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Legislative Bulletin

A WEEKLY DIGEST OF ACTIVITY BY THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE AND U.S. CONGRESS FOR ALASKA'S SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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Resistant Builds to Education Cuts

University of Alaska President Jim Johnsen told the UA Board of Regents at a special meeting Thursday that the state Senate's nearly \$22 million cut to the statewide system could lead to a midyear tuition increase, the end of certificate and degree programs and continued enrollment declines. See full story [here](#).

Senate Adopts PFD Raffle for Education

The Alaska State Senate on Friday approved [Senate Bill 78](#), a bill that would allow Alaskans to voluntarily sign-up for a raffle to fund education – and possibly win big money – when they send in their annual application for the Permanent Fund dividend. The vote was 19-1.

Senate Elevates Sen. Gary Stevens to Chair Education Committee

The Senate shuffled its leadership team after Sen. Mike Dunleavy, R-Wasilla, announced his resignation from the majority caucus. Senate President Pete Kelly tapped a [veteran Senator](#) and educator to take over the chair of the Education Committee.

Bills Scheduled for Hearings

Saturday, April 15

1:00 p.m. Senate Education Committee

[HCR 8](#) Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center

--Public testimony
Bills previously heard or scheduled

2:00 p.m. Senate Resources Committee (joint with Senate Finance)

[HB 111](#) Oil and Gas Production Tax; Payments; Credits
Overview with legislative consultants

Monday, April 17

5:00 p.m. Senate Resources Committee

[HB 111](#) Oil and Gas Production Tax; Payments; Credits
--Public testimony

Tuesday, April 18

2:00 p.m. Senate Resources

[HB 111](#) Oil and Gas Production Tax; Payments, Credits
Testimony by invitation only

3:00 p.m. House State Affairs Committee

An act creating the North Star Medal (pending introduction)

[HB 125](#) Lao/Hmong Veteran Driving License and ID Card

[HB 224](#) Reemployment of Retired Teachers and Administrators

Wednesday, April 19

2:00 p.m. Senate Resources Committee

[HB 111](#) Oil and Gas Production Tax; Payments, Credits
Testimony by invitation only

Thursday, April 20

3:00 p.m. House State Affairs Committee

[HB 11](#) Retirement Incentive Program for Public
Employees/Teachers
Bills previously heard or scheduled

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Our Mission

The mission of AASB is to advocate for children and youth by assisting school boards in providing quality public education, focused on student achievement, through effective local governance.

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