

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT #22-01

## Governor's Proposed FY 2023 Budget Introduced

- The Governor FY 2023 budget is mostly a status quo proposal which a few exceptions. The following notes highlight of interest.
  - **Fully funds the Base Student Allocation formula for K-12 public education.**
  - **Funds school debt reimbursement at 100% with state general funds.**
  - Provides 100% funding of the REAA and small school district school construction fund.
  - Proposes an appropriation of \$30 million to the Community Assistance Fund which improves fund's health.
  - **Fully funds the Power Cost Equalization program.**
  - Continues 100% state funding of additional contributions for PERS/TRS retirement plans.
  - Proposes a 50/50 split of the 5% POMV distribution from the Permanent Fund's Earnings Reserve Account between the PFD and government services support.
  - Reaffirms support for construction of a vessel to replace the AMHS M/V Tustumena.
  - **Provides an increase in the AMHS operating budget to provide "an unconstrained sailing schedule allowing all AMHS vessels to operate."**
  - Proposes a new G.O. bond package of \$325 million ([HB 285](#) & [SB 166](#)).

## Governor's State of the State

- Last week, [Governor Mike Dunleavy delivered his annual, State of the State speech to a joint session of the Alaska Legislature](#). A copy to read can be found [here](#). It was his fourth and longest speech to date. The governor's tone was markedly positive and optimistic compared to prior years' speeches. Some highlights include the following in describing his "North to the Future" vision for Alaska's future.
  - **Education:** Governor Dunleavy expressed his desire to improve education in Alaska, and to set students "on a course for success no matter what career they choose." **His budget fully funds education, school bond debt reimbursement, certain University scholarships, and medical school programs.**
  - **COVID-19 and Health Care Workers:** The governor asserted that the pandemic-challenged hospitals, nursing homes, and Department of Corrections were met with relief following the contract of 500 out-of-state health professionals during the Delta surge. **He announced a \$2.1 million grant to U of A to recruit and retain additional faculty for the nursing program.**
  - **Public Safety & People First Initiative:** Dunleavy said there is an "overall crime rate decline by 10 percent in 2019 and another 18.5 percent in 2020." This follows the repeal and replacement of policies in SB 91. He also recapped the previously announced People's First Initiative—a "mix of statutory changes, additional personnel, administrative orders, technology, and increased resources to tackle these longstanding, serious problems," referencing domestic violence and sexual assault, human trafficking, missing and murdered indigenous persons, the foster care system, and homelessness.
  - **PFD Protections:** In his speech, Dunleavy urged lawmakers to either "follow the statutory formula or change the law with the approval of Alaskans." His proposed "50-50" legislation ([HJR 7](#) & [SJR 6](#)) would constitutionally guarantee an annual PFD and permanently cap annual transfers from the Fund to the state treasury.

## Ranked Choice Voting

- **In mid-January, the Alaska Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of ranked choice voting, a new election system approved by a small margin of voters in a 2020 ballot measure.** The measure creates an open primary election in August and a ranked choice voting system in the November general election. **All state and federal races are subject to the changes.**
- Gail Fenumiai, director of the Alaska Division of Elections, presented details on the process to the Senate State Affairs Committee, noting the following changes.
  - **Primary Election:** The nonpartisan primary will be “open,” meaning that all candidates will be on the same ballot, and all voters will get the same ballot regardless of their political affiliation. **The top four candidates from each race advance to the general election.**
  - **General Election:** Voters can rank candidates in order of preference, instead of only choosing one. **Ballots are counted in rounds until one candidate receives 50% +1 of the tabulated votes.** If no one gets the required majority in the first round, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and their votes are assigned to the voter’s #2 choice. This system continues until someone gets a majority.
- The Division of Elections has launched a comprehensive ranked choice education campaign to educate voters ahead of the November election. Information can be found [here](#) to learn more about the mechanics of the process, to view sample demo ballots, and to access additional resources.

