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# The BIG Session Items

## Energy

- Gas line
- Cook Inlet gas shortage

## Education

- Increasing BSA
- Correspondence – School choice
- Teacher Recruitment & Retention
- Transgender athletes

## Budget

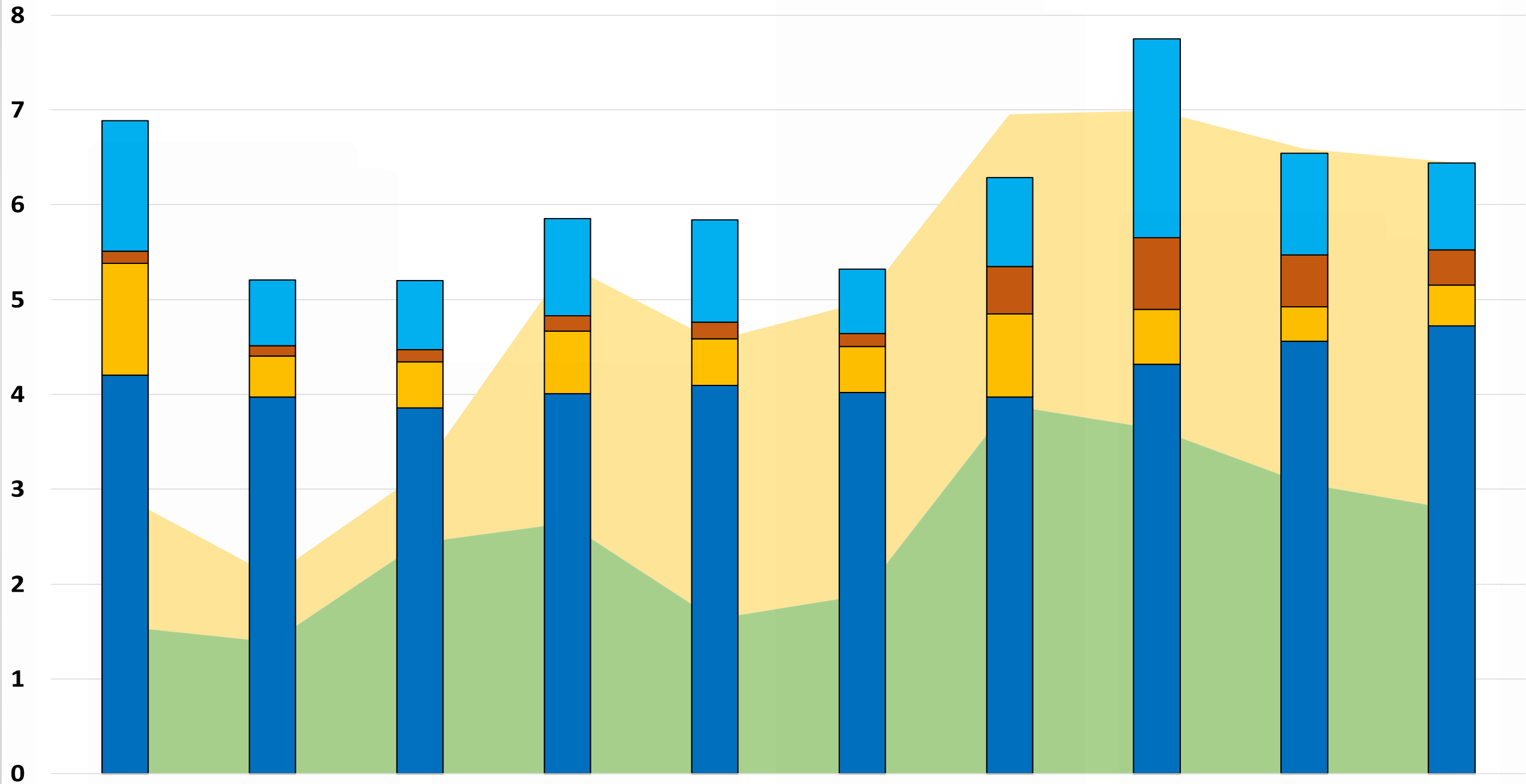
- Capital Budget & PFD
  - \$1,650 Permanent Fund Dividend \$1350 + \$300 (approximate) Energy Rebate

