Scroll down, find your meeting and click on the "Audio/Video" option on the right side of the screen.

BILL TRACKING LOG

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Latest Version
HB 1	MCCABE Underwood Johnson	An Act relating to specie as legal tender in the state; and relating to borough and city sales and use taxes on specie.	House, Mar 27, 2026: (H) COSPONSOR(S): SCHWANKE	HB0001B, AM CSHB 1(STA), introduced 05/18/2025
HB 13	GRAY Eischeid Fields	An Act relating to optional municipal property tax exemptions for certain long-term rental units, certain mobile home parks, real property rented to low-income families, real property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode, and real property owned by first-time homebuyers.	Senate, Mar 18, 2026: (S) Referred to STATE AFFAIRS	HB0013D, AM SCS CSSSHB 13(CRA), introduced 03/18/2026
HB 18	G.NELSON Rauscher	An Act relating to the transfer of a title on the death of the	House, Feb 13, 2026: (H) PRIME	HB0018A, AM HB 18,

	Johnson	owner; and providing for an effective date.	SPONSOR CHANGED: G.NELSON REPLACED RAUSCHER	introduced 01/22/2025
HB 26	MINA Burke Bynum	An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and relating to a statewide public and community transit plan.	Senate, Mar 25, 2026: (S) Referred to RULES	HB0026E, AM SCS CSHB 26(TRA), introduced 03/25/2026
HB 31	STUTES Kopp Himschoot	An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and relating to the derelict vessel prevention program fund.	House, Jul 30, 2025: (H) EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF LAW 10/22/25	HB0031Z, AM Enrolled HB 31, introduced 05/20/2025
HB 33	STUTES Himschoot Hannan	An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date.	Senate, Mar 27, 2026: (S) Referred to RULES	HB0033A, AM HB 33, introduced 01/22/2025, passed House 05/13/2025
HB 53	HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date.	Senate, Jan 20, 2026: (S) DPS INTENT LANGUAGE REPORT	HB0053Z, AM Enrolled HB 53, introduced 05/20/2025
HB 78	HOUSE FINANCE	An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system.	Senate, Apr 9, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only -- -- Please Note Time Change --	HB0078D, AM SCS CSHB 78(L&C), introduced 02/02/2026

		<p>teleconferenced, previously heard • Senate FINANCE Apr 09, 2026 01:39pm SENATE FINANCE 532</p>		
HB 125	JIMMIE Foster Kopp	An Act relating to membership of the Board of Fisheries.	Senate, May 19, 2025: (S) Referred to COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	HB0125C, AM CSHB 125(RES), introduced 05/07/2025
HB 169	TOMASZEWSKI	An Act relating to a municipal property tax exemption for real property owned and occupied as the primary residence and permanent place of abode by a resident 65 years of age or older, a disabled veteran, or the widow or widower of a resident 65 years of age or older or a disabled veteran; and providing for an effective date.	House, Apr 2, 2025: (H) Referred to COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	HB0169A, AM HB 169, introduced 04/02/2025
HB 184	STORY Hall Mina	An Act relating to financing by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for workforce housing development projects.	Senate, Mar 2, 2026: (S) Referred to FINANCE	HB0184B, AM CSHB 184(CRA), introduced 05/16/2025, passed House 02/27/2026
HB 203	MCCABE Foster Tomaszewski	An Act relating to the use of certain trawl or dredge fishing gear in state water; and providing for an effective date.	House, Mar 25, 2026: (H) COSPONSOR(S): G.NELSON	HB0203A, AM HB 203, introduced 04/22/2025
HB 254	VANCE Coulombe	An Act relating to increases in property assessments.	House, Jan 23, 2026: (H) COSPONSOR(S): COULOMBE	HB0254A, AM HB 254, introduced 01/20/2026
HB 264	HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and	House, Apr 9, 2026: (H) FINANCE at 01:30 PM ADAMS 519	HB0264A, AM HB 264, introduced 01/23/2026

