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Covering last week and looking forward thru February 10th, 2012.

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LIO Update

The Governor submitted the FY 12 Supplemental Budget Bill with [Transmittal Letters](#) that went to both the House and Senate. The bill was assigned a number in each house and hereafter will be known as either:

[HB 307](#), Supplemental/Capital/Other Appropriations,

[SB 184](#), Supplemental/Capital/Other Appropriations.

A supplemental budget bill appropriates additional funds for the current or prior fiscal year to cover deficiencies (shortfalls). Line item appropriations for your community or project may be listed here.

The large budget bills can be searched easily for your items. First click "Full Text", on the main page of the bill, then choose the PDF file format. At the top of the page, pull down the menu beside the box called "Find" and open the "Open Full Reader Search". Simply type in the name you're looking for. If you have any trouble doing this, give us a call and we'll be happy to walk you through it.

"Even for people who have fully understand the legislative process, the budget often remains the mystery of mysteries.", thus starts the [Layman's Guide to the Budget Process](#), a helpful publication found on the [Alaska State Legislature Publications](#) page; handy if you have a desire to know just how all this budget stuff works.

Superior Court Judge McConahy's decision, in 2011 Redistricting Cases v. Alaska Redistricting Board, has yet to be released. It is anticipated that a decision will be released by February 10, 2012.

The Alaska Redistricting Board will hold a Board meeting immediately following the release of the decision, to discuss the impact of the decision and determine whether or not to make an appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court. This meeting will be streamed at www.alaskalegislature.tv. More information is available at [Alaska Redistricting Board](#) and the LIO will attempt to keep you undated as our time allows.

And you may find Cordova's new weather related motto useful as the snow flies in your life:
'Stay Calm. Keep Shoveling.'

New Bills and Resolutions Introduced This Week

[HB 304](#), Alaska Fire Standards Council, Johnson

[HB 305](#), Muni. Prop. Tax Exemption: Religious Orgs. Gardner

[HB 306](#), Separate Oil & Gas Prod. Tax/Deductions, Neuman

[HB 307](#), Supplemental/Capital/Other Appropriations, RLS By Request Of The Governor

[HB 308](#), Study Cook Inlet To FBKS Gas Pipeline, Miller

[HB 309](#), Care Directives/Do Not Resuscitate Orders, Lynn

[HB 310](#), State Immunization Program, Herron

[HB 311](#), Reports To APOC, RLS,

[HB 312](#), Natural Gas Conversion Program/Fund, T. Wilson

[HB 313](#), Student Count Estimates, Feige

[HCR 21](#), Two-Day Thanksgiving Holiday, Gara

[HCR 22](#), Uniform RLS: Educ./HSS Standing Committees,

[HCR 23](#), Alaska Arctic Policy Commission , Finance

[HJR 32](#), Remove Wood Bison From Endangered List , Dick

[HJR 33](#), Amend U.S. Const Re Campaign Money, Gara

[HJR 34](#), Coast Guard Icebreakers & Arctic Base, Herron

[SB 182](#), Pupil Transportation Funding, Education

[SB 183](#), Property Tax Exemption/Military Widow(erg), Davis

[SB 184](#), Supplemental/Capital/Other Appropriations, RLS By Request Of The Governor

[SB 185](#), Extend Renewable Energy Grant Fund, Finance

[SB 186](#), Sentencing/Probation/Mentally Ill, Judiciary

[SB 187](#), Pension Reserve Fund , Finance

[SB 188](#), Reports To APOC , RLS,

[SCR 20](#), Decoration Of Honor , Wielechowski
[SCR 21](#), Uniform Rls: Educ./HSS Standing Committees, Education
[SJR 13](#), Amend U.S. Const Re Campaign Money, Wielechowski
[SJR 14](#), Military Personnel Cuts & Base Closures, Wielechowski
[SJR 15](#), Coast Guard Icebreakers & Arctic Base, Olson
[SJR 16](#), Military Pensions , Wielechowski

[All Hearings and Bills in All Committee Meetings](#); be sure to refresh the page.

Some of the Bills Scheduled in Some of the Committees Next Week

You can view most of these meetings live streamed at [AlaskaLegislature.tv](#), or listen on your computer, either real time or delayed, on [Gavel to Gavel](#), or watch it on 360 North KTOO TV.