Based on  
\$84.06 Price  
Per Barrel Oil

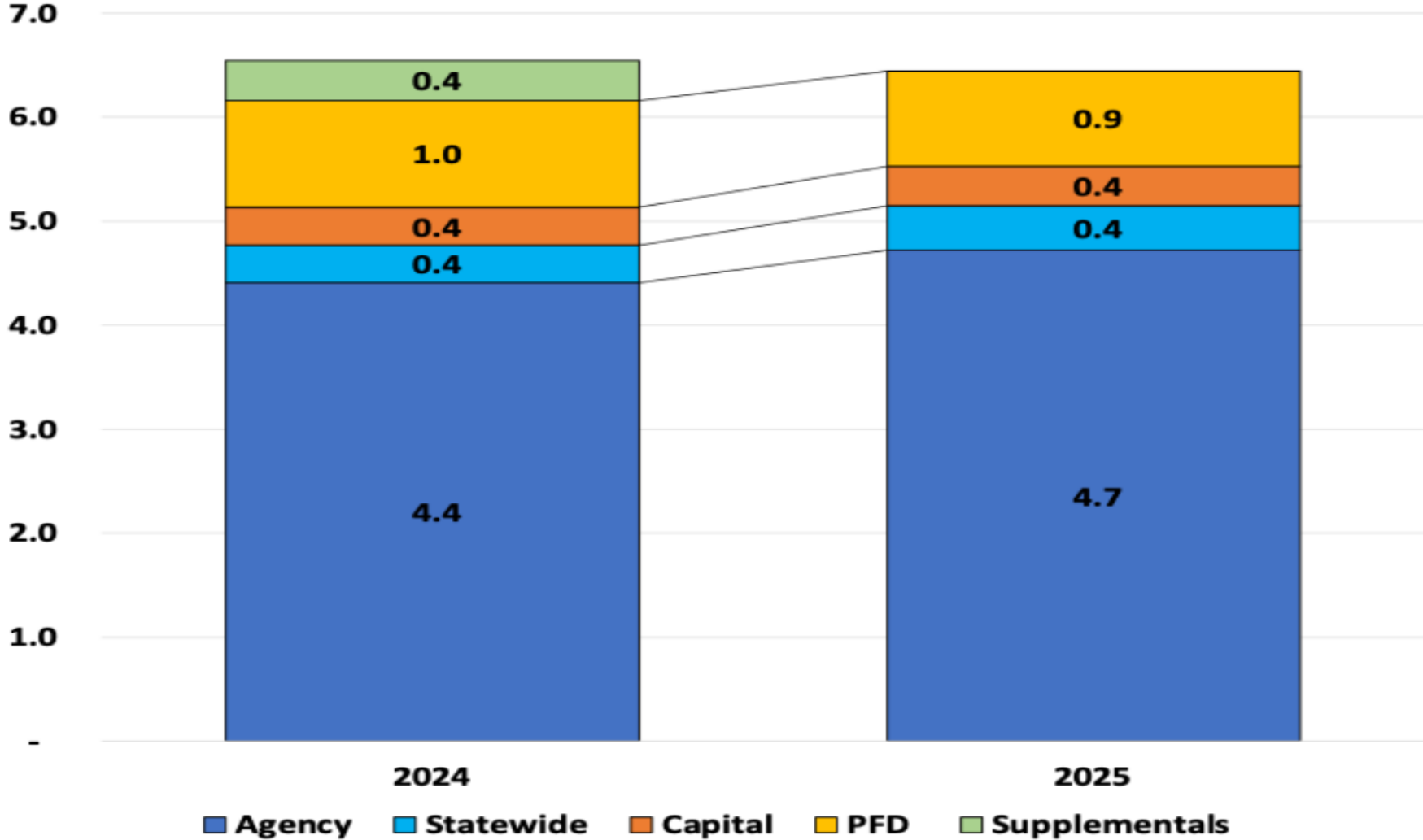
	FY24
<b>Revenue</b>	
Revenue as of 3/13 Forecast	6,591.8
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Operating	4,757.9
Capital	360.2
Transfers	13.2
PFD	881.5
<b>Subtotal Base Budget</b>	<b>6,012.8</b>
<b>SLA 2023 Adds</b>	
Supplementals	339.8
<b>FY24 Plus Supplementals</b>	<b>6,352.6</b>
<b>Initial Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>239.2</b>
<b>"Surplus" Appropriations</b>	
Surplus to Energy Rebate	190.3
Surplus to Savings	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>48.9</b>

	FY25
<b>Revenue</b>	
Revenue as of 3/13 Forecast	6,448.5
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Operating	5,061.7
Capital	374.9
Transfers	4.3
PFD	914.3
<b>Subtotal Base Budget</b>	<b>6,355.3</b>
<b>Contingent Items</b>	
Fiscal Notes	85.0
<b>FY25 Conference Committee</b>	<b>6,440.3</b>
<b>Initial Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>"Surplus" Appropriations</b>	
Surplus to Energy Rebate	-
Surplus to Savings	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>8.2</b>

# UGF Spending (\$ Billion)



### FY24 to FY25 UGF Budget (\$ billions)



# ENERGY

- ❖ **Carbon Capture and Sequestration** - Sets up a statutory framework for the state to lease depleted gas wells to store carbon dioxide deep underground.
- ❖ **Gas Storage** - Establishes a regulatory framework for RCA oversight of the State's gas storage, particularly needed in Cook Inlet.
- ❖ **AIDEA Reserve Based Lending** – State financing through AIDEA loans (HB 388) for new Cook Inlet natural gas development based on natural gas reserves leased by producers.
- ❖ **Geothermal** - Expansion of the state's geothermal energy program (HB 74 / SB 69).

