

TRIP REPORT

Alaska Municipal League Winter Legislative Conference, Juneau

February 19th to 21st, 2019

Fear, anger and disgust are just a handful of the emotions circling around AML members this year due to the unknowns of the Governor's budget proposal. An initial review of the proposed budget would devastate our community. It would mean quite possibly as much as \$9 million reduction in revenues to our budget. His proposal is too not share in the fisheries business tax as well as the resource landing tax. He is proposing cutting school bond debt reimbursement, community assistance as well as power cost equalization, cuts to Medicare, Alaska marine highway among numerous others. The proposed cuts will have a negative effect on the overall economy for Unalaska as well as the State of Alaska.

Anchorage Mayor Ethan Berkowitz, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan, Representatives Edgmon and Wilson, DEC Commissioner Jason Brunes, DCRA Director Sandra Moller, Ralph Townsend and Nils Andreassen as well as others presented at the Conference. The following are links to their presentations.

I had Diane set up some meetings for Council Member Coleman and I with Senators Hoffman and Olsen as well as Representative Edgmon. I also met with Representative Shaws staff.

<https://www.akml.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/DEC-Commissioner-Jason-Brune.pdf>

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