Advocating in the State Capitol

AASB - Lisa Worl
Prepare

Know your bill number and check BASIS

Read bill (summary, documents, committee) => Who is hearing the bill? Write or speak to those on committee.

Know the schedule – check again if budget moving or near end of session

Write testimony & be sure it is two minutes or less

Legislative Information Office (LIO)
Juneau 586-9085 or 844-586-9085
Meeting Schedule

- **(H) Task Force on Reading Prof & Dyslexia**
  - Joint Committee*
  - Oct 31 Wednesday 1:00 PM
  - Anchorage LG Conf Rm
  - Invited Testimony/Presentations by:
    - Dianne Orr, Anchorage School District
    - Stephanie Cornwell, Northwest Arctic Borough
    - School District
    - Department of Education and Early Development

* first hearing in first committee of referral
+ teleconferenced
= bill was previously heard/scheduled
HB 213

CURRENT STATUS: CHAPTER 80 SLA 18
STATUS DATE: 08/10/2018

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVES PARISH, Guttenberg, Gara, Drummond, Josephson, Tuck

TITLE:
"An Act creating the education endowment fund and the dividend raffle fund; relating to the definition of 'gambling'; relating to the investment, appropriation, and administration of the public school trust fund; authorizing donations from the permanent fund dividend for educational purposes and to enter the permanent fund dividend raffle; relating to transfers from the dividend raffle fund and the education endowment fund; relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue; and providing for an effective date."

Actions: Full Text, Fiscal Notes, Amendments, Minutes and Audio, Documents

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Testimony sign-in sheets are located on table outside door.

Invited testimony may be taken first then open to public comment.

You will be called on by Chair to testify by name from sign-in sheet.

Introduce yourself: Name, affiliation for the record. If not with a group, say you’re testifying as a private citizen or on behalf of yourself & family.
What Makes A Good Testimony

Acknowledge your legislator if your representative or senator is on the committee.

Have a strong introduction, get to the point and be clear whether you support or oppose the bill.

Be specific. Do you support/oppose the entire bill or are there sections? Why? Tie to your own experience to make memorable and impactful.

Be respectful and be brief; keep to time limit and thank legislators for their time.
Final tips

Use Bill tracker [https://www.akleg.gov/basis/btmf_login.asp](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/btmf_login.asp)

BASIS can give you an indication whether committee will be delayed or cancelled.

Call your legislator’s office if they sit on the committee.

Reach out to your legislator out of session for meeting or invite to special events in community.

Get to know your legislative staffers.
BASIS - Publications

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