# Transmission without “pancaking” – HB 307

Enables the lowest cost power to be delivered across the Railbelt, and the integration of more renewables

## **Key provisions in the bill:**

- Creates a Railbelt Transmission Organization (RTO) within Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) to establish a transmission cost recovery mechanism for, and to ensure nondiscriminatory open access to, the Railbelt backbone transmission system.
- Eliminates practices known as “wheeling” and “pancaking,” which refer to the added charges imposed on utilities for energy that runs through different segments of the system.
- Additionally, Independent Power Producers (IPP) who construct an electricity generation or a storage facility or electricity and places that facility into service after July 1, 2024 will not be subject to state and local property, income and excise tax if the generation is sold or provided exclusively to a public utility.
- Expands the criteria the RCA may look at for determining just and reasonable rate charges

# GREEN BANK AND NET METERING

**HB 273 – Alaska Energy Independence Fund – ‘Green Bank’** - Establishes the Alaska Energy Independence Fund at the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to capture both private and federal clean energy funding and to offer loans for renewable energy project: \$27 billion in EPA Greenhouse Gas Reduction grants; USDOE loan guarantees; and federal energy tax credits.

This bill also removes limitations of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and provides additional loan opportunities for residential lending.

**SB 152 – Net metering** - Currently, ratepayers for economically regulated utilities can utilize net metering, which lowers their electric bills based on the amount of electricity they generate from generators like solar panels or wind turbines. Unfortunately, many ratepayers including renters and condo owners are not able to take advantage of net metering because they do not have space available on-site. SB 152 will allow multiple ratepayers to pool their resources to receive net metering benefits from a single project.



# THE EDUCATION BATTLE

Early in the session the Legislature passed Senate Bill 140. This bill raised per-student funding by \$680 per student. The bill did not include many of the Governor's "must haves" resulting in a veto.

The Legislature included \$175 million in one-time school funding on top of the normal school funding formula—**equivalent to a \$680 BSA increase.**

