

Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes
Spenard Community Council
May 4th , 2022

My Senate Bills on the Move

SB 7 State Trooper Policies: Public Access. Was heard in H-JUD on 4/25/22. Bill will now go to the House floor for a vote.

SB 80 Public Schools: Mental health Education. Passed House Finance on a vote of 7-4. Bill will now go to the House floor for a vote.

SB 222 Extend Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board. Was heard in House Finance on 4/20/22. Bill will now go to the House floor for a vote.

Other bills on the move

On April 12, the Alaska State Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 111 "Alaska Reads Act".

This bill seeks to expand universal, voluntary Pre-K and other early learning services, establishes a statewide K-3rd grade reading intervention program, and codifies support for virtual education.

The bill creates four new programs:

- An early education program.
- A comprehensive reading intervention program.
- A school improvement reading program.
- A virtual education consortium.

Budget

On April 9th, the Alaska House of Representatives passed the proposed operating budget (HB281) by a vote of 25-14. The bill is in Senate Finance and will be on the floor for a vote with amendments soon.

Senate Finance has finalized the Capitol Budget which will be on the floor for a vote with amendments then passed to the House for consideration.

Community events:

We were invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Alaskan Veterans Museum, which has been closed for several months due to COVID. The event marked their

grand re-opening. If you have not had the chance to visit the museum, I highly suggest that you do. The museum is in the Sunshine Mall at 411 West 4th Ave.

In addition to this event, I also attended the open house for Alaska Adoption Services. During the event, I was able to learn more about the mission and work of Alaska Adoption Services and how we all can help support families in need.

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Always representing your interests!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elvi Gray-Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "J".

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