		<p>reappropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>teleconferenced, previously heard • House FINANCE</p> <p>Apr 09, 2026 01:30pm ADAMS 519</p>		
HB 280	HOUSE RULES	An Act relating to the Multistate Tax Compact; relating to apportionment of income to the state, including the apportionment of income of broadcasters, financial institutions, and telecommunications service providers; and providing for an effective date.	House, Apr 1, 2026: (H) JOHNSON NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION	HB0280B, AM CSHB 280(FIN), introduced 03/27/2026, passed House 04/01/2026
HB 286	ELAM	An Act relating to an optional municipal tax exemption for the homes of volunteer firefighters and volunteer providers of emergency medical services or mobile intensive care paramedic services; and providing for an effective date.	House, Mar 20, 2026: (H) Referred to FINANCE	HB0286A, AM HB 286, introduced 01/28/2026
HB 291	COULOMBE G.Nelson Bynum	An Act relating to municipal exemptions from fees for landfills or dumping areas; and relating to optional municipal property tax exemptions.	House, Mar 24, 2026: (H) Heard & Held	HB0291A, AM HB 291, introduced 02/04/2026
SB 10	DUNBAR	An Act relating to family leave wage replacement coverage.	Senate, Jan 22, 2025: (S) Referred to LABOR & COMMERCE	SB0010A, AM SB 10, introduced 01/22/2025
SB 14	DUNBAR	An Act relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and relating to workforce housing development projects.	Senate, May 1, 2025: (S) Minutes (SFIN)	SB0014A, AM SB 14, introduced 01/22/2025

SB 50	DUNBAR Josephson	An Act relating to the comprehensive plans of first and second class boroughs.	Senate, Jul 30, 2025: (S) EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF LAW 10/14/25	SB0050Z, AM Enrolled SB 50, introduced 05/16/2025
SB 55	STEDMAN Myers Shower	An Act relating to employer contributions in the teachers' retirement system; relating to supplemental employee benefits; and providing for an effective date.	Senate, Mar 26, 2026: (S) Moved CSSB 55(FIN) Out of Committee	SB0055B, AM CSSB 55(L&C), introduced 03/26/2025
SB 79	SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE	An Act relating to wage payments.	House, May 18, 2025: (H) Referred to FINANCE	SB0079B, AM HCS SB 79(L&C), introduced 05/18/2025
SB 81	STEDMAN	An Act relating to employer contribution rates in the teachers' retirement system and the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date.	Senate, Feb 11, 2026: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0081B, AM CSSB 81(L&C), introduced 02/11/2026
SB 130	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF TASK FORCE EVAL ALASKA SEAFOOD INDUSTRY	An Act relating to the fisheries product development tax credit; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 2, ch. 31, SLA 2022; and providing for an effective date.	Senate, Apr 1, 2026: (S) VERSION: CSSB 130(FIN)	SB0130D, AM CSSB 130(FIN), introduced 03/25/2026, passed Senate 04/01/2026
SB 131	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	An Act relating to the duties of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute; and relating to the seafood marketing assessment.	Senate, May 7, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0131B, AM CSSB 131(RES), introduced 05/07/2025
SB 135	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF TASK FORCE EVAL ALASKA SEAFOOD INDUSTRY	An Act relating to the sharing of tax revenue from the fisheries business tax and fishery resource landing tax with municipalities; relating to municipal reports on the	Senate, Apr 15, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0135B, AM CSSB 135(RES), introduced 04/15/2025

		shared tax revenue; and providing for an effective date.		
SB 161	CRONK Yundt	An Act relating to the use of certain trawl or dredge fishing gear in state water; and providing for an effective date.	Senate, Mar 4, 2026: (S) Heard & Held	SB0161A, AM SB 161, introduced 04/09/2025
SB 213	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date.	Senate, Feb 27, 2026: (S) Minutes (SFIN)	SB0213A, AM SB 213, introduced 01/21/2026
SB 214	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date. teleconferenced, previously heard • Senate FINANCE Apr 09, 2026 09:00am SENATE FINANCE 532	Senate, Apr 9, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only --	SB0214A, AM SB 214, introduced 01/21/2026
SB 227	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	An Act relating to the Multistate Tax Compact; relating to apportionment of income to the state; establishing a state sales and use tax; relating to taxes levied by cities and boroughs; relating to the corporate income tax; authorizing the Department of Revenue to enter into the	Senate, Apr 8, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only --	SB0227B, AM CSSB 227(RES), introduced 02/19/2026

		Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement or substantially similar agreement; relating to the oil and gas production tax; establishing an infrastructure maintenance surcharge on oil; establishing a pipeline corridor maintenance fund; and providing for an effective date. teleconferenced, previously heard • Senate FINANCE Apr 08, 2026 09:00am SENATE FINANCE 532		
SB 259	BJORKMAN	An Act relating to an optional municipal limit to increases of the full and true value of property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode by a resident.	Senate, Mar 17, 2026: (S) Heard & Held	SB0259A, AM SB 259, introduced 02/23/2026
SB 268	STEVENS	An Act relating to minimum paid sick leave requirements for individuals employed in seafood processing.	Senate, Mar 19, 2026: (S) Heard & Held	SB0268A, AM SB 268, introduced 02/23/2026