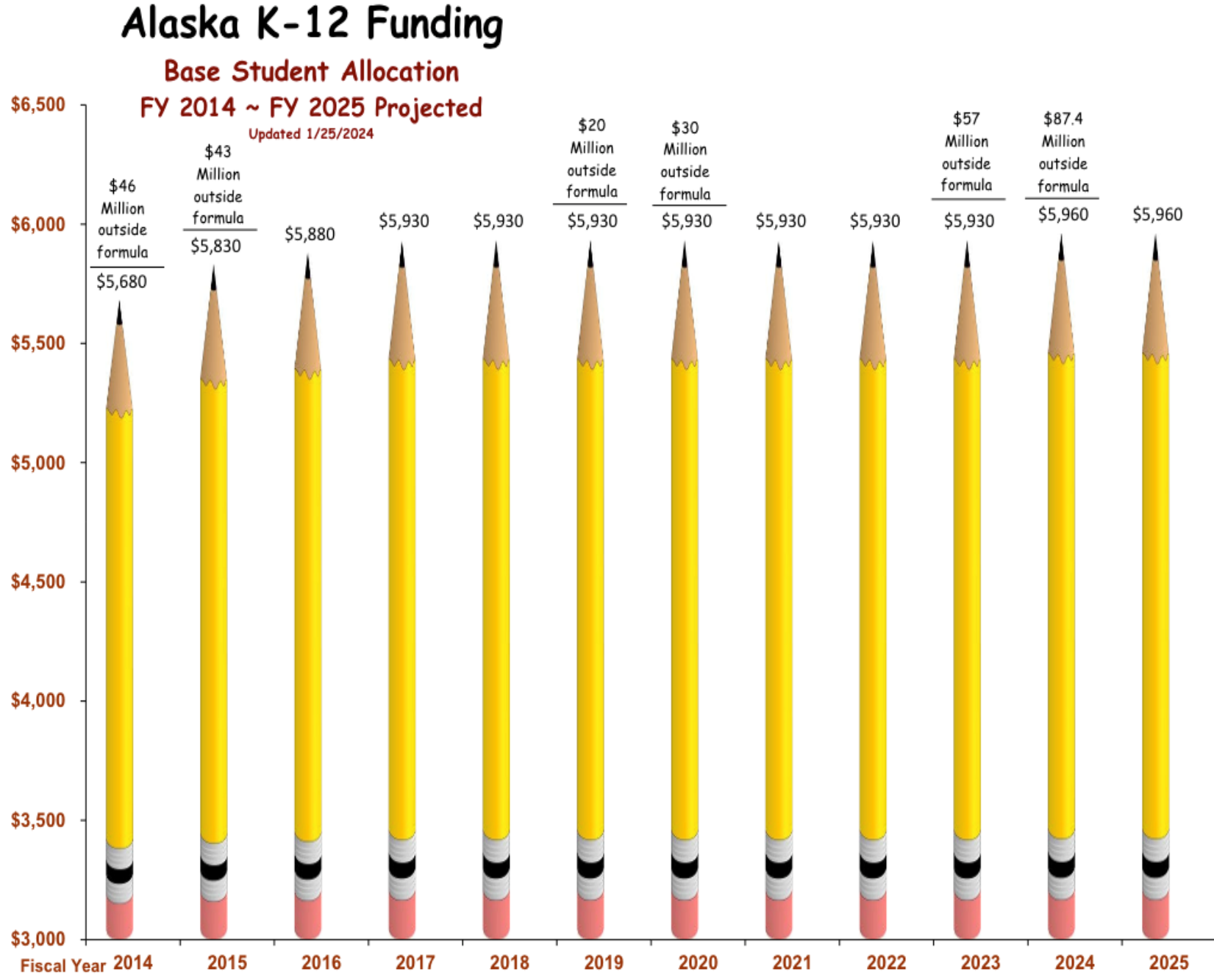
## **Estimated increase to ASD:**

\$49 million BSA-Equivalent

\$2.5 million K-3 Reading

\$2 million for Pupil Transportation

# K-12 Funding Last 10 years



# How Did Anchorage Measure Up?

- \$4 million for Homeless Operations
- Port Funding of \$200 million remained “intact”
- Operation Budgets items
  - Full funding for School Bond Debt reimbursement
  - Full funding for Community Assistance Program

## Increase in K-12 Education for ASD

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## 2024 Legislature - Capital Budget House District Summary - Enrolled Structure

<b>Numbers and Language</b> <b>Fund Groups: Unrestricted General</b> <b>Non Mental Health Transactions</b> <b>District by Impact</b>
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House District	[1] GovTOTAL	[2] SenTotal	[3] HouseT	[4] AdjournT	[4] - [1] GovTOTAL to AdjournT	[4] - [2] SenTotal to AdjournT	[4] - [3] HouseT to AdjournT
1 Ketchikan/Wrangell/Metliakat	5,000.0	6,860.0	6,860.0	6,860.0	1,860.0	37.2 %	0.0
2 Sitka/Petersburg/Yakutat	-	6,295.7	6,295.7	6,295.7	6,295.7	>999 %	0.0
3-4 Juneau Areawide	3,183.5	8,593.5	8,593.5	8,593.5	5,410.0	169.9 %	0.0
1-4 Southeast Region	9,500.0	9,500.0	9,500.0	9,500.0	0.0		0.0
5 Kodiak/Seward/Cordova	-	2,917.0	2,917.0	2,917.0	2,917.0	>999 %	0.0
6-8 Kenai Areawide	-	3,534.8	7,034.8	7,034.8	7,034.8	>999 %	3,500.0
9 S Anchorage/Turnagain/Whit	-	1,179.7	1,179.7	1,179.7	1,179.7	>999 %	0.0
10 Oceanview/Klatt	-	2,200.0	2,200.0	2,200.0	2,200.0	>999 %	0.0
11 Lower Hillside	-	640.0	640.0	640.0	640.0	>999 %	0.0
12 Far North Bicentennial Prk	-	2,160.0	2,160.0	2,160.0	2,160.0	>999 %	0.0
13 Campbell	-	2,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	2,000.0	>999 %	0.0
14 Spenard	-	1,330.0	1,330.0	1,330.0	1,330.0	>999 %	0.0
15 Sand Lake/Campbell Lake	-	1,950.0	2,537.3	2,537.3	2,537.3	>999 %	587.3
9-24 Anchorage Areawide	1,700.0	49,846.4	60,969.1	60,969.1	59,269.1	>999 %	11,122.8
25-30 Mat-Su Areawide	-	5,800.0	26,292.4	26,292.4	26,292.4	>999 %	20,492.4
6-30 Southcentral Region	-	420.0	420.0	420.0	420.0	>999 %	0.0
31-35 Fairbanks Areawide	18,220.0	20,315.0	34,035.0	34,035.0	15,815.0	86.8 %	13,720.0
36 Cop Riv/Delta/Tok/Yuk Drn	5,250.0	1,685.0	2,685.0	2,685.0	-2,565.0	-48.9 %	1,000.0
37 Bristol By/Aleutian/Kuspuk	-	900.0	2,500.0	2,500.0	2,500.0	>999 %	1,600.0
38 Lower Kuskokwim	3,986.5	5,836.5	6,836.5	6,836.5	2,850.0	71.5 %	1,000.0
39 Bering Straits/Yukon Delta	350.0	1,857.5	2,857.5	2,857.5	2,507.5	716.4 %	1,000.0
40 Arctic	-	1,240.0	2,830.0	2,830.0	2,830.0	>999 %	1,590.0
1-40 Statewide	268,047.2	311,800.8	357,681.9	357,681.9	89,634.7	33.4 %	45,881.1
<b>Statewide Total</b>	<b>315,237.1</b>	<b>448,861.8</b>	<b>550,355.3</b>	<b>550,355.3</b>	<b>235,118.2</b>	<b>74.6 %</b>	<b>101,493.5</b>
Funding Summary							
Unrestricted General (UGF)	315,237.1	448,861.8	550,355.3	550,355.3	235,118.2	74.6 %	101,493.5

