

LEGISLATIVE REPORT #21-09

Regular Session Ends, First Special Session Starts

- **With a flurry of activity at the end, the legislature adjourned a few minutes before midnight on the 121st day of session. While a number of bills passed at the end, none of the required FY 2022 budgets passed both bodies.** The Senate passed its version of *House Bill No. 69* on the last day, combing the FY 2022 operating and capital budgets. The House failed to concur with this version of the bill setting up the need for a conference committee to resolve differences.
- **Anticipating the need for additional time, on May 13 Governor Dunleavy issued two proclamations calling the Alaska State Legislature into two special sessions.** The first special session started on May 20 with the following three topics.
 - FY 2022 Operating, Capital & Mental Health Budgets ([HB 69](#), [HB 70/SB 50](#) and [HB 71](#))
 - 2022 Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) Appropriation ([HB 72/SB 52](#))
 - Constitutional Amendment on the Permanent Fund, PFD and Power Cost Equalization ([SJR 6/HJR 7](#))
- **The second session, scheduled to start on August 2, intends to address the following four topics.**
 - Constitutional Amendment to establish an appropriation limit ([HJR 6/SJR 5](#))
 - Constitutional Amendment to prohibit new state taxes without voter approval ([HJR 8/SJR 7](#))
 - Appropriations of federal relief funds, including American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds
 - Potential measures to increase state revenues

Status of FY 2022 Budget Items

- **Both bodies passed versions of the FY 2022 operating budget, with only a Senate passed version of the FY 2022 capital budget. Differences will be addressed by a conference committee during the first special session.** The following describes key provisions.
 - **K-12 Funding:** The Senate fully funds K-12 for FY 2022, but no forward funding for FY 2023 included. The House version contains zero K-12 money since they funded K-12 in a separate bill ([HB 169](#)).
 - **School & Harbor Debt Reimbursement:** Both bodies fund the state share for school debt reimbursement at 100%, but do not include funding for harbor debt reimbursement.
 - **Community Assistance:** Both bodies provide sufficient funding to fund community assistance at \$30 million for FY 2022 and FY 2023. This level has not been funded in at least the last two years.
 - **AMHS Operations:** Both sides provide 18 months of funding for operations and adds COVID relief money to replenish the System Fund. House provides \$5 million in more funding than Senate.
 - **Shared Fisheries Taxes:** Both versions provide full funding of the state share of state fisheries taxes, plus some additional ARP money to help offset COVID-related revenue losses.
 - **American Rescue Plan:** Both versions pass through \$185.4 million to cities and another \$80 million in ARP money for grants to local governments to offset COVID-related revenue losses.

Governor, Legislators Propose PFD/PCE Solution

- **On May 12, Governor Dunleavy and a number of legislators announced a new plan to add the PFD in the state Constitution, coupled with funding for the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) program.** Constitutional amendments require a vote of two-thirds of the members of each body, followed by approval by a majority of voters in the next general election.

- **The new proposal restructures the Permanent Fund into a pure “percent of market value” (POMV) management model, establishing the maximum annual draw at no more than 5%, and sets the split for the draw at 50% for government services and 50% for dividend payments.** Another portion of the proposal rolls the PCE Endowment Fund into the Permanent Fund and requires annual payment of PCE from the government services share of the 5% POMV draw.
- **The Senate Judiciary Committee brought the measure up immediately and reported out a committee substitute ([CS for SJR 6 \(JUD\)](#)).** The proposal is one of the central topics under consideration during the current special session. The two-thirds vote requirement is a high bar to get an amendment through the legislature.

New AMHS Board Legislation Passes Legislature

- ***House Bill No. 63* by Rep. Stutes (*R-Kodiak*), establishing a nine-member Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board, passed the legislature on May 19 and is awaiting transmittal to the governor. The final version incorporated a few changes by the Senate relating to the board’s duties. The main structure of the board and process for appointing the six public members remains unchanged from the House approved version.**
- **While the governor supports the creation of this board, whether he will approve this version of the bill is unknown because of legal concerns about the process for appointment of the public members.** In a recent memo, the Department of Law raised a possible separation of powers issue over appointment of some of the public members by the presiding officer of each body.