## Other Capitol News

- **Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) News:** DOT/PF provided briefings this week on the [STIP process and IIJA formula overview](#), followed by a presentation on the [Call for Projects and development of the new 2022-2025 STIP](#). New information will be provided as it becomes available.
- **Latest Revenue Forecast:** The Department of Revenue (DOR) recently brief the legislature on the latest revenue forecast. Typically, DOR issues a spring and fall forecast each year. The current plan is to provide monthly updates. **Based primarily on higher oil prices plus some production increase, DOR estimates an additional \$281 million in income for FY 2022 (current fiscal year), and an increase of \$467 million in more revenue in FY 2023.** The added revenue will reduce pressure to make budget cuts or to enact new revenue measures.
- **Tribal Recognition Ballot Initiative: Organizers of a ballot initiative to formalize government-to-government relationships between the state and federally recognized tribes in Alaska submitted 56,200 signatures recently in support of the measure.** This amount exceeds the 36,140 signatures required to place it on the general election ballot in November 2022. A simple majority of voters will be needed to adopt the initiative. There is a bill in the state legislature (*HB 123*) that would accomplish the same goal. It has passed the House and is now in the Senate.
- **New Bills of Interest:** *House Bill No. 250* by Rep. Adam Wool (*D-Fairbanks*) proposes new appropriations to pay 100% of school debt reimbursement and add \$7 million for community assistance in the current fiscal year. The bill also adds another \$30.8 million into community assistance to capitalize the fund for future payments. *House Bill No. 220* by Rep. Grier Hopkins (*D-Fairbanks*) allows teachers and other public employees a choice between a defined benefit pension versus the current defined contribution 401(k) plan. This bill passed its first committee this week.

## Summary of State Legislation



Below is a list of legislative measures of interest, divided into six main topics: fiscal measures, general municipal issues, education measures, fishery & resource issues, energy matters, and election & voting issues. House measures are described first, followed by Senate measures. Companion bills (measures in both bodies) are listed together, with priority given to bills sponsored by majority members. More information about these measures can be found at [Alaska Municipal League Legislative Tracker](#) or [Alaska State Legislature](#).

Check out what your legislators are doing. **New bills are in BLUE, change in status in RED, and passed bills in GREEN.**

### Fiscal Measures

Measure	Summary	Status
HJR 1 by Kreiss-Tomkins HJR 10 by Tuck SJR 1-Wielechowski	Proposes a constitutional amendment to guarantee Permanent Fund dividends using a Percent of Market Value (POMV) method.	HJR 1 pending House FIN HJR 10 pending House JUD SJR 1 pending Senate FIN
HB 9 by Hannan	Reimposes a state income tax and related changes. Exempts permanent fund dividends from proposed tax.	Pending State Affairs
HB 37 by Wool	Proposes an 80/20 distribution of permanent fund (PF) earnings between general fund and dividends. Reimposes a state income tax.	Heard & held State Affairs 1/27
HB 57 by Josephson	Clarifies the mechanics and language of the budget reserve fund payback provision in the Constitution and which funds are subject to the "reverse sweep."	Pending Finance
HB 104 by Josephson	Doubles the motor fuel taxes on highway and marine motor fuels. Exemption included for commercial fishing.	Pending Finance
HB 141 by Spohnholz	Amends statutory spending limit by using average of past 3 fiscal years. Excludes school bond debt reimbursement payments and disaster spending.	Pending House Ways & Means
HB 165 by Kreiss-Tomkins	Proposes a special appropriation of \$4.35 billion from the Earnings Reserve Account to the PF corpus.	Pending Finance
HB 181 by governor SB 128 by governor	Proposes use for more than \$1 billion in federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds directed to the state for discretionary COVID-19 recovery efforts.	HB 181 pending House FIN SB 128 pending Senate FIN
HB 189 by House Ways & Means	Reinstates state education head tax starting at \$50 per person up to a maximum of \$500 per head. Projected to generate \$60 million per year.	Pending Finance
HB 197 by House Ways & Means	Proposes a \$500 permanent fund dividend from the earning reserve account for FY 2022.	Pending House Ways & Means
HB 202 by Merrick	Replaces current PFD formula with use of 30% of all royalties and mineral leases.	Heard & held House Finance 5/17/21
HB 214 by House Ways & Means	Proposes a 1 percent state income tax based on the federal tax rate for resident & nonresident workers.	Referred W&M, State Affairs, Finance
HB 249 by Hopkins	Proposes a new, graduated formula for calculation of the annual PFD up to 25% of the POMV draw.	Referred Ways & Means, Finance