Municipality of Anchorage	Low barrier housing shelter	4,000,000
Shiloh Community Development Inc.	Anchorage Reads Program	490,000
Shiloh Community Housing Inc.	Community Resource Center	400,000
Southcentral Foundation	Design, Construct, Equip Crisis Center	3,500,000
Anchorage 100th Avenue and Victor Road	Intersection safety improvements	500,000
Airport Heights Elementary School	Walkway Connector	50,000
Airport Heights Traffic calming	Traffic calming	200,000
Performing Arts Center	Safety System upgrades	200,000
ASD - Klatt Elementary	Wall seismic improvements	260,000
ASD - Mears Middle School	School supplies and Equipment	50,000
ASD - Klatt Elementary	Supplies and equipment	50,000
ASD Bettye Davis High School	Stadium, safety and drainage upgrades	500,000
Chugach State Park Access	Canyon Road Parking Lot	450,000
Davis Park Remediation Project	Remediation and Improvements	200,000
Anch. Disaster evacuation routes - Hillside	Evacuation routes	300,000
Eagle River road	Drainage System and Rehab	525,000
South Birchwood Loop	Sidewalk Safety Corridor to connect to Old Glenn Hwy	500,000
Girdwood, Inc	Girdwood workforce childcare project	500,000
Alaska Long Trail Girdwood	Flatop safety realignment/Iditarod Trail upgrade	679,000
Anton Anderson Whitter Tunnel	Maintenance and operations	2,700,000
Anchorage Eldon subdivision	Water access project	2,200,000
Anchorage Hillside LRSA	RRSA drainage and ditching	240,000
Anchorage O'Malley elementary	Safe pedestrian crossing	400,000
Anchorage Parks Foundation	Meadow park picnic, sidewalk and park improvements	225,000
Service Singletrack Advocates	Singletrack Trail project	385,000
Anchorage Abbott Road	Safe Routes to Schools improvements	600,000

Anchorage - Basel street rehab.	72nd Ave to Lore road	150,000
Anchorage - Campbell airstrip	rebuild	500,000
Anchorage -Elmore Road/84th Ave - Coventry	Traffic and pedestrian safety improvements	300,000
Anchorage - Taku Lake Park to Old Seward hwy	76th Ave surface rehab	2,000,000
Anchorage Community Foundation	Midtown Park Family Chalet	390,000
Anchorage - Northern Lights Blvd south barrier fence	Rogers Park Elementary to Drake Drive	1,000,000
Anchorage - Senate District H	Residential pavement rehab	1,950,000
Alaska child and family	Remodel bathrooms at residential facility	389,000
Alaska Literacy Program	Advanced English classes	94,960
Alaska Literacy Program	Facility expansion	445,000
Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	Short term skilled nursing	15,000,000
Alaska Trails - Alaska Long trail	Ram Valley access and Trailhead parking lot	1,000,000
Alaska Trails - Ship Creek trail	Arctic to Indian	500,000
Anchorage Community Land Trust	Commercial kitchen, incubator and food security	500,000
Anchorage Museum	Energy efficient upgrades	315,000
Anchorage Mushing District	Anchorage Dog Mushing District Project	245,000
Anchorage Parks Foundation - Alaska Long Trail	Glenn Hwy to Far North Bicentennial Park	80,000
Anchorage Parks Foundation - Alaska Long Trail	Indigenous Gateway downtown Anchorage	250,000
Anchorage Parks Foundation - Arnold Muldoon Park	Repairs and improvements	50,000
Anchorage Parks Foundation - Cheney Lake	Repairs and improvements	1,835,000
Anchorage Parks Foundation - Chugach Foothills Park	Repairs and improvements	25,000
Anchorage Parks Foundation - Lanie Fleischer Chester Creek Park	Trail enhancements	98,425
Anchorage Parks Foundation - Nunaka Valley North	Playground repairs and improvements	300,000
Anchorage Parks Foundation	put door storage and event equipment	30,200
Anchorage Parks Foundation	Trail connectivity	40,000
Anchorage Parks Foundation	Muldoon Park	40,000
Anchorage Park Foundation	University Medical District trail system	50,000



