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City of Unalaska Legislative Report **2/1/25**

This week the House and Senate Finance Committees held several hearings related to State's fiscal outlook, featuring presentations from the Administration regarding revenue and oil production forecasts, detailed overview by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Legislative Finance Division concerning the Governor's proposed budget.

On January 28th, Governor Dunleavy delivered his seventh State of the State address to the 34th Alaska State Legislature, expressing optimism for what he termed 'the fourth quarter' of his administration. He highlighted several accomplishments, including advancements in public safety, job creation, population growth, developments in oil and gas sectors, and progress on the long-anticipated natural gas pipeline.

The Governor also recognized two notable Alaskans: Alaska State Trooper Sgt. Jared Noll, who spearheaded a multi-agency effort resulting in indictments related to a multi-state drug trafficking operation, and Alev Kelter, a Chugiak High School graduate and member of the USA women's rugby team that earned a bronze medal at the Olympics. A recording of the State of the State can be viewed [here](#).

The House and Senate Finance Committee received insights from the Department of Revenue (DOR) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) focused on the state's revenue and oil production forecasts. The forecast predicts slight declines in revenue stemming from various factors, including diminished oil production, reduced per-barrel prices, and an uptick in deductible lease expenditures.

These challenges are intensifying the pressure on lawmakers tasked with formulating a balanced budget. Future budget discussions will center around critical issues such as the amount of the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD), education funding, pensions, deferred maintenance requirements, and other competing obligations, with House Finance Subcommittees designated to address some of these matters at the departmental level.

The House and Senate Transportation Committees resumed their meetings this week, engaging with the Department of Transportation (DOT) on further discussions as to why the delivery of projects continues to be at an all-time low. Failure to identify a solution for processes to get projects "on the street" will be catastrophic for our construction industry and our state's economy. This will be an ongoing issue over the next months.

Emma Pokon will be departing her position as the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to assume the role of region 10 Administrator at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

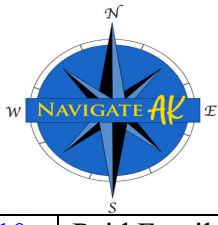


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Upcoming Schedule

Description	Date, Time & Location
DAVIS 106 -HOUSE EDUCATION *+ HJR5 SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS PROGRAM TELECONFERENCED -- Testimony -- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled TELECONFERENCED	Wed 2/5/25 8:00 AM
GRUENBERG 120 -HOUSE FISHERIES -- Please Note Time Change -- *+ HB60 PROCURE PREF: AGRIC. & FISH PRODUCTS TELECONFERENCED -- Public Testimony -- *+ HB31 VESSELS: REGISTRATION/DERELICT FUND TELECONFERENCED	Thu 2/6/25 11:00 AM
BUTROVICH 205 -SENATE RESOURCES *+ SB75 TIMBER MANAGEMENT LEASES TELECONFERENCED -- Testimony -- *+ SB67 PROCURE PREF: AGRIC. & FISH PRODUCTS TELECONFERENCED -- Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Fri 2/7/25 3:30 PM

Bill	Title	Prime Sponsor	Status & Upcoming Hearings	Position
HB 13	Municipal Property Tax Exemptions	GRAY	(H) REFERRED TO COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS (1/22)	
HB 18	Vehicles/boats: Transfer On Death Title	RAUSCHER	(H) REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION (1/22)	
HB 26	Statewide Public & Community Transit Plan	MINA	(H) REFERRED TO COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS (1/22)	
HB 31	Vessels: Registration/derelict Fund	STUTES	(H) -- Please Note Time Change -- (2/6) 02/06/25 11:00 AM in GRUENBERG 120	



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<u>SB 10</u>	Paid Family Leave/wage Replacement Insur.	DUNBAR	(S) REFERRED TO LABOR & COMMERCE (1/22)	
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