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>HB 259 by Spohnholz</b>	Proposes 75/25 split of ERA PF draw with 75% for government services and 25% for PFD. Proposes use of 50% of government service piece to fund K-12.	Referred Education, Ways & Means, Finance <b>Scheduled Education 2/4</b>
<b>HB 260 by Snyder</b>	Proposes adjustments to PFD formula to reduce 50% PFD amount for disasters or inflation impacts to provide government services.	Referred Ways & Means, Finance
<b>SJR 5 by governor HJR 6 by governor</b>	Proposes a constitutional amendment that creates a new appropriations limit or spending cap.	SJR 5 pending Senate FIN HJR 6 pending House W&M
<b>SJR 6 by governor HJR 7 by governor</b>	Proposes a constitutional amendment to enshrine the PF dividend in the Constitution. Requires subsequent vote by electorate to change the dividend formula.	SJR 6 pending Senate FIN HJR 7 pending House JUD
<b>SJR 7 by governor HJR 8 by governor</b>	Proposes a constitutional amendment requiring a vote of the people to establish a new state tax. Requires legislative ratification of a new tax created by initiative.	SJR 7 pending Senate FIN HJR 8 pending House STA
<b>SB 13 by Begich</b>	Proposes additional tax on oil and gas taxable property that may be appropriated to the Alaska capital income fund, municipalities for real property tax revenue lost, or the Alaska higher education investment fund.	<b>Scheduled Community &amp; Regional Affairs 2/3</b>
<b>SB 52 by governor HB 72 by governor</b>	Appropriates \$2 billion from the Permanent Fund ERA for payment of a full dividend in 2022.	SB 52 pending Senate FIN HB 72 referred House FIN
<b>SB 53 by governor HB 73 by governor</b>	Sets new PF dividend formula at 50% of 5% POMV distribution. Includes advisory vote on proposal.	SB 53 tabled Senate floor HB 73 pending House JUD
<b>SB 100 by Begich</b>	Proposes a 5 percent state income tax based on the federal tax rate for resident & nonresident workers.	Pending State Affairs
<b>SB 153 by Kiehl</b>	Offers set amounts for the PFD with step up of the dividend until it reaches a 50-50 split between dividends and state services.	Referred State Affairs, Finance
<b>SB 154 by Kiehl</b>	Proposes a state income tax beginning at 2.75% of adjusted gross income the first year, 3% the second year, 3.25% the third year, and 3.75% the fourth and subsequent years.	Referred L&C, Finance
<b>SB 162 by governor HB 281 by governor</b>	<u>FY 2023 Operating Budget</u> : Provides flat funding for K-12 and pupil transportation. School debt reimbursement funded at 100%. Provides full funding for PCE and \$30 million for community assistance program.	SB 162 referred Senate Finance HB 281 referred House Finance

### *General Municipal Issues*

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>HJR 2 by Claman</b>	Proposes constitutional amendment to limit regular legislative sessions to ninety days.	Pending Judiciary
<b>HB 1 by Rauscher</b>	Proposes special audit of CARES Act funds for the community assistance program and grants to municipalities and communities.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs

Measure	Summary	Status
HB 17 by Josephson SB 149 by Gray-Jackson	Expands duties of State Commission for Human Rights to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Applies to political subdivisions.	HB 17 pending House Judiciary SB 149 referred Senate State Affairs, Judiciary
HB 31 by Ortiz	Allows the state to observe daylight saving time throughout a calendar year. This change can only take effect if the US Congress amends federal law.	Pending State Affairs
HB 55 by Josephson	Allows firefighters and peace officers to join a defined benefit retirement plan. Establishes medical benefits eligibility requirements and payment for past service.	Passed House 5/19/21, scheduled Senate L&C 1/31
HB 113/SB 93 by governor	Establishes an all-payer health claims database (APCD) collecting health care claims data from a variety of health care payers, including insurers and providers.	HB 113 pending House L&C SB 93 pending Senate FIN
HB 123 by Zulkosky SB 108 by Olson	Enacts state law formally acknowledging federally recognized tribes in Alaska.	HB 123 passed House 5/19/21, pending S STA SB 108 pending Senate STA
HB 127 by LeBon	Prohibits the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority from assisting the University of Alaska (UA) to fund heating or energy projects, while increasing maximum bonding amounts for other UA or regional health entity projects.	Scheduled Senate CRA 2/3
HB 167 by McCabe	Prohibits municipalities from levying a sales & use taxes on the sale or exchange of "specie" (gold or silver coins).	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
HB 190 by Gillham	Proposes changes to the recall process of state and local officials.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
HB 192 by Kreiss-Tomkins	Extends the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program to July 1, 2031.	HB 192 signed into law 6/11/21
HB 205 by McKay	Reserves to the state the authority to regulate pesticides and restricts authority of municipal to regulate pesticides.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
HB 220 by Hopkins	Proposes new defined benefit retirement system for PERS and TRS members. Gives existing DC members a choice between DC or DB plan.	Passed Labor & Commerce 1/26, referred Finance
HB 224 by Gillham	Requires that a proposed annexation by a municipality be approved by 2/3 of the vote by voters residing in area proposed to be annexed.	Referred CRA, State Affairs
HB 225 by Gillham	Amends state property tax exemption for residents 65 years or older. Appears to eliminate the exemption for seniors, reducing it to only disabled veterans 60 years or older and widows or widowers of disabled veterans.	Referred CRA, State Affairs
HB 250 by Wool	Proposes appropriations to cover 100% of school debt reimbursement and add \$7 million for community assistance in FY 2022, along with another \$30.8 million into community assistance to capitalize the fund.	Referred to House Finance
HB 262 by Eastman	Prohibits a state or municipal government from mandating COVID-19 vaccinations or to enforce federal regulations or laws that infringe on a person's right to move freely in Alaska or between states.	Referred CRA, State Affairs
HB 288 by Kurka	Grants all municipalities authority to regulate alcoholic beverage licenses. Reduces Alcoholic Beverage Control Board authority within municipalities.	Referred CRA, Labor & Commerce

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<b>SJR 12 by Wielechowski</b>	Resolution urging Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act.	Pending Finance
<b>SB 6 by Kawasaki</b>	Allows employers to adopt a retirement incentive program (RIP) for both TRS and PERS members of a defined benefit plan.	Pending Finance
<b>SB 9 by Micciche</b>	Omnibus bill relating to the manufacture, distribution, licensing, possession, and the sale of alcoholic beverages. Provides only the ABC Board may issue, renew, transfer, relocate, suspend, or revoke a license.	Heard & held Finance 1/19, 1/20
<b>SB 15 by Costello</b>	Creates fine of up to \$1,000 for any elected or appointed official who knowingly violates the Open Meetings Act.	Pending Finance
<b>SB 26 by Wilson</b>	Repeals the certificate of need (CON) program for health care facilities.	Pending Labor & Commerce
<b>SB 37 by Kiehl</b>	Allows teachers and other public employees a choice between a defined benefit pension versus the current defined contribution 401(k) plan.	Pending Labor & Commerce
<b>SB 41 by Hughes</b>	Omnibus health insurance reform bill that includes provision to preempt municipalities from regulating disclosure and reporting of health care information.	Pending Labor & Commerce
<b>SB 46 by Gray-Jackson</b>	Makes municipal police officers subject to police standards, establishes central registry of officers with denied or revoked certificates, amends training of village public safety officers to require disability training, and requires the reporting of use-of-force by an officer.	Pending State Affairs
<b>SB 54 by governor</b>	Authorizes the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to issue bonds to finance water and sewer projects and matching funds for federal highway and aviation projects.	Pending Finance
<b>SB 55 by governor</b>	Requires state to pay full amount of normal and past service cost for all actively employed, defined contribution state PERS employees.	SB 55 signed into law 6/11/21
<b>SB 74 by governor HB 93 by governor</b>	Proposes \$356 million in general obligations bonds for numerous transportation and infrastructure projects.	SB 74 pending Senate FIN HB 93 pending House FIN
<b>SB 81 by Olson</b>	Requires background checks for Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO) and rewrites the VPSO statute.	Pending State Affairs
<b>SB 105 by Myers</b>	Allows second class boroughs to consolidate two or more road service areas without voter approval if the boards representing those areas request consolidation and no new parcels are added to the new service area.	Pending Transportation
<b>SB 126 by Stevens</b>	Repeals current 90-day session limit.	Pending State Affairs
<b>SB 136 by Myers</b>	Significantly limits state or municipal regulation of firearms during a disaster declaration.	Scheduled State Affairs 2/1
<b>SB 148 by Holland</b>	Amends boating safety education course requirements, adds age and safety education requirements for boat operators of a certain age, and requires DMV to add boater operator eligibility on driver's license if requested.	Scheduled Resources 2/2
<b>SB 152 by Shower</b>	Proposes locating the first regular legislative session in Juneau and the second regular session in Anchorage.	Referred State Affairs, Finance