Cruises Ships Headed Back to Alaska Later This Summer

- Following passage of *Senate Joint Resolution No. 9* by the legislature in late March, Congress considered the request to temporarily exempt cruise ships from certain provisions of the Passenger Vessel Services Act to bypass Canada ports in 2021. **In an effort led by Alaska’s Congressional Delegation, the Alaska Tourism Restoration Act (ATRA) passed the U.S. Senate on May 13 and the U.S. House on May 20.**
- Though President Biden is expected to sign the bill, cruise lines carrying more than 250 passengers and crew must still pass the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s requirements prior to sailing. Nevertheless, **since the passage of ATRA, major cruise lines (including Holland America, Princess, Carnival and Norwegian) have announced plans to resume limited sailings to Alaska later this summer.**

Other Capitol News

- **The legislature passed a ten-year extension of the Alaska Regional Economic Assistance Program from July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2031.** This action allows the continued operations of Alaska Regional Development Organizations (ARDORs) such as the Southeast Conference and Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC). The governor is expected to sign the bill.
- ***House Bill No. 184* by Rep. Zulkosky (*D-Bethel*) passed the House on May 13th.** The bill codifies the Tribal Child Welfare Compact in Alaska, a 2017 agreement between the State of Alaska and Tribal governments to transfer child welfare services from the Office of Children Services (OCS) to the Tribal Co-Signers. **The bill protects the implementation of the much-needed support to a disproportionate number of Alaska Native children in state custody, often in rural areas.**

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 by Wielechowski	Proposes a constitutional amendment to guarantee Permanent Fund dividends using a Percent of Market Value (POMV) method.	HJR 1 heard/held House FIN 5/18 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.	Passed House Ways & Means 5/19; referred State Affairs
HB 46 by Thompson	Establishes a state lottery and provides for participation in multi-state lotteries.	Withdrawn by sponsor
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 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 and Finance
SJR 5 by governor HJR 6 by governor	Proposes a constitutional amendment that creates a new appropriations limit or spending cap.	SJR 5 pending Senate FIN HJR 6 pending House W&M

Measure	Summary	Status
SJR 6 by governor HJR 7 by governor	Proposes a constitutional amendment to enshrine the PF dividend in the Constitution. Requires subsequent vote by electorate to change the dividend formula.	SJR 6 passed S JUD 5/12; referred Finance. HJR 7 pending House JUD
SJR 7 by governor HJR 8 by governor	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
SB 13 by Begich	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.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
SB 49 by governor HB 69 by governor	FY 2021 Operating Budget: Provides flat funding for K-12, but no increase to counter COVID enrollment impacts. Latest version fund school debt reimbursement and community assistance at 100%.	SB 49 pending Senate FIN HB 69 passed Senate 5/19 (with capital budget); House failed to concur 5/19; conference appointed 5/19
SB 52 by governor HB 72 by governor	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
SB 53 by governor HB 73 by governor	Sets new PF dividend formula at 50% of 5% POMV distribution. Includes advisory vote on proposal.	SB 53 pending Senate JUD HB 73 pending House JUD
SB 100 by Begich	Proposes a 5 percent state income tax based on the federal tax rate for resident & nonresident workers.	Pending State Affairs

General Municipal Issues

Measure	Summary	Status
HJR 2 by Claman	Proposes constitutional amendment to limit regular legislative sessions to ninety days.	Pending Judiciary
HB 1 by Rauscher	Proposes special audit of CARES Act funds for the community assistance program and grants to municipalities and communities.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
HB 17 by Josephson	Expands duties of State Commission for Human Rights to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. Applies to political subdivisions.	Pending 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; referred Senate
HB 63 by Stutes	Repeals MTAB and establishes the nine-member Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board to provide planning and general advice regarding AMHS operations. 2 public members appointed by each respective presiding officer.	Passed legislature 5/19; awaits transmittal to governor
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

Measure	Summary	Status
HB 123 by Zulkosky SB 108 by Olson	Enacts state law formally acknowledging federally recognized tribes in Alaska.	HB 123 passed House 5/19; referred Senate 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.	Pending Senate Community & Regional Affairs
HB 134 by governor SB 103 by governor	Replaces AMHS Marine Transportation Advisory Board with an 11-member AMHS Operation and Planning Board, with public members appointed by the governor.	HB 134 pending House TRA SB 103 pending Senate TRA
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 176 by Rasmussen	Specifies that direct health care agreements with providers are not insurance and clarifies terms and conditions for such arrangements.	Pending Labor & Commerce
HB 190 by Gillham	Proposes changes to the recall process of state and local officials.	Pending Community & Regional Affairs
HB 192 by Kreiss-Tomkins SB 139 by Costello	Extends the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program to July 1, 2031.	HB 192 passed LEG 5/17; awaits transmittal SB 139 pending Senate L&C
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.	Referred Labor & Commerce, Finance
SJR 12 by Wielechowski	Resolution urging Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act.	Pending Finance
SB 6 by Kawasaki	Allows employers to adopt a retirement incentive program (RIP) for both TRS and PERS members of a defined benefit plan.	Pending Finance
SB 9 by Micciche	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.	Pending Finance
SB 15 by Costello	Creates fine of up to \$1,000 for any elected or appointed official who knowingly violates the Open Meetings Act.	Pending Finance
SB 26 by Wilson	Repeals the certificate of need (CON) program for health care facilities.	Pending Labor & Commerce
SB 37 by Kiehl	Allows teachers and other public employees a choice between a defined benefit pension versus the current defined contribution 401(k) plan.	Pending Labor & Commerce
SB 41 by Hughes	Omnibus health insurance reform bill that includes provision to preempt municipalities from regulating disclosure and reporting of health care information.	Pending Labor & Commerce
SB 46 by Gray-Jackson	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.	Passed CRA 5/18; referred State Affairs