Blood Bank of Alaska	Blood donor testing Lab	1,500,000
Boys and Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska	Mountain View Community Center exterior upgrades	82,500
Chugach Mountain Bike Riders	Alaska Long Trail Peters Creek Trail assessment and design	60,000
Covenant House Alaska	Youth homeless prevention project	315,000
Denali Commission -	No-federal match for federal infrastructure projects	7,000,000
Dimond Alumni Special Projects	Install scoreboard at Bartlett High School	150,000
Habitat for Humanity Anchorage	Multi unit new home and parcel development	750,000
Hmong Alaska Community	Hmong Veterans Memorial	50,000
Jack and Jill America	Educational initiatives within the community	10,000
Kids Corps	Finalize cloud migration	25,000
Omega Psi Fraternity	Education initiative within community	15,000
Outreaching Lives	Repairs and renovations of Anchorage properties	20,000
Samoa Tribals Council of Alaska	Re-Entry and Restorative Justice Program	277,250
Anchorage Airport Heights Elementary	walkway connector	50,000
Anchorage Airport Heights Elementary	Traffic calming	200,000
Anchorage Alaska Center for Performing Arts	Safety System Upgrades	200,000
Anchorage Bettye Davis High School	Stadium Safety upgrades and drainage	500,000
Anchorage - Davis Park	Davis Park remediation and improvements	200,000
Anchorage - Eagle River Road	Drainage system rehab	525,000
Anchorage - Parwater Ave to Meyer street	Formal development of existing informal pathway	25,000
Anchorage - Harvard Park	Expansion planning	50,000
Anchorage - Northern Lights Blvd. at Bragaw street	Pedestrian Crossing improvements	300,000
Anchorage - Starner Street	Bridge replacement and North Birchwood Emergency Access route	1,000,000
Anchorage - Tikishia Park	Spur trail repaving	100,000
Anchorage - Tyonek Drive	Surface rehab	500,000
Anchorage - Windsong Park	Repairs and improvements	300,000
Anchorage - Upper De Armoun Road	Upgrade - Hillside Drive to Jeanne road	1,688,000
Anchorage - Arctic Valley Trailhead	Preliminary design/feasibility study for parking expansion	175,000

# MUNICIPAL BUDGET ITEMS PASSED

- ✓ Recapitalization of the Community Assistance Fund for FY24 and FY25, which will mean full payments to communities in FY25 and FY26.
- ✓ \$7 million to the Denali Commission to provide non-federal match for competitive grants that are allowing local governments to replace aging infrastructure. We know how important this is for local and tribal governments.
- ✓ \$26.5 million for the School Major Maintenance Grant Fund, as well as fully reimbursing for school bond and harbor debt service.
- ✓ \$77.2 million to AHFC for a variety of programs that will lower the cost of housing for Alaskans across the state



# LEGISLATION

# ENERGY

## **HB 50 – Carbon Capture Utilization and Sequestration; Gas Storage**

### **Carbon Capture and Sequestration**

Sets up a statutory framework for the state to lease depleted gas wells to store carbon dioxide deep underground.

### **Gas Storage**

Sets up a regulatory framework for RCA oversight of the State's gas storage, particularly needed in Cook Inlet to ensure more gas supply during peak seasons.

### **AIDEA Reserve Based Lending**

Intended to incentivize the smaller producers in Cook Inlet through an asset-based financing mechanism in the oil and gas industry in which loans are made based on either undeveloped or developed and producing oil and gas assets.

### **Geothermal**

The geothermal section in the bill incorporates legislation originally introduced by Governor Dunleavy, (House Bill 74 and Senate Bill 69) that redefines geothermal energy and expands that size of the tracts that may be leased for development.