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>SB 160 by Stedman</b>	Creates the Alaska Flood Authority to increase the availability of flood insurance in Alaska.	Referred Labor & Commerce, Finance
<b>SB 166 by governor HB 285 by governor</b>	Proposes \$325 million in general obligations bonds for numerous transportation and infrastructure projects.	SB 166 referred S TRA, FIN HB 285 referred House FIN
<b>SB 170 by Senate Transportation</b>	Establishes the Alaska Marine Highway System Corporation to manage AMHS using a seven-member board.	Referred Transportation, Labor & Commerce, Finance
<b>SB 172 by Wielechowski</b>	Increases the amount from \$50,000 to \$75,000 that a municipality may exempt residential property from taxation.	Referred CRA, Labor & Commerce

## *Education Measures*

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>HJR 20 by Johnson</b>	Proposes a constitutional amendment to delete the prohibition on using state funds for the direct benefit of religious or private educational institutions.	Referred Education, Judiciary, Finance
<b>HB 15 by Thompson</b>	Requires issuance of a preliminary teacher certificate within 30 days for qualified active-duty military members or spouses.	Pending Labor & Commerce
<b>HB 18 by Kreiss-Tompkins</b>	Sets goal that by 2025 at least 4% of public school teachers will achieve national board certification. Requires schools display the name of these teachers.	Heard & held Education 1/26
<b>HB 19 by Kreiss-Tompkins</b>	Expands scope of teacher certificates for teachers fluent in an Alaska Native or foreign language for a one-year period. Allows extension or renewal after one year.	Passed Senate Education 1/26, scheduled Senate Labor & Commerce 2/1
<b>HB 24 by Hopkins</b>	Requires larger school districts to give breaks to teachers who are nursing mothers and a location to express breast milk.	Pending Education
<b>HB 25 by Hopkins</b>	Requires DEED Board to establish standards for social-emotional learning instruction.	Pending State Affairs
<b>HB 43 by Story SB 19 by Stevens</b>	Provides an eight-year extension for the Special Education Service Agency. Senate Finance CS increases funding by \$4.48 times number of students.	HB 43 pending House FIN SB 19 enacted 8/16/21
<b>HB 47 by Story SB 109 by Olson</b>	Renames Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council and adds two seats.	HB 47 pending Senate STA SB 109 pending Senate STA
<b>HB 48 by Story</b>	Expands eligibility requirements for the Alaska performance scholarship program.	Pending Education
<b>HB 49 by Story</b>	Proposes appropriation of \$20.225 million for early literacy programs in public schools.	Pending Education
<b>HB 53 by McCarty</b>	Requires school districts to consider children of active-duty military/National Guard as district residents.	Passed Senate Education 1/26, referred Senate Rules
<b>HB 60 by Claman SB 80 by Gray-Jackson</b>	Directs Board of Education & Early Development to develop guidelines for instruction in mental health in consultation with the HSS department.	HB 60 pending House FIN SB 80 pending Senate FIN

