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Revenue & Budget Update — Last year's budget was based on oil prices over \$100 per barrel. Prices had soared after Russia invaded Ukraine, but the price of oil has since dropped and is now at \$82 per barrel. Meanwhile, the Department of Natural Resources reports that oil and gas production has been steadily maintained, even in aging oil fields.

As we work to balance this year's budget, I remain committed to holding the line on the Percent of Market Value revenue cap that limits the draw from the Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve and prioritizing essential state services identified in the Alaska Constitution, including public safety, public education, and public health. Our office created an informational video about the Percent of Market Value revenue cap, and the law that created it, during the last legislative session. For a refresher and more information, [check out the video](#) on our YouTube page.

CAPIS Requests — Every year, the legislature uses the Legislative Finance Capital Project Submission and Information System (CAPIS) to allow communities and potential grant recipients to submit project requests to their legislators. CAPIS is now open and live for community member submissions for capital project requests. We encourage community members to work with their community councils or get in touch with our office about specific capital projects needed in our community. Visit <https://www.legfin.akleg.gov/CAPIS/CAPIS.php> for more information.

Legislative Communications — Below are resources for staying up-to-date and engaged:

- Keep Track of Bills – Interested in tracking bills through the legislative process? You can follow along on BASIS: <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/Home/BillsandLaws>. Just type in a bill number in the search bar (ex: HB 60) at the top of the page.
- Watch Committee Meetings – Most committee hearings are broadcast on [Gavel Alaska](#) at www.360north.org or through the [Live Now tab](#) on the BASIS home page. House and Senate floor sessions are also available on Gavel Alaska.
- Access Budget Materials – The [Governor's Office of Management and Budget website](#) has helpful tools and presentations relating to the budget.
- Use Your Legislative Information Office (LIO) – LIOs are a great local resource. The staff at the LIO can help you research bills and issues, navigate the state computer system, and participate in hearings by providing public testimony.
- Chat with Legislative Information Staff – Monday-Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM, you will find a new chat interface in the lower right corner of AKLeg.gov. The LIO staff can help answer questions about finding things on the website, answer questions relating to tracking legislation, and help you get in touch with your legislator. Let us know how we can help you! [Contact the Anchorage LIO](#) – You can reach the LIO by phone at (907) 269-0111 or email at LIO.Anchorage@akleg.gov.