

Legislative Update



This Week In Juneau

As lawmakers enter the final three weeks of the legislative session, the Senate Finance committee adopted the committee's version of the FY24 operating budget. The committee substitute included \$175 million in extra funding for K-12 public schools, \$30 million for additional Medicaid funding to pay for home care for the elderly, \$1 million in extra funding for rural public radio stations, \$5 million for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and \$2 million more for tourism marketing.

The full Senate isn't expected to vote on this committee substitute until next week, and then the budget will most likely need to go to conference committee to reconcile the differences between the House and Senate versions of the FY 24 budget.

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Committee Hearing/Notes for Bills

HB 119 – MARIJUANA TAX – 4/26/23

The House Labor & Commerce committee heard the bill for the first time this week. Representative Tilton's staff provided an intro presentation, and the committee held the bill to be heard again later. The main purpose of the bill is to move from the \$50/oz tax to a \$12.50/oz tax for Alaskan cultivators. This recommendation was made this last fall by the Governor's task force on the recreational marijuana industry.

Committee Meetings Next Week

House Labor and Commerce

May 01 Monday 3:15 PM

HB 126 – ASSOCIATE AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

HB 97 – SELF-STORAGE UNITS: LIENS; SALES

May 03 Wednesday 3:15 PM

SB 123 – LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: COMM. DRIVERS <Pending Referral>

Senate Labor and Commerce

May 01 Monday 1:30 PM

HB 51 – USE OF DESIGNATED REFRIGERANTS

SB 116 – ASSOCIATE AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

May 03 Wednesday 1:30 PM

SB 73 – REGISTER INTERIOR DESIGNERS

SB 85 – PERM FUND; EMPLOYMENT; ELIGIBILITY

Consideration of Governor's Appointees:

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Board of Nursing

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Board of Dental Examiners

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Board of Social Work Examiners

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Board of Massage Therapists

Board of Pharmacy

Marijuana Control Board

Real Estate Commission

Board of Professional Counselors

State Physical Therapy and

Occupational Therapy Board

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

May 05 Friday 1:30 PM

SB 101 - UTILITIES: RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD

House Judiciary

May 01 Monday 1:00 PM

HB 129 – VOTER REGISTRATION <Pending Referral>

HB 10 – SEX/REPRODUCTION EDUCATION; SCHOOLS <Pending Referral>

May 03 Wednesday 1:00 PM

HB 129 – VOTER REGISTRATION <Pending Referral>

May 05 Friday 1:00 PM

HB 129 – VOTER REGISTRATION <Pending Referral>

Senate Judiciary

May 01 Monday 1:30 PM

SB 84 – MONEY TRANSMISSION; VIRTUAL CURRENCY -- Invited & Public Testimony

May 03 Wednesday 1:30 PM

HB 75 – OWNER & CONTRACTOR CONTROLLED INSURANCE

SB 65 – HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES

May 05 Friday 1:30 PM

SB 84 – MONEY TRANSMISSION; VIRTUAL CURRENCY

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