Measure	Summary	Status
SB 54 by governor	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
SB 55 by governor HB 75 by governor	Requires state to pay full amount of normal and past service cost for all actively employed, defined contribution state PERS employees.	SB 55 passed legislature 5/17; awaits transmittal HB 75 pending House FIN
SB 56 by governor HB 76 by governor	Extends COVID-19 public health emergency disaster declaration through September 2021. House CS moves extension back to September 30, 2021.	SB 56 pending Senate FIN HB 76 passed legislature 4/28; signed 4/30
SB 74 by governor HB 93 by governor	Proposes \$356 million in general obligations bonds for numerous transportation and infrastructure projects.	SB 74 pending Senate FIN HB 93 pending House FIN
SB 81 by Olson	Requires background checks for Village Public Safety Officers (VPSO) and rewrites the VPSO statute.	Pending State Affairs
SB 105 by Myers	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
SB 126 by Stevens	Repeals current 90-day session limit.	Pending State Affairs
SB 136 by Myers	Significantly limits state or municipal regulation of firearms during a disaster declaration.	Passed CRA 5/18; referred State Affairs

Education Measures

Measure	Summary	Status
HR 8 by Tarr	Creates a 23-member House Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity.	Passed House 5/19
HB 15 by Thompson	Requires issuance of a preliminary teacher certificate within 30 days for qualified active duty military members or spouses.	Pending Labor & Commerce
HB 18 by Kreiss-Tompkins	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.	Pending Education
HB 19 by Kreiss-Tompkins	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 House 5/14; referred Senate Education
HB 24 by Hopkins	Requires larger school districts to give breaks to teachers who are nursing mothers and a location to express breast milk.	Pending Education
HB 25 by Hopkins	Requires DEED Board to establish standards for social-emotional learning instruction.	Pending State Affairs
HB 43 by Story SB 19 by Stevens	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 passed legislature 5/19; awaits transmittal

Measure	Summary	Status
HB 47 by Story SB 109 by Olson	Renames Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council and adds two seats.	HB 47 passed House 5/19; referred Senate SB 109 pending Senate STA
HB 48 by Story	Expands eligibility requirements for the Alaska performance scholarship program.	Pending Education
HB 49 by Story	Proposes appropriation of \$20.225 million for early literacy programs in public schools.	Pending Education
HB 53 by McCarty	Requires school districts to consider children of active duty military/National Guard as district residents.	Passed House 5/12; referred Senate Education
HB 60 by Claman SB 80 by Gray- Jackson	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
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 pending House EDC SB 94 pending Senate FIN
HB 129 by Fields	Amends the maximum amount 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.	Passed House 5/19; referred Senate
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 169 by House Finance	Funds K-12 for FY 2022 separately. Intent is to pass before the 15 th of May deadline to issue layoff notices. Amended to forward fund K-12 for FY 2023.	Pending Senate Finance
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
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
SB 8 by Begich HB 164 by Tuck	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) adopted 4/23.	SB 8 pending Senate EDC HB 164 heard & held House Education 5/17
SB 16 by Begich	Requires annual report on equal pay for comparable work and increases minimum wage.	Pending Labor & Commerce
SB 18 by Begich	Requires school districts to set policies regarding maximum class size for each grade. Creates a state class size reduction grant program	Pending Education
SB 20 by Stevens	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.	Pending House Education
SB 30 by Begich	Requires coverage of colorectal cancer screening for retired TRS and PERS members.	Pending Health & Social Services
SB 32 by Stevens	Establishes new middle college program for public school students at U of A.	Heard & held House State Affairs 5/15
SB 34 by Stevens	Allows establishment of public schools through state-tribal compacts. Provides authority for creation of state-tribal compact schools and defines other requirements.	Pending Education
SB 42 by Hughes	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
SB 58 by governor HB 78 by governor	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
SB 72 by Stevens	Adds civics exam requirement to graduate from secondary school. CS removes requirement to achieve a passing grade.	Pending Finance
SB 111 by Senate Education	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.	Pending Finance
SB 112 by Shower	Mandates DEED require bus logistics plans for certain methods of school transportation to reduce number of runs and increase efficiency.	Pending Education

