



**Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes  
Spenard Community Council  
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## Happy New Year!

As we leave 2021 behind, we have a lot to look forward to in this new year. We are gearing up to finish the second half of the 32nd Alaska State Legislative. I'm hopeful that 2022 will be a year of prosperity and I want to personally thank my constituents for your support. I am looking forward to continuing to serve as your Senator.

As previously mentioned, I plan to introduce two new bills once session begins on January 18, 2022.

**Caretaker Bill** will increase wages, restore hours, and reduce barriers to access and provide care.

**Sex Education Bill** would require age-appropriate sex education to be taught in schools.

**Non-Discrimination Bill** is a companion bill to Representative Josephson's HB17 that would make it illegal to discriminate against one based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Many of you may recall the bills I introduced last year:

SB 1 CHOKEHOLD BAN  
SB 2 PEACE OFFICERS: DE ESCALATION, MISCONDUCT  
SB 3 POLICE OFFICERS: ORAL WARNING/DE-ESCALATE  
SB 4 PROHIBIT PEACE OFFICERS FROM SHOOTING AT A MOVING VEHICLE  
SB 5 PROCLAIM JUNETEENTH DAY A HOLIDAY  
SB 7 STATE TROOPER POLICIES: PUBLIC ACCESS  
SB 46 LAW ENFORCEMENT: REGISTRY; USE OF FORCE  
SB47 VEHICLE REGISTRATION/PERSONS W/DISABILITY- PASSED IN 2021  
SB 80 PUBLIC SCHOOLS MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

## **Governor Dunleavy's Budget Highlights**

### **FY22 Supplemental**

- Governor proposes \$795.6 million supplemental PFD, bringing the total to \$1.5 billion to match the 50/50 proposal.

## **FY23 Budget Proposal**

### **Overall Picture**

- Total UGF spending of \$4.6 billion (not including PFD), resulting in a \$26.7 million projected post-transfer surplus.
- Utilizes \$375.4 million of ARPA revenue replacement, so the pre-transfer deficit would be about \$350 million.
- Pays out 50/50 PFD of \$1.68 billion, projected to be \$2,564 per recipient.
- No ERA overdraws or CBR draws.
- Does not include reverse sweep.

### **Operating Budget**

- Agency Operations increase by \$13.8 million (0.4%) UGF overall.
- Three major reductions without service changes totaling \$123.6 million:
- K-12 student count change: (\$18.8) million
- Medicaid: \$45.5 million
- Multiple Department of Public Safety increases (State Troopers, VPSOs, aircraft): \$16 million
- University of Alaska: \$4.1 million increase
- Central Services rate adjustments: \$4.1 million UGF
- Department of Corrections increases for Hiland Mountain and other programs: \$4.1 million
- Wildland Fire Protection increases: \$3.8 million
- Other smaller items net to about a \$21 million increase including contractual salary adjustments
- Department of Health and Social Services once again proposed to be split into two departments: Department of Family and Community Services and Department of Health.
- School Debt Reimbursement and REAA Fund deposit funded at 100%
- Retirement payments down by \$116.6 million due to FY21 investment performance.
- Community Assistance deposit funded at \$30 million from PCE Fund.
- Oil and Gas Tax Credits funded at 100% (\$199.0 million UGF).

### **Capital Budget**

- \$310.1 million proposed General Obligation Bond package.
- \$154.7 million UGF capital budget (plus \$45.1 million of non-fast track supplemental projects).
- No federal infrastructure bill spending or match – these numbers may change significantly once that is factored in.

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