To participate in any of these meetings please call this office and we will schedule accordingly. We will be happy to accommodate you before 8, after 4:30, or on weekends, by prior appointment confirmed with this office. Thank you for your interest.

(H)Education Feb 06 Monday 8:00 Am
Presentation By Bill McLeod, Superintendent Of Dillingham
[HB 256](#), Repeal State Intervention In Schools, -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

(S)Education Feb 06 Monday 8:00 Am
[SB 182](#), Pupil Transportation Funding,

Joint (S) (H) Judiciary Feb 06 Monday 1:00 Pm
Initiatives Certified By The Lieutenant Governor:
11 ACMP: "An Act Establishing The Alaska Coastal Management Program"
Presentations By:
- Doug Gardner, Director, Legislative Legal Services Division, Legislative Affairs Agency
- Susan Bell, Commissioner, Dept. Of Commerce Community And Economic Development
- Invited - John Boucher, Senior Economist, Office Of Management And Budget
- Bruce Botehlo, Mayor Of Juneau,
Initiative Sponsor - Available For Questions
- Gail Fenumiai, Director, Division Of Elections, Office Of The Lieutenant Governor
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

(H)Military & Veterans' Affairs Feb 07 Tuesday 7:00 Am
Discussion Of Mission, Core Services And Performance Measures:
- Veterans' Services
- State Active Duty
- Alaska Military Youth Academy
- National Guard Military Headquarters
- Homeland Security And Emergency Management
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Support And Maintenance Functions

(S)State Affairs Feb 07 Tuesday 9:00 Am
[SCR 20](#), Decoration Of Honor
[SJR 14](#), Military Personnel Cuts & Base Closures
[SJR 11](#), National Women's History Museum
[SCR 16](#), Celiac Disease Awareness Month

Joint (S) (H) Transportation Feb 07 Tuesday 1:30 Pm
Update By Marc Luiken, Commissioner, Department Of Transportation And Public
- AMHS Status Update By Mike Neussl, Deputy Commissioner
- Surface Transportation Update By Pat Kemp, Deputy Commissioner
- Alaska Mobility Coalition, David Levy Executive Director

(S)Labor & Commerce Feb 07 Tuesday 1:30 Pm
[SB 146](#), Snow Classic
[SB 175](#), Practice Of Naturopathy

(H)Energy Feb 07 Tuesday 3:00 Pm
[HB 39](#), RCA Utility Rates; Refund Procedures
[HCR 10](#), Encouraging Waste-To-Energy Technology

(S)Community & Regional Affairs Feb 07 Tuesday 3:30 Pm

Alaska's Mayor's Forum

(S)Finance Feb 08 Wednesday 9:00 Am
[SB 171](#), Increase Base Student Allocation
[SB 187](#), Pension Reserve Fund

(H)Judiciary Feb 08 Wednesday 1:
[HB 253](#), Cathinone Bath Salts
[HB 255](#), Prohibit Dialing Or Texting While Driving
[HB 299](#), Civil Legal Services Fund
[HB 303](#), Suspended Imposition Of Sentence

Joint (S) Health & Social Services and (S) Judiciary Feb 08 Wednesday 1:30 Pm
Alaska Children's Justice Task Force Presentation
- Jan Rutherfordale, Attorney
- Dr. Cathy Baldwin-Johnson
- Thom Janidlo, Attorney
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

(H)Labor & Commerce Feb 08 Wednesday 3:15 Pm
[HB 235](#), Motor Vehicle Transactions
[HB 266](#), Practice Of Naturopathy

(H)Transportation & Public Facilities Feb 08 Wednesday 3:30 Pm
State Equipment Fleet

(H)Community & Regional Affairs Feb 09 Thursday 8:00 Am
[HB 184](#), Refund Of Fish Business Tax To Munis
[HB 305](#), Muni. Prop.Tax Exemption: Religious Orgs.

