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Greetings Family, Friends, and Neighbors-

Today is the twenty-fifth day of this session. This week, the Senate Finance Committee received the following presentations: Public Employees Retirement System/Teachers Employees Retirement System overview from the Division of Retirement & Benefits; the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and the Rural Health Transformation Program from the Alaska Department of Health and also got an update from the Department of Education and Early Development regarding Mt. Edgecumbe's unique funding situation compared to the rest of the state school districts.

The Committee also heard the following bills: SB 140: Fire Station Grant Program, SB 23: Civics Education, SJR 2: Constitution Amendment; Votes Needed for a Veto Override. In addition, the committee adopted Senate Finance committee substitutes for the Governor's Operating budget, SB 213 and the Mental Health Trust budget, SB 215.

This week, the Senate considered and approved SB 20: CPR Curriculum. SB 20 has moved to the House for their consideration. In addition, this week, the Senate, and the House met in a joint session to hear the annual address from Chief Justice Susan Carney on the State of the Judiciary.

Next week, US Senator Dan Sullivan will come before the Legislature.

Everyone have a good weekend. Stay Safe!

RAHI Summer 2026 program: University of Alaska Fairbanks is looking for Highschool Juniors and Seniors from rural Alaska to apply for a six week all expenses paid college experience. Students will have the opportunity to earn 10 college credits for free. Take rigorous courses that prepare students for their future. Live on campus and experience college life all while building lifelong connections peers, mentors, and faculty.

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LEFT: Senator Hoffman met with PNWER delegations: Bruce Agnew, Brandon Hardenbrook, Justin Wright, Garth Rowswell

RIGHT: Senator Hoffman and Senator Stedman met with School District officials from across the state to talk about FY 27 education funding.



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