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City of Unalaska

WEEK OF APRIL 27

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## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Budget Process Status

The Legislature has completed its annual budget handoff. The Senate has passed its version of the Capital Budget, which is now under consideration in the House. This follows the House's passage of its version of the Operating Budget to the Senate last week. The Senate capital package prioritizes critical deferred maintenance, economic and workforce development, and meeting the required match to secure federal highway funding for the upcoming fiscal year.

### Capital Budget Highlights (Senate Version)

- **\$88 million for K–12 deferred maintenance:** Includes \$57 million for the first 15 projects on the statewide school deferred maintenance list. Remaining funds are directed to specific projects statewide, including \$13.4 million for the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, \$8.3 million for North Pole High School, and \$5.1 million for Arctic Lights Elementary School.
- **\$17 million for University of Alaska deferred maintenance:** Sustains investment to address the University's multibillion-dollar deferred maintenance backlog.
- **\$4 million for Alaska Travel Industry Association tourism marketing:** Supports statewide marketing efforts that help drive visitor spending and strengthen local economies.
- **Workforce development investments:** Provides \$2 million for the Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center and \$3 million for the Alaska Vocational and Technical Education Center (AVTEC) in Seward to strengthen training capacity and support Alaska's workforce needs.

- **Federal highway match and transportation infrastructure:** Positions the state to leverage \$1.5 billion in federal highway funds to build and maintain roads and highways statewide.

Looking ahead, it remains early to determine which issues and bills will define the end-of-session agenda; however, budget negotiations are expected to be among the most actively debated items in Juneau.

### Outlook and Key Deadlines

The constitutional deadline to adjourn is 121 days after the Legislature convenes: this year, that date falls on May 20. As we enter the final month of session, the pace accelerates and priorities can shift quickly. The 90th day of session was last Sunday.

### Post-Day 90 Activity

After day 90, the Legislature typically shifts into several time-sensitive processes. A Joint Session is held to consider the Governor's appointments to state boards and commissions, as well as departmental leadership positions. While a small number of nominees are often rejected, the majority are confirmed.

In parallel, both bodies move quickly to finalize the operating and capital budgets. Finance committees in the House and Senate will continue intensive work to complete budget deliberations. The Operating Budget is expected to pass the Senate within the next couple of weeks and then be referred to a conference committee, where House and Senate members will negotiate a final package before the Legislature takes final action.

### Legislative Closeout and Special Session Authority

As the 34th Legislature nears its conclusion, any bills that do not pass by the end of the regular session will expire and must be reintroduced in the next Legislature. As a result, the final weeks also bring an accelerated push to advance priority legislation alongside the budget process. Following constitutional adjournment, the Governor has one hour to call the Legislature into special session if deemed necessary. If no special session is called within that hour, a 30-day notice is required.

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## HEARINGS OF INTEREST

**Monday, April 27**

### **House Resources Committee**

1:00 PM | BARNES 124

- **HB 381 – OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX: MUNI TAX**

*Testimony – Invitation Only*

### **Senate Labor & Commerce Committee**

1:30 PM | BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

- **SB 259 – PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT INCREASES**

*Public Testimony – Time Limit May Be Set*

### **Senate Resources Committee**

3:30 PM | BUTROVICH 205

- **SB 280 – OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX: MUNI TAX**

*Testimony – Invitation Only*

**Tuesday, April 28**

### **Senate Resources Committee**

9:00 AM | BUTROVICH 205

- **SB 280 – OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX: MUNI TAX**

*Testimony – Invitation Only*

**Senate State Affairs Committee**

3:30 PM | BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

- **HB 13 – MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

*Testimony – Invitation Only*

**Wednesday, April 29**

**House Resources Committee**

1:00 PM | BARNES 124

- **HB 381 – OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX: MUNI TAX**

*Invited & Public Testimony*

**Senate Resources Committee**

3:30 PM | BUTROVICH 205

- **SB 280 – OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX: MUNI TAX**

*Testimony – Invitation Only*

**House Finance Committee**

9:00 AM | ADAMS 519

- **SB 130 – FISHERIES PROD DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT**