Measure	Summary	Status
HB 67 by Story	Proposes appropriation of \$20 million for K-12 public schools in response to COVID-19 impacts.	Pending Education
HB 108 by McCarty	Allows public secondary school students, over 14 years of age, to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade programs.	Pending Education
HB 114/SB 94 by governor	Amends education and supplemental loan programs by clarifying residency eligibility requirements, eliminating loan maximums, and allowing for early repayment of consolidated loans.	HB 114 passed House EDC 1/28 SB 94 pending Senate FIN
HB 129 by Fields	Amends the maximum number of annual awards for Alaska performance scholarships based on current University of Alaska tuition and fees.	Pending Education
HB 132 by House Labor & Commerce	Enacts new proposal titled the "Alaska Apprenticeship Expansion Act". Establishes new concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs for secondary school students.	Pending Senate Education
HB 147 by Zulkosky	Expands teacher education loan forgiveness program to any rural community not connected by road or rail to Anchorage or Fairbanks.	Pending Education
HB 173 by Tarr	Establishes the "School Climate and School Connectedness Improvement Committee" as an advisory committee in DEED. Requires school districts to develop a plan related to these topics.	Pending Education
HB 175 by Carpenter HB 186 by Rauscher	Prohibits numerous governmental entities (including school districts) and businesses from requiring an individual to receive a COVID-19 vaccination or prove to someone they have been vaccinated.	HB 175 pending C&RA HB 186 pending C&RA
HB 191 by Gillham	Pushes layoff/non-retention notices to June 15 of each year. Requires school districts to use current year funding for budget if K-12 funds not approved by May 1.	Pending Education
HB 220 by Hopkins	Allows teachers and other public employees a choice between a defined benefit pension versus the current defined contribution 401(k) plan. New features make proposal cost neutral to state.	Passed Labor & Commerce 1/26, referred Finance
HB 228 by McKay	Prohibits teaching lessons based on critical race theory in all public schools in Alaska.	Referred Education, Judiciary
HB 240 by Schrage	Omnibus bill amending numerous DEED statutes, adding early education program with funding, and modifying portions of foundation formula.	Referred Education, Finance
HB 244 by Gillham	Requires school districts to distribute annually a map of school district boundaries to parents and property taxpayers.	Referred Education, Finance
HB 266 by Eastman	Creates new requirements to distribute vaccine information. Applies to school districts.	Referred HSS, Judiciary, Finance
HB 280 by Eastman	Excludes school employees' children in count under certain portions of the foundation formula including requirement to have a minimum of 10 students.	Referred Community & Regional Affairs, Education
SJR 10 by Costello	Proposes constitutional amendment requiring public schools to provide the opportunity for in-person education unless a disaster declaration is in place.	Pending Education

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>SB 8 by Begich HB 164 by Tuck</b>	Proposes statewide K-3 reading program and expands pre-elementary program for 4- & 5-year-olds. Retention at grade 3 likely unless exempt by school board. HB 164 adds provision for 25% carryover by districts. HB 164 CS mirroring CSSB 111 (EDC).	SB 8 pending Senate EDC HB 164 scheduled House Education 1/31, 2/2, 2/4
<b>SB 16 by Begich</b>	Requires annual report on equal pay for comparable work and increases minimum wage.	Pending Labor & Commerce
<b>SB 18 by Begich</b>	Requires school districts to set policies regarding maximum class size for each grade. Creates a state class size reduction grant program	Pending Education
<b>SB 20 by Stevens</b>	Amends teacher certification reciprocity provisions for out-of-state teachers. Finance CS requires these teachers to complete specified training requirements within 90 days. Still get 2 yrs. for 2 required courses.	Passed Senate 5/3/21, pending House Education
<b>SB 30 by Begich</b>	Requires coverage of colorectal cancer screening for retired TRS and PERS members.	Withdrawn; state took this action administratively
<b>SB 32 by Stevens</b>	Establishes new middle college program for public school students at U of A.	Heard & held House State Affairs 1/27
<b>SB 34 by Stevens</b>	Allows establishment of public schools through state-tribal compacts. Provides authority for creation of state-tribal compact schools and defines other requirements.	Pending Education
<b>SB 42 by Hughes</b>	Omnibus bill titled "Alaska Reading and Virtual Education Act." Provides for more stringent standards for Praxis tests and expands reporting on school district and employee performance.	Pending Education
<b>SB 58 by governor HB 78 by governor</b>	Amends education foundation formula to count students in correspondence programs at 100% for ADM purposes and includes this count for all multipliers.	SB 58 pending Senate EDC HB 78 pending House EDC
<b>SB 72 by Stevens</b>	Adds civics exam requirement to graduate from secondary school. CS removes requirement to achieve a passing grade.	Scheduled Finance 2/1
<b>SB 111 by Senate Education</b>	Omnibus education reform bill titled the "Alaska Academic Improvement and Modernization Act." Latest CS eliminates mandatory retention but includes a 10-year sunset of new programs.	Heard & held Finance 1/25, 1/26
<b>SB 112 by Shower</b>	Mandates DEED require bus logistics plans for certain methods of school transportation to reduce number of runs and increase efficiency.	Pending Education
<b>SB 140 by Hughes HB 230 by McKay</b>	Requires school districts to designate sports team as male, female or co-ed and bars transgender girls from participating in female sports.	SB 140 referred Senate EDC HB 230 referred House EDC, JUD
<b>SB 157 by Gray-Jackson</b>	Requires school districts to provide a program of health and personal safety education for K-12, including science-based sexual health education.	Referred Education, Health & Social Services

