Priorities & Bill Review

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SB 96

'AK Education Transformation Act'



Sen. Shelley Hughes, R-Anchorage Chair, Senate Education Committee

- Omnibus bill impacting:
 - Funding in 20 districts via School Size Adjustment (SSA)
 - Health insurance
 - Distance Education
 - Unreserved fund balance cap
 - Praxis scores for teachers



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Other impacts:

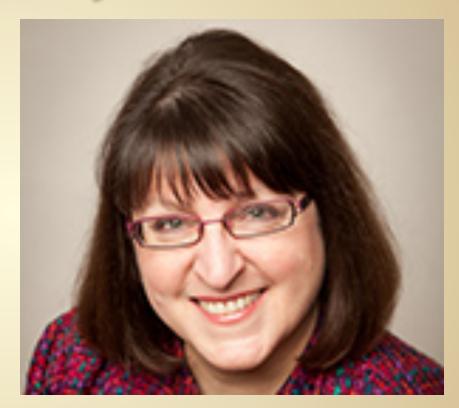
- Professional Teaching
 Practices Commission
- School bus inspections & wages
- Public School Trust Fund
- Status: Senate Education
 Committee (New
 Committee Substitute due
 Monday)



HB 64

Reading Proficiency Task Force

- Creates 15-member task force to examine why 47,000 students below reading proficiency
- Report to Legislature in 2018
- Status: Passed House, in Senate Education Committee

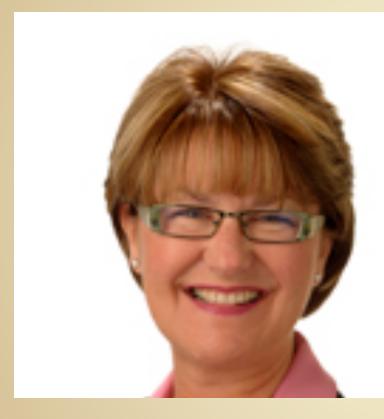


Rep. Harriet Drummond, D-Anchorage Chair, House Education Committee



SB 87

School Construction Standards



Sen. Anna McKinnon, R-Anchorage Co-chair, Senate Finance Committee

- Requires EED to set new energy efficiency & space standards for school construction
- 30-year life for new construction, 20-year life for remodel work
- State would retain ownership of designs
- Status: Senate Finance Committee



HB 135 School Construction Grants

- Lengthens time allowed school districts to match state grant funds for bonded projects (Kivalina project)
- Current status: House floor, Monday calendar



Rep. Dean Westlake, D-Kotzebue



HB 102

Native Language Instruction



Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, D-Sitka

- Expands limited teacher certification to include Native language instruction
- Current status: House floor, on Monday's calendar



HB 146 School Tax, PFD Credit

- Creates graduated tax on personal income, collected as "education tax" but deposited in state treasury
- Allows recipients to deduct tax from PFD
- Current status: House
 Finance Committee



Rep. Matt Claman, D-Anchorage



SB 78 PFD Contributions, Lottery



Sen. Click Bishop, R-Fairbanks

- Creates PFD lottery fund to benefit education
- Each \$100 entry
 allows contributor one
 chance to win lottery
- Status: Senate Finance
 Committee



Civic Education

Civic Education Task Force:



Sen. Gary Stevens, R-Kodiak Chair, Civic Education Task Force

