

Legislative Update



News and Notes from Juneau

Bills of Interest Introduced this Week

SB 60: REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION
SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI

HB 63: REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION
REPRESENTATIVE RAUSCHER

CHAAR will be tracking these two pieces of legislation as the commission serves as a level of oversight outside of the already overburdened court system. If the bill were to pass all worker's compensation appeals would be heard by the appeals court. We will keep everyone apprised of the legislations movement.

Committee Meetings Next Week

House Labor and Commerce

Feb 13 Monday 3:15 PM

Presentation: Child Care Overview in Alaska

Feb 15 Wednesday 3:15 PM BARNES 124

Presentation: Overview from State of Alaska Broadband by Thomas Lochner, Director

Feb 17 Friday 3:15 PM

HB 63: REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION

HB 57: EMERGENCY MED. SVCS: REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS

Senate Labor and Commerce

Feb 13 Monday 1:30 PM

Workforce Challenges in Alaska from the Perspective of Public Education Presenters:

- Dr. Lisa Parady, Executive Director, Alaska Council of School Administrators
- Tom Klaameyer, President, NEA-Alaska
- Lon Garrison, Executive Director, Association of Alaska School Boards

Feb 15 Wednesday 1:30 PM

Workforce Challenges in Alaska from the Perspective of Labor Unions Presenters:

- Joelle Hall, Executive President, AFL-CIO
- Shannon Adamson, Vice-President, Masters, Mates and Pilots, Retired
- Jordan Adams, Business Manager, Public Employees Local 71

Feb 17 Friday 1:30 PM

Workforce Challenges in Alaska from the Perspective of Alaska Municipal League

SB 55: EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD

House Judiciary

Feb 13 Monday 1:30 PM

Presentation: The Benefits of Government Appropriation Limits by Alaska Policy Forum

Feb 15 Wednesday 1:00 PM

HJR 2: CONST. AM: APPROP LIMIT

HB 38: APPROPRIATION LIMIT; GOV BUDGET

Feb 17 Friday 1:30 PM

HJR 3: CONCEALED HANDGUN RECIPROCITY B/W STATES

Senate Judiciary

Feb 13 Monday 1:30 PM

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 15 Wednesday 1:30 PM

Presentation: Department of Law Criminal Division Overview

Feb 17 Friday 1:30 PM

Presentation: Public Defender Agency Overview

Other Happenings & Hearings of Interest

Senator Sullivan comes to Juneau

Alaska's US Senator Dan Sullivan delivered his annual address to a joint session earlier this week. He touched on issues like resource development in Alaska, investing in more icebreakers and Alaska's strategic military importance to the United States.

He called lawmakers to action by asking them to quickly pass a resolution supporting the permitting of the Willow project on the North Slope. The project recently got good news when the latest environmental impact statement from the Bureau of Land Management, found it could meet environmental standards if they limit it to three of the five planned wells. The Department of Interior has 30 days to finalize the BLM decision.

Upcoming Fly-ins and Conferences

AARP Fly-in: Feb 13th – 15th

AK Hospital and Healthcare Association Fly-in: Feb 13th – 14th

Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Fly-in: Feb 14th – 16th

AFL-CIO of Alaska Fly-in: Feb 15th – 16th