## *Fishery & Resources Issues*

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>HB 26 by House Fisheries</b>	Allows members of the Board of Game or Fisheries to deliberate and participate on matters if they or a family member have a personal or financial interest.	Pending Rules
<b>HB 28 by House Fisheries</b>	Exempts commercial fishing vessels with valid licenses from numbering and registration provisions.	Pending Senate Resources
<b>HB 41 by Ortiz SB 64 by Stevens</b>	Relates to management of enhanced stocks of shellfish, authorizes certain nonprofits to engage in shellfish enhancement projects, and increases salmon hatchery permit fees from \$100 to \$1000.	HB 41 pending Senate RES SB 64 pending Senate Rules
<b>HB 50 by Josephson</b>	Authorizes municipalities to regulate trapping to prevent injury to persons or property.	Pending Resources
<b>HB 64 by Stutes</b>	Proposes regional associations to encourage new fisheries, modeled after SE AK Regional Dive Fisheries Association. Members self-assess tax to fund surveys.	<b>Scheduled Finance 2/2</b>
<b>HB 65 by Stutes</b>	Allows Board of Fisheries/Board of Game unconfirmed appointees to vote if the legislature has been unable to meet during a regular legislative session if approved by a majority of each board using a poll.	Pending Fisheries
<b>HB 120 by governor SB 97 by governor</b>	Allows an Alaskan to nominate up to 20 acres of state land to be used for commercial purposes. Lands must be within federally designated Qualified Opportunity Zones or determined as appropriate for commercial use.	HB 120 pending House RES SB 97 pending Senate FIN
<b>HB 162 by Tuck</b>	Establishes a new fisheries rehabilitation permit program which allows removal of finfish, collection and incubation of eggs and placement of fertilized or incubated eggs, larvae, or unfed fry back in the same waters of the state.	Pending Fisheries
<b>HB 182 by Edgmon</b>	Extends fishery resource landing tax credit for taxpayers' part of the community development quota program until December 31, 2030. Makes change retroactive to December 30, 2020.	<b>HB 182 signed into law 6/11/21</b>
<b>HB 185 by McKay</b>	Allows ADF&G to transfer or reissue a hunting permit originally awarded to a resident by drawing to a qualified substitute, if the original permit holder has died.	Pending Resources
<b>HB 195 by governor SB 133 by governor</b>	Allows eligible Alaskans to nominate up to 10 acres of vacant, unappropriated, or unreserved state lands for the Department of Natural Resources to offer for sale or lease as a remote recreational site.	HB 195 pending House RES <b>SB 133 scheduled Senate Resources 1/31</b>
<b>SB 29 by Micciche</b>	Establishes Cook Inlet buy-back program for set net entry permits and provides for a vote by permit holders whether to be included. Broadens CFEC authority to establish management areas.	Pending Finance
<b>SB 33 by Stevens HB 188 by Stutes</b>	Add pollock and cod to the product development tax credit up to 50% of the taxpayer's tax liability. Extends date to take credit for property first placed into service by Dec. 31, 2025.	<b>SB 33 heard &amp; held Senate Finance 1/24</b> HB 188 pending House Finance

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<b>SB 44 by Kawasaki</b>	Requires Board of Fish to place restrictions on other fisheries before restricting personal use fisheries, except when the harvest of a stock or species is limited to achieve a management goal.	Pending Resources
<b>SB 134 by Von Imhof</b>	Clarifies conditions that require the BGC Services Board to revoke a Master Guide Outfitter License.	SB 134 signed into law 7/13/21

