

Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes
Taku/Campbell Community Council
January 8th, 2025

Summary of Governor Dunleavy's Proposed Budget

Budget Overview:

Governor Dunleavy released his budget proposal on December 11, 2025. The plan projects approximately \$15.3 billion in total state revenue, including close to \$6.2 billion in unrestricted general funds. With expenditures exceeding revenues, the budget would require a draw of roughly \$1.5 billion from the Constitutional Budget Reserve, nearly half of the state's remaining savings. Similar approaches have been proposed in past budgets under this administration, which the Legislature has ultimately had to make changes to.

Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD):

The proposal includes a full statutory Permanent Fund Dividend, estimated at about \$3,650 per resident, which would be among the largest in Alaska's history.

Fiscal Context and Debate:

The proposal underscores Alaska's ongoing fiscal challenges, driven by declining revenues, inflation, and decreased oil prices. Reliance on savings and a large dividend has already raised concerns among lawmakers in past debates, who argue that funding a full PFD, while risking underfunding essential state services, is not a sustainable plan for Alaskans now, and for generations in the future.

Outlook:

As we've seen in previous years, a budget centered on a full PFD amid declining oil prices is widely viewed as unmanageable and unrealistic. The Legislature will work to revise the proposal to better balance long-term fiscal stability with essential services, while potentially including new or revised revenue measures during the upcoming session.

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Additional Items Funded in the Governor's FY27 Proposed Budget:

- **\$1.4 billion** for full statutory funding of K–12 schools
- **\$350 million** for public safety
- **\$98 million** for behavioral health treatment
- **\$40 million** for disaster relief
- **\$34 million** for fire suppression
- **\$26 million** for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI)
- **\$13 million** for the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA)
- **\$10 million** for the creation of a Department of Agriculture

For a more comprehensive look at the Governor's proposed budget, visit:
<https://gov.alaska.gov/fy26-governors-proposed-budget/>

Legislative Updates:

The countdown has begun, and soon my staff and I will return to Juneau for the upcoming legislative session. I am excited about the work ahead and the opportunities this session will bring. During the session, I will be actively engaged in committee work and advancing legislation.

Below is an **overview** of the **committees I serve on** and a **list of bills** that I have introduced, several of which will be priorities in the upcoming session my office will be working on:

Main Committees:

- [Chair of the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee](#)
- [Member of the Legislative Council](#)
- [Member of the Senate State Affairs Committee](#)
- [Member of the Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee](#)
- [Member of the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee](#)

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Finance Subcommittees:

- [Member of the Commerce, Community, & Economic Development Committee](#)
- [Member of the Family & Community Services Committee](#)
- [Member of the Senate Health Committee](#)
- [Member of the Senate Labor & Workforce Development Committee](#)

The Bills:

- [SB 6 - Asian American/Pacific Islander Program](#)
- [SB 7 - Chokehold Ban](#)
- [SB 8 - Education for Deaf & Hearing Impaired](#)
- [SB 20 - CPR Curriculum](#)
- [SB 40 - Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- [SB 41 - Public Schools: Mental Health Education](#)
- [SB 42 - Law Enforcement: Registry; Use of Force](#)
- [SB 53 - Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation](#)
- [SB 101 - Health and Personal Safety Education](#)
- [SB 103 - CNA Training](#)
- [SB 119 - Fundamental Rights; Anti-Discrimination bill](#)
- [SB 120 - Climate Change Commission](#)
- [SB 127 - Education for Visually Impaired Students](#)
- [SB 168 - Medical Assistance; Family Planning](#)
- [SCR 4 - Mental Health Month; Tardive Dysk Week](#)

Legislative Budget & Audit Committee

- The Legislative Budget & Audit Committee is currently in the process of planning a meeting for January 2026.

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Interim is Almost Over!

- With the legislative session approaching, my office will soon begin transitioning back to Juneau. My staff is normally in the Anchorage office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and I am typically available from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., unless I have an earlier meeting scheduled with constituents.

Since **December 23rd**, the Anchorage office has had **reduced staffing** for the holiday period as we take time to be with our families. Starting **January 5th**, you may contact my staff at any time using the information below. As we transition to Juneau for session, we will remain fully available to assist you.

I continue to respond to emails personally, so please feel free to reach out if you need assistance during this time. We are always here to help and welcome every opportunity to connect.

Your input and engagement are vital to the legislative process. Please do not hesitate to call our office with questions, concerns, or help with legislation. We look forward to seeing some of you in Juneau during the session.

Always representing your interests!



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