*Invited & Public Testimony*

**Thursday, April 30**

**Senate Resources Committee**

9:00 AM | BUTROVICH 205

- **SB 280 – OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX: MUNI TAX**

*Testimony – Invitation Only*

**Friday, May 1**

**House Resources Committee**

1:00 PM | BARNES 124

- **HB 381 – OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX: MUNI TAX**

*Invited & Public Testimony*

**Senate Resources Committee**

3:30 PM | BUTROVICH 205

- **SB 280 – OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX: MUNI TAX**

*Public Testimony – Time Limit May Be Set*

**Saturday, May 2**

**Senate State Affairs Committee**

3:30 PM | BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

- **HB 13 – MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

*Public Testimony*

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**BILL TRACKING LOG**

BILL	SPONSORS	TITLE	LAST ACTION	LATEST VERSION
<a href="#">HB 1</a>	<a href="#">MCCABE</a> <a href="#">Underwood</a> <a href="#">Johnson</a>	An Act relating to specie as legal tender in the state; and relating to borough and city sales and use taxes on specie.  <b>teleconferenced • <a href="#">House FINANCE</a></b>  Apr 30, 2026 01:30pm ADAMS 519	House, Apr 30, 2026: (H) FINANCE at 01:30 PM ADAMS 519	<a href="#">HB0001B, AM CSHB 1(STA), introduced 05/18/2025</a>
<a href="#">HB 13</a>	<a href="#">GRAY</a> <a href="#">Eischeid</a> <a href="#">Fields</a>	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.  <b>teleconferenced • <a href="#">Senate STATE AFFAIRS</a></b>  Apr 28, 2026 03:30pm BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)	Senate, May 2, 2026: (S) -- Public Testimony -- -- Please Note Time Change --	<a href="#">HB0013D, AM SCS CSSH 13(CRA), introduced 03/18/2026</a>
<a href="#">HB 18</a>	G.NELSON <a href="#">Rauscher</a> <a href="#">Johnson</a>	An Act relating to the transfer of a title on the death of the owner; and providing for an effective date.	House, Feb 13, 2026: (H) PRIME SPONSOR CHANGED: G.NELSON REPLACED RAUSCHER	<a href="#">HB0018A, AM HB 18, introduced 01/22/2025</a>
<a href="#">HB 26</a>	<a href="#">MINA</a> <a href="#">Burke</a> <a href="#">Bynum</a>	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, Apr 8, 2026: (S) CROSS SPONSOR(S): GIESSEL	<a href="#">HB0026E, AM SCS CSHB 26(TRA), introduced 03/25/2026</a>
<a href="#">HB 31</a>	<a href="#">STUTES</a> <a href="#">Kopp</a> <a href="#">Himschoot</a>	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	<a href="#">HB0031Z, AM Enrolled HB 31, introduced 05/20/2025</a>
<a href="#">HB 33</a>	<a href="#">STUTES</a> <a href="#">Himschoot</a> <a href="#">Hannan</a>	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, Apr 24, 2026: (S) VERSION: HB 33	<a href="#">HB0033A, AM HB 33, introduced 01/22/2025, passed House 05/13/2025, passed Senate 04/24/2026</a>
<a href="#">HB 53</a>	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	<a href="#">HB0053Z, AM Enrolled HB 53, introduced 05/20/2025</a>

<a href="#">HB 78</a>	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 24, 2026: (S) Moved SCS CSHB 78(FIN) Out of Committee	<a href="#">HB0078D. AM SCS CSHB 78(L&amp;C), introduced 02/02/2026</a>
<a href="#">HB 125</a>	<a href="#">JIMMIE Foster Kopp</a>	An Act relating to membership of the Board of Fisheries.	Senate, Apr 20, 2026: (S) CROSS SPONSOR(S): DUNBAR	<a href="#">HB0125C. AM CSHB 125(RES), introduced 05/07/2025</a>
<a href="#">HB 169</a>	<a href="#">TOMASZEWSKI</a>	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	<a href="#">HB0169A. AM HB 169, introduced 04/02/2025</a>
<a href="#">HB 184</a>	<a href="#">STORY Hall Mina</a>	An Act relating to financing by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for workforce housing development projects.	Senate, Apr 15, 2026: (S) Heard & Held	<a href="#">HB0184B. AM CSHB 184(CRA), introduced 05/16/2025, passed House 02/27/2026</a>
<a href="#">HB 203</a>	<a href="#">MCCABE Foster Tomaszewski</a>	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	<a href="#">HB0203A. AM HB 203, introduced 04/22/2025</a>
<a href="#">HB 254</a>	<a href="#">VANCE Coulombe</a>	An Act relating to increases in property assessments.	House, Jan 23, 2026: (H) COSPONSOR(S): COULOMBE	<a href="#">HB0254A. AM HB 254, introduced 01/20/2026</a>
<a href="#">HB 264</a>	HOUSE 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.	House, Apr 9, 2026: (H) Heard & Held	<a href="#">HB0264A. AM HB 264, introduced 01/23/2026</a>
<a href="#">HB 280</a>	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.	Senate, Apr 21, 2026: (S) Heard & Held -- Please Note Time Change --	<a href="#">HB0280B. AM CSHB 280(FIN), introduced 03/27/2026, passed House 04/01/2026</a>

