Legislative Update



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For Immediate Release:

Good afternoon,

Week five and most things are rolling along. This week, the Senate Finance Committee heard the following bills: SB 120: Extend Education Tax Credits, SB 91: Telehealth: Multi-Disciplinary Care Team, SB 132: Employment Tax for Education Facilities, SB 56: Ak Performance Scholarship Eligibility, SB 141: Naming Raymond & Esther Conquest Bridge and SB 24: Public Schools Mental Health Education.

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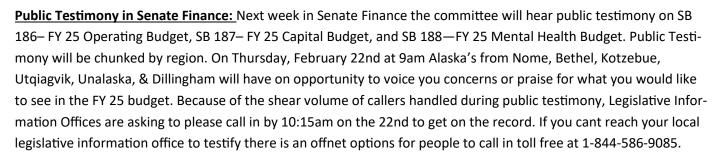
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The committee approved and moved the following bills to the full Senate for consideration: SB 56: Ak Performance Scholarship Eligibility, SB 141: Naming Raymond & Esther Conquest Bridge and SB 24: Public Schools Mental Health Education.

The House and the Senate met in a joint session to receive the annual address to the Legislature from US Senator Lisa Murkowski. I conveyed to her the concerns I am hearing from folks from around the state, that we, (the state and the federal government) need to work harder on making living in Alaska more affordable, from energy costs, housing, and everyday commodities, such as food. She agreed with me.

School boards from across the state visited the Capitol this week. I want to thank everyone for their advocacy and their sharing of their districts funding needs and facility maintenance issues. The Legislators and the Administration has a long road ahead to come to an agreement.





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