Fishery & Resources Issues

Measure	Summary	Status
HB 26 by House Fisheries	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
HB 28 by House Fisheries	Exempts commercial fishing vessels with valid licenses from numbering and registration provisions.	Passed House 5/15; referred Senate Resources
HB 41 by Ortiz SB 64 by Stevens	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 passed Senate RES 5/14; heard/held S FIN 5/18 SB 64 pending Senate Rules
HB 50 by Josephson	Authorizes municipalities to regulate trapping to prevent injury to persons or property.	Pending Resources
HB 64 by Stutes	Proposes regional associations to encourage new fisheries, modeled after SE AK Regional Dive Fisheries Association. Members self-assess tax to fund surveys.	Pending Finance
HB 65 by Stutes	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 body using a poll.	Pending Fisheries
HB 120 by governor SB 97 by governor	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 heard & held House RES 5/13 SB 97 pending Senate FIN
HB 162 by Tuck	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
HB 182 by Edgmon SB 113 by Olson	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.	HB 182 passed legislature 5/19; awaits transmittal SB 113 pending Senate FIN
HB 185 by McKay	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
HB 195 by governor SB 133 by governor	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 SB 133 pending Senate Resources
SB 29 by Micciche	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
SB 33 by Stevens HB 188 by Stutes	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.	SB 33 pending Senate FIN HB 188 passed H FSH 5/15; referred House Finance

Measure	Summary	Status
SB 44 by Kawasaki	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
SB 134 by Von Imhof	Clarifies conditions that require the BGC Services Board to revoke a Master Guide Outfitter License.	Passed legislature 5/18; awaits transmittal

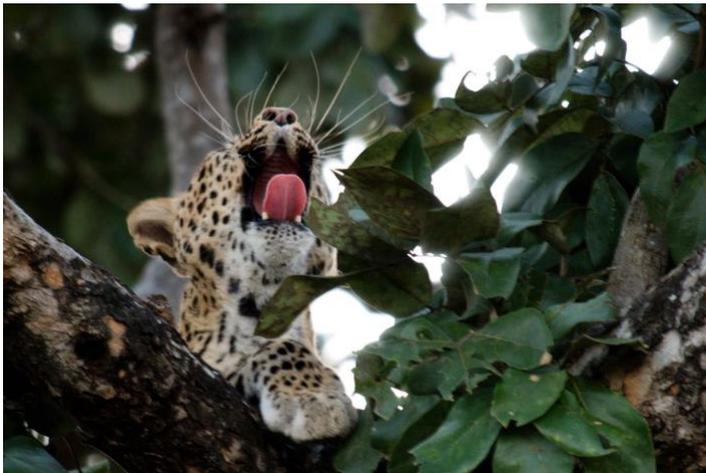
Energy Matters

Measure	Summary	Status
HB 56 by Foster	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
HB 135 by governor SB 104 by governor	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 pending House RES SB 104 pending Senate FIN
HB 170 by governor SB 123 by governor	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
SB 17 by Begich	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
SB 69 by Revak	Exempts from regulation certain public plants generating electricity from renewable energy.	Passed legislature 5/7; awaits transmittal to governor

Election & Voting Issues

Measure	Summary	Status
HB 23 by Rauscher	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
HB 39 by Hopkins	Allows pre-registration to vote for minors at least 16 years of age.	Pending State Affairs
HB 66 by Tuck	Omnibus voting bill allowing same-day registration, ballot curing, increased pay for poll workers and earlier absentee ballot counting.	Pending State Affairs

Measure	Summary	Status
HB 138 by Kreiss-Tomkins	Omnibus voting bill requiring voting by mail for all state and local elections and establishing an online ballot tracking and registration verification system. Includes a number of additional elections provisions.	Pending Judiciary
HB 157 by Rasmussen	Requires identification of individual, groups and nongroup entities expending money for state referendums or recall elections.	Passed House 5/19; referred Senate
HB 212 by Kurka	Requires purging of voters after four years of not voting or if written notice from Division of Elections is returned as undeliverable.	Referred State Affairs, Judiciary
SB 23 by Revak HB 174 by Merrick	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
SB 39 by Shower HB 196 by Vance	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
SB 43 by Hughes	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
SB 82 by governor HB 95 by governor	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 5/18
SB 83 by governor HB 96 by governor	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
SB 142 by Shower	Adds new provision asserting state sovereignty to not conduct elections for federal officials if federal law requires actions in conflict with state provisions.	Referred State Affairs



Will this session ever end?