### *Energy Matters*

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>HB 56 by Foster</b>	Restructures the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) program process to allow direct PCE payments without further appropriations. Mandates annual appropriation out of the fund to make eligible PCE payments.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
<b>HB 135 by governor SB 104 by governor</b>	Expands the jurisdiction and authority of the Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) over geothermal resources, currently held by the Dept. of Natural Resources.	HB 135 passed House RES 1/26, referred Finance SB 104 heard & held Senate FIN 1/24
<b>HB 170 by governor SB 123 by governor</b>	Creates new "Alaska Energy Independence Fund" at AIDEA to make loans and provide other forms of financing for sustainable energy development.	HB 170 pending House FIN SB 123 pending Senate FIN
<b>HB 223 by Kaufman</b>	Proposes repeal of numerous funds including the fuel emergency fund, rural electrification revolving loan fund, and the Alaska affordable energy fund.	Referred W&M, Finance
<b>HB 227 by Schrage</b>	Expands Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program by allowing new construction financing, resiliency projects, C-PACE refinancing, and considering market values rather than assessed values.	Passed House Energy 1/27, referred CRA
<b>HB 247 by Thompson</b>	Amends formula for distribution of excess earnings from the power cost equalization fund to increase funding for renewable energy projects. Protects priority for distribution of up to \$30 million to community assistance.	Referred Energy, Finance
<b>SB 17 by Begich</b>	Provides funding to conduct energy audits, improve energy efficiency in public buildings (including public schools), and creates a "rapid economic recovery office" to oversee related audits and projects.	Pending Finance
<b>SB 69 by Revak</b>	Exempts from regulation certain public plants generating electricity from renewable energy.	SB 69 signed into law 8/16/21
<b>SB 123 by governor</b>	Establishes the Alaska Energy Independence Fund within the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA). Provides AIDEA the ability to arrange financing for sustainable energy development projects.	Heard & held Finance 5/4/21

## Election & Voting Issues

Measure	Summary	Status
<b>HB 23 by Rauscher</b>	Omnibus voting measure that modifies PFD registration provisions adopted by initiative in 2016. Other provisions may result in restricted access to voting in certain cases.	Pending State Affairs
<b>HB 39 by Hopkins</b>	Allows pre-registration to vote for minors at least 16 years of age.	Pending State Affairs
<b>HB 66 by Tuck</b>	Omnibus voting bill allowing same-day registration, ballot curing, increased pay for poll workers and earlier absentee ballot counting.	Heard & held State Affairs 1/25
<b>HB 138 by Kreiss-Tomkins</b>	Omnibus voting bill requiring voting by mail for all state and local elections and establishing an online ballot tracking and registration verification system. Includes several additional elections provisions.	Pending Judiciary
<b>HB 157 by Rasmussen</b>	Requires identification of individual, groups and nongroup entities expending money for state referendums or recall elections.	Passed House 5/19/21, pending Senate State Affairs
<b>HB 212 by Kurka</b>	Requires purging of voters after four years of not voting or if written notice from Division of Elections is returned as undeliverable.	Pending State Affairs
<b>HB 267 by Schrage</b>	Requires the Division of Elections to notify voters if there are minor errors on absentee ballots and provide voters opportunity to correct or “cure” the errors.	Heard & held State Affairs 1/25
<b>SB 23 by Revak HB 174 by Merrick</b>	Requires any court change to language in a ballot initiative to trigger restarting signature gathering.	SB 23 pending Senate JUD HB 174 pending House JUD
<b>SB 39 by Shower HB 196 by Vance</b>	New CS removes attempt to amend PFD voter registration process, changes limits on voting-by-mail by municipalities, allows ballot curing and proposes optional voter ID system. Contains several other changes.	SB 39 pending Senate JUD HB 196 pending House JUD
<b>SB 43 by Hughes</b>	Prohibits anonymous donations to ballot measure campaigns and amends process to assist completion of an absentee ballot. Draft CS limits bill to campaign finance piece.	Pending Judiciary
<b>SB 82 by governor HB 95 by governor</b>	Adds new authority for Attorney General to investigate alleged election violations as a civil matter and allows fines up to \$25,000 per violation.	SB 82 pending Senate STA HB 95 heard & held House STA 1/25
<b>SB 83 by governor HB 96 by governor</b>	Omnibus elections bill to limit vote by mail to smaller communities (750 or less) and increase voter verification for absentee ballots. Includes many features contained in <i>HB 23</i> , <i>SB 39</i> and introduced version of <i>SB 43</i> .	SB 83 pending Senate STA HB 96 pending House STA
<b>SB 142 by Shower</b>	Adds new provision asserting state sovereignty to not conduct elections for federal officials if federal law requires actions in conflict with state provisions.	Scheduled State Affairs 2/3
<b>SB 167 by governor HB 286 by governor</b>	New omnibus “elections integrity” bill with numerous changes. Eliminates automatic registration for PFD applicants, allows ballot curing and amends process to maintain voter rolls.	SB 167 heard/held Senate STA 1/27, schedule STA 2/3 HB 286 referred House State Affairs, Judiciary, Finance