(H)State Affairs Feb 09 Thursday 8:00 Am
[SB 89](#), Legislative Ethics Act <Pending Referral>
[HJR 33](#), Amend U.S. Const Re Campaign Money

(S)State Affairs Feb 09 Thursday 9:00 Am
[SJR 16](#), Military Pensions
[SB 179](#), Missing Vulnerable Adult Response Plan
[SB 129](#), Child Care Ctrs: State Employees & Others
[SCR 18](#), Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Day

(H)Military & Veterans' Affairs Feb 09 Thursday 1:00 Pm
[HB 234](#), Picketing And Protests At Funerals
[HB 281](#), Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

(S)Transportation Feb 09 Thursday 1:00 Pm
[HB 131](#), Community And Transportation Adv. Board

(H)Finance Feb 09 Thursday 1:30 Pm
[HB 283](#), Budget: Capital
[HB 285](#), Approp: Mental Health Budget
[HB 307](#), Supplemental/Capital/Other Appropriations
[HB 286](#), G.O. Bonds For Ports

(H)Health & Social Services Feb 09 Thursday 3:00 Pm
Alaska Tribal Health Consortium: Statewide Tribal Health Services And Collaborations With State Agencies
Presentations By:
- Valerie Davidson, Senior Director, Legal Inter-Governmental Affairs
- Dr. Jay Butler, Senior Director, Community Health Program
- Matthew Dixon, Pe, Vice President Operations Division Of Environmental Health & Engineering
- Commissioner Streur, Department Of Health & Social Services

(H)Energy Feb 09 Thursday 3:00 Pm
Overview: Southeast Alaska Integrated Resource Plan By Alaska Energy Authority Personnel
-- Public Testimony --

(H)Fisheries Feb 09 Thursday 5:00 Pm

[HCR 18](#), Commercial Fisheries Programs

Joint (H) Education and (H) Finance Feb 10 Friday 8:00 Am
Education Funding From School Districts' Perspectives:
Sitka, Fairbanks, Lake & Peninsula, Kodiak

(S)Finance Feb 10 Friday 9:00 Am
Presentation On Statewide Transportation Economic Indicators:
Christopher Aadnesen, President & CEO Alaska Railroad Corporation
Steve Hatter, Deputy Commissioner Of Aviation Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities

(S)Judiciary Feb 10 Friday 1:30 Pm
[SB 135](#), Continuances In Criminal Trials; Victims
[SB 140](#), Cathinone Bath Salts
[SB 186](#), Sentencing/Probation/Mentally Ill

(H)Fish & Game Feb 10 Friday 5:00 Pm
Budget Review: Division Of Commercial Fisheries

[Bill Tracking Management Facility \(BTMF\)](#)

BTMF allows you to track the status of bills as they pass through the legislative process. BTMF will display the status of bills you are interested in, and can also send you email updates as the bill's status changes.

[Permanent Fund Dividend Division](#)

The Permanent Fund Dividend application period began January 1st, and ends March 31st.

The Permanent Fund Dividend Division encourages all applicants to file online and use Direct Deposit each year in an effort to reduce the amount of paper used to process PFD applications.

If you need help filing online, or if it is your first time filing, give us a call or stop into the LIO. No prior computer skills are necessary. Or you can contact the PFD Division directly.

If you prefer a paper PFD application we have them and so does the City of Cordova. If you live in another community the PFD Division has a list of [PFD distribution sites](#) for your community. You can also call the Division and request that one be mailed to you: (907) 465-2326.

[News Clips & Press Releases](#)

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[Arctic offshore NPDES permits out](#) PN Week of 2/5
[How helpful is federal loan guarantee?](#) PN Week of 2/5
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[The alternative options for Cook Inlet](#) PN Week of 2/5
[Tax bill in Senate Resources by Feb. 10](#) PN Week of 2/5
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Alaska Nuggets: history, facts and trivia about Alaska

The first law passed by the Territory of Alaska, in 1913, gave women the right to vote, HB 2. It passed the House with 14 ayes and 1 not voting; and passed the Senate with a unanimous vote.

Quotes for the week

"It's not the will to win that matters-everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters."
Paul "Bear" Bryant (1913-1983); American college football player and head coach

"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing. "
Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965); Philosopher, Physician, Nobel Peace Prize Winner

"Rivers know this: There is no hurry. We shall get there. "
A. A. Milne (1882-1956); English author, best known for his books about Winnie-the-Pooh

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