### **HB 273 – Alaska Energy Independence Fund – ‘Green Bank’**

- Establishes the Alaska Energy Independence Fund at the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, intended to capture both private and federal clean energy funding and to offer loans for renewable energy project.
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- Mandatory State & Local Tax Exemptions: Independent Power Producers (IPP) who constructs an electricity generation facility or electricity storage facility and places that facility into service on or after July 1, 2024 will not be subject to state and local property, income and excise tax if the generation is sold or provided exclusively to a public utility. This provision is intended to keep rates to consumers as low as possible.
- Expands the criteria the RCA may look at for determining Just and Reasonable Rates to include whether the purpose of the rate is to increase diversity of supply, promote load growth, or enhance energy reliability or energy security.

### **SB 152 – Community Energy**

- Allows multiple ratepayers to pool their resources to receive net metering benefits from a single project.

# PREEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL TAXES

## **SB 179 – Preemption of a municipal sales tax on the transfer of real property; Ag Land Mandatory Exemptions; Municipal Assessor Requirements**

Prohibits cities and boroughs from collecting a sales or use tax on the transfer of real property, and further would prohibit the state from levying or collecting a sales or use tax on the transfer of real property.

This bill was amended to include several other bills:

### **Expansion of the Ag Land and Structures Mandatory Exemption (SB 161)**

- This bill allows inclusion of structures on farm use land that are used for farm operations as part of a farm unit to be assessed on the basis of full and true value for farm use and may not be assessed as if subdivided or used for some other nonfarm purpose. It allows a municipality to partially or totally exempt a farm structure used exclusively for farming activity, or purposes directly related to farming activity from taxation, if the farm structure is owned or leased by a person that is actively engaged in farming and that derives at least 10 percent of the person's yearly gross income from farming activity.
- The property owner wishing to file for farm use classification having no history of farm-related income may submit a declaration of intent at the time of filing the application with the assessor setting out the intended use of the land and is certifying the intent to file an Internal Revenue Service Schedule F (Form 1040). Farm use is defined as products for sale that exceed \$1,000 in a tax year.

## Property Assessments (HB 347)

- Requires the Department of Commerce to adopt assessment standards consistent with those of the International Association of Assessing Officers.
- Assessors shall be required to determine the full and true value of property as of January 1st using standards adopted by the Department or by standards provided by Local Ordinance.
- Requires a Municipal Assessor to hold a Level 3 Certification from the Alaska Association of Assessing Officers, or work under the supervision of someone with this certification.
- Directs City Councils or Borough Assemblies to appoint one or more Boards of Equalization for hearing an appeal from a determination of the Assessor and prohibits the Board of Equalization from raising the property assessment within the current year unless requested to do so by the appellant.
- A person receiving an assessment notice shall advise the assessor of errors or omissions and may request the assessor meet with them and answer reasonable questions relating to the methods used to determine the assessment. The meeting may be online or telephonic.
- Removes the 2.65 floor for required local contribution for schools for optional economic development exemptions approved by voters in a municipality.

**\*\*Mandatory and Optional Senior Property Tax Exemption Expansion:** There was a move at the end that tried to increase the mandatory senior exemption from \$150.0 to \$450.0 and increasing the optional exemption to \$150.0 -- which ultimately did not succeed.

# CRIME

## HB 66 – Ominbus Crime Package

- Increases the penalty for distributing fentanyl or methamphetamine that directly results in death from manslaughter to second degree murder.
- Closes a gap between our criminal justice system and our behavioral health system when a person is incompetent to stand trial and should be committed to the Alaska Psychiatric Institute. (SB 53 by Sen. Claman)
- Requires out-of-state sex offenders who move to Alaska register in Alaska (SB 65 by the Governor)
- It changes the term "child pornography" to "child sexual abuse material." (HB 265 by Rep. Sarah Vance)
- Establishes the crime of assault in the presence of a child as a class A misdemeanor (HB 11 by Rep. Andy Josephson)
- The bill allows police officers to summarize crime-victim statements in grand-jury proceedings. (SB 65 by the Governor)
- Directs the state to examine why minority groups are overrepresented in state prisons and make recommendations to reduce the number of people who commit crimes after being released from prison.
- Makes it a Class B felony to induce someone into sex trafficking by withholding drugs or a passport.

# EDUCATION / HEALTHCARE / CHILDCARE

## ***Crime Cont.***

### **SB 151 – Missing and Murdered Indigenous People**

The bill amends state law to require the Department of Public Safety to establish a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission and to employ at least two persons to investigate missing and murdered indigenous persons.