<a href="#">HB 286</a>	<a href="#">ELAM</a>	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	<a href="#">HB0286A. AM HB 286, introduced 01/28/2026</a>
<a href="#">HB 291</a>	<a href="#">COULOMBE</a> G.Nelson <a href="#">Bynum</a>	An Act relating to municipal exemptions from fees for landfills or dumping areas; and relating to optional municipal property tax exemptions.	House, Apr 23, 2026: (H) Heard & Held	<a href="#">HB0291A. AM HB 291, introduced 02/04/2026</a>
<a href="#">SB 10</a>	<a href="#">DUNBAR</a>	An Act relating to family leave wage replacement coverage.	Senate, Jan 22, 2025: (S) Referred to LABOR & COMMERCE	<a href="#">SB0010A. AM SB 10, introduced 01/22/2025</a>
<a href="#">SB 14</a>	<a href="#">DUNBAR</a>	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)	<a href="#">SB0014A. AM SB 14, introduced 01/22/2025</a>
<a href="#">SB 50</a>	<a href="#">DUNBAR</a> <a href="#">Josephson</a>	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	<a href="#">SB0050Z. AM Enrolled SB 50, introduced 05/16/2025</a>
<a href="#">SB 55</a>	<a href="#">STEDMAN</a> <a href="#">Myers</a> <a href="#">Shower</a>	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	<a href="#">SB0055B. AM CSSB 55(L&amp;C), introduced 03/26/2025</a>
<a href="#">SB 79</a>	SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE	An Act relating to wage payments.	House, May 18, 2025: (H) Referred to FINANCE	<a href="#">SB0079B. AM HCS SB 79(L&amp;C), introduced 05/18/2025</a>
<a href="#">SB 81</a>	<a href="#">STEDMAN</a>	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	<a href="#">SB0081B. AM CSSB 81(L&amp;C), introduced 02/11/2026</a>
<a href="#">SB 130</a>	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.  <b>teleconferenced • <a href="#">House FINANCE</a></b>  Apr 29, 2026 09:00am ADAMS 519	House, Apr 29, 2026: (H) -- Please Note Time Change --	<a href="#">SB0130D. AM CSSB 130(FIN), introduced 03/25/2026, passed Senate 04/01/2026</a>
<a href="#">SB 131</a>	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST	An Act relating to the duties of the Alaska Seafood Marketing	Senate, May 7, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	<a href="#">SB0131B. AM CSSB 131(RES),</a>

	OF THE GOVERNOR	Institute; and relating to the seafood marketing assessment.		<a href="#">introduced 05/07/2025</a>
<a href="#">SB 135</a>	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 shared tax revenue; and providing for an effective date.	Senate, Apr 15, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	<a href="#">SB0135B. AM CSSB 135(RES). introduced 04/15/2025</a>
<a href="#">SB 161</a>	<a href="#">CRONK Yundt</a>	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	<a href="#">SB0161A. AM SB 161. introduced 04/09/2025</a>
<a href="#">SB 213</a>	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)	<a href="#">SB0213A. AM SB 213. introduced 01/21/2026</a>
<a href="#">SB 214</a>	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date.  <b>teleconferenced, previously heard • <a href="#">House FINANCE</a></b>  Apr 27, 2026 09:00am ADAMS 519	House, May 1, 2026: (H) -- Please Note Time Change --	<a href="#">SB0214B. AM CSSB 214(FIN). introduced 04/16/2026. passed Senate 04/21/2026</a>
<a href="#">SB 227</a>	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 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.	Senate, Apr 8, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only -- -- MEETING CANCELED --	<a href="#">SB0227B. AM CSSB 227(RES). introduced 02/19/2026</a>
<a href="#">SB 259</a>	<a href="#">BJORKMAN</a>	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, Apr 27, 2026: (S) -- Public Testimony Time Limit May Be Set --	<a href="#">SB0259B. AM CSSB 259(CRA). introduced 04/13/2026</a>

		<p><b>teleconferenced, previously heard • <a href="#">Senate LABOR &amp; COMMERCE</a></b></p> <p>Apr 27, 2026 01:30pm BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)</p>		
<a href="#">SB 268</a>	<a href="#">STEVENS</a>	<p>An Act relating to minimum paid sick leave requirements for individuals employed in seafood processing.</p>	Senate, Mar 19, 2026: (S) Heard & Held	<p><a href="#">SB0268A, AM SB 268, introduced 02/23/2026</a></p>

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