## **EDUCATION**

### **HB 148 – Alaska Performance Scholarship; Education Tax Credits; TVEP Grants**

- Updates the Performance Scholarship program;
- Amends the Alaska Reads Act that had prevented rural Head Start programs from accessing funding.
- Extends the Education Tax Credit Program and the Technical Vocational Education Program

### **SB 189 -- Commission on Aging; Childcare Tax Credit**

- Extends the Commission on Aging
- Creates a childcare tax credit encouraging employers to contribute to their employees' childcare expenses.

### **HB 193 – Internet for Schools**

- Provides funding for internet services to assist eligible schools in their district reach up to 100 megabytes per second download speed for internet services.

### **HB 202 – Opioids in Schools; Correspondence Program**

- Requires all school districts to keep at least two opioid overdose drug kits in each main school building and at least one person trained to administer the opioid overdose drug is present during all hours that the main school building is open to students or the public.
- Instructs the State Board of Education to write temporary regulations allowing the Correspondence Program to continue. The regulations will expire next year giving the Supreme Court time to rule on the case.



# HEALTHCARE

## *Education Cont.*

### **HB 230 – Retired Teachers; Incentive Bonus**

- Allows retired educators to receive a certificate that is good for life allowing the educator to work for up to 165 consecutive days in the State as a long-term substitute teacher.
- Incentive payment of \$5,000 to teachers employed by the district with have a current national board certification.
- Reimburse teachers who are pursuing an initial national board certification or renewal of a national board certification for the costs of course materials, registration, and testing.
- Removes the limit on the number of years of out-of-state school experience that may be substituted for in-state experience for the purpose of determining a teacher's salary.

## **HEALTHCARE**

### **HB 17 Contraceptives Coverage**

Requires a health care insurer to provide coverage for contraceptives and to provide reimbursement for a 12-month supply of contraceptives mandating the State and Municipal employee health benefit plans, Medicaid, and plans subject to Title 21.

### **HB 126 – Professional Counselors**

House Bill 126 will help Alaska attract and retain talented behavioral health professionals to the state by allowing qualified candidates to obtain licensure as Associate Counselors and creates a pathway towards full accreditation as Licensed Professional Counselors in Alaska.



## ***Healthcare cont.***

### **HB 147 – Workers' Compensation Reemployment Rights and Benefits**

- Relating to Workers' Compensation reemployment rights and benefits;
- Reestablishing a Workers' Compensation Stay-At-Work program;
- Relating to the Workers' Compensation Benefits Guaranty Fund;
- Presumption of Compensability for Workers' Compensation Claims related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Extending the Alaska Senior Benefits Payment program

### **HB 226 – Pharmacy Benefit Managers**

- Extends state regulatory oversight and adds guidelines for Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs.

### **HB 237 – Nurse License Reinstatement Permit**

- Allows temporary permits to be issued to nurses looking to reinstate their lapsed Alaska licenses.

### **HB 344 – 1115 Waiver Demonstration Social Determinates of Health; Medicaid in Schools; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits**

#### **1115 Demonstration Social Determinates of Health**

Defines “health-related needs” to include social or economic conditions that contribute to an individual’s poor health outcomes, such as nutrition and food security, workforce development, transportation, temporary housing, and allows the State to move forward in negotiations with CMS.

## ***Healthcare cont.***

### **Medicaid in Schools**

Expands school-based services to include all children who are Medicaid eligible and repeals the requirements that the child must be disabled and have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) to qualify.

### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program**

SNAP provisions mandate the Division of Public Assistance to execute Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility within the (SNAP) and allows the state to waive SNAP's asset test.

### **SB 134 – Insurance**

Prohibits insurance companies from charging women at elevated risk for breast cancer for more detailed examinations more than routine mammograms (HB 285 Rep. Fields).

# OTHER

## **HB 251 – Exempts homemade foods from labeling and inspection requirements.**

Updates loan limits from the Alaska Division of Agriculture's Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund Increases the categories of loans to include food manufacturing and shipping and allows refinancing of loans

## **HB 345 – Municipal Harbor Safety Ladders**

Requires safety ladders in all harbor projects that receive money from the state's harbor facility grant fund.

## **SB 67 – PFAS**

Prohibits the use of PFAS-containing foam.

## **SB 127 – Rental Car Tax**

This bill requires vehicle rental platforms such as Turo to collect and remit the existing State rental car tax.

# FAILED LEGISLATION

## **Public Employee Defined Benefit – SB 88 (Passed Senate Only)**

Would have created a Tier 5 Defined Benefit plan for all public employees, part of an effort to attract and retain public employees.

## **HB 183 – Transgender Sports Ban (Passed House Only)**

Elements of the bill, which would have limited membership on girls' school sports teams to students who were female at birth, have already been passed into regulation by the State Board of Education, and the Alaska School Activities Association has been enforcing that regulation since last year.