

BLUMER AND ASSOCIATES

City of Unalaska Legislative Report

5/9/21

There is less than two weeks left before the Constitutional adjournment and a closely divided State House has been unable to get an operating budget to the Senate. Traditionally the House originates the budget, working off a draft from the governor, and sends it to the Senate.

There was a big push last weekend to get the budget, House Bill 69, passed last but the effort collapsed in disagreements late Sunday. The bill was sent back to the House Rules Committee to allow time for members to regroup. Now the House is scheduled to reconvene this morning to take up the budget for a second time.

What is complicated beside the payment of the PFD is incorporating over \$1 billion in federal American Rescue Plan funds into the budget and the fact that the criteria for approved spending will not be available until Monday, May 10th. The House proposes to combine part of the new federal money with state funds in its budget bill and leave the rest to be appropriated next year.

If the budget is not passed by May 19th, the Legislature can extend the session by 10 days if 2/3rds votes in each body can be rounded up, but at this point that is questionable. If that does not happen, the Governor can call them back into extended session if he does so within an hour of adjournment of the last body. If that determination is not made by the Governor, he will have to wait 30 days to call them back. If a budget is not passed by June 30th, that could result in a government shutdown.

Senate Finance did walk-through of the draft SB 49 Thursday and will begin in-depth work Monday, May 10. Co-chair Stedman asked for amendments to be sent to him by last Friday. Here's a few items of interest in the Senate draft budget: School debt assistance at \$85.3 million (for municipalities) is fully funded, as is \$46 million to Rural Education Attendance Areas (major maintenance). The community assistance fund is bulked up and \$30 million is available in FY 2022 for payments to municipalities; \$2 billion is moved from the Permanent Fund's earnings reserve to the protected corpus of the Fund (this is a "placeholder" for further discussion, Sen. Stedman said), which should leave \$9.6 billion of "realized" earnings (available for expenditure) in the Earnings Reserve.

Not much movement on substantial legislation but a few bills of interest were heard last week:

HB 100- Extending Workforce Investment Board Allocations which extends the TEVP grants is still being held in Senate Finance. While not on the schedule, hopefully it will be brought up under bills previously heard.

HB 104- Motor Fuel Tax Bill was heard in House Finance last week, there was much deliberation about the exemptions for commercial fishing vessels and off-road vehicles. Several legislators agree it is time to increase the fuel tax but do not believe the “carve outs” should remain in place. This bill will be back up for public testimony at 9:00am Tuesday May 11th.

SB 123- the Governor's energy independence program funded through AIDEA heard invited and public testimony in Senate Finance last week, at this point it is not on the schedule but can be brought back up under bills previously heard. The Governor's office has requested AGC support on this legislation.

Weekly Schedule

Time	Description
Mon 5/10/21 8:00 AM	SB 20 - Out Of State Teacher Reciprocity
	DAVIS 106 - HOUSE EDUCATION
Mon 5/10/21 8:00 AM	HB 18 - Teachers: National Board Certification
	DAVIS 106 - HOUSE EDUCATION
Mon 5/10/21 9:00 AM	HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds
	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE
Mon 5/10/21 1:30 PM	SB 31 - Prohibiting Binding Caucuses
	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE JUDICIARY
Mon 5/10/21 1:30 PM	SB 11 - Community Property Trusts
	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE JUDICIARY
Mon 5/10/21 1:30 PM	SB 7 - State Trooper Policies: Public Access
	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE JUDICIARY
Mon 5/10/21 1:30 PM	HB 70 - Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend
	ADAMS 519 - HOUSE FINANCE
Tue 5/11/21 9:00 AM	SB 25 - State Gov't Finances: Website
	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE
Tue 5/11/21 9:00 AM	HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds
	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE
Tue 5/11/21 11:30 AM	HB 37 - Income Tax; Permanent Fund; Earnings Res.
	DAVIS 106 - HOUSE WAYS & MEANS

Time	Description
Tue 5/11/21 1:00 PM	SB 12 - Military Spouse Courtesy License
Tue 5/11/21 1:30 PM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS HB 63 - Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board
Tue 5/11/21 3:00 PM	BELTZ 105 (TSBldg) - SENATE TRANSPORTATION SB 32 - College Credit For High School Students
Wed 5/12/21 9:00 AM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS HJR 1 - Const Am: Permanent Fund; Pomv;earnings
Wed 5/12/21 9:00 AM	ADAMS 519 - HOUSE FINANCE HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds
Wed 5/12/21 1:30 PM	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE HB 70 - Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend
Wed 5/12/21 1:30 PM	ADAMS 519 - HOUSE FINANCE HB 3 - Definition Of "disaster": Cybersecurity
Wed 5/12/21 3:15 PM	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE JUDICIARY SB 12 - Military Spouse Courtesy License
Wed 5/12/21 3:30 PM	BARNES 124 - HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE HB 41 - Shellfish Projects; Hatcheries; Fees
Thu 5/13/21 9:00 AM	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE RESOURCES HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds
Thu 5/13/21 10:00 AM	SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE HB 82 - Gas Leases; Renewable Energy Grant Fund
Thu 5/13/21 11:30 AM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE FISHERIES HB 37 - Income Tax; Permanent Fund; Earnings Res.
Thu 5/13/21 1:00 PM	DAVIS 106 - HOUSE WAYS & MEANS SB 12 - Military Spouse Courtesy License
Thu 5/13/21 1:30 PM	GRUENBERG 120 - HOUSE MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS HB 75 - Employer Contributions To Pers
Fri 5/14/21 9:00 AM	ADAMS 519 - HOUSE FINANCE HB 69 - Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds SENATE FINANCE 532 - SENATE FINANCE

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Fri 5/14/21 1:30 PM	SB 41 - Health Insurance Info.; Incentive Program
	BELTZ 105 (TSBldg) - SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE
Fri 5/14/21 1:30 PM	HB 3 - Definition Of "disaster": Cybersecurity
	BUTROVICH 205 - SENATE JUDICIARY
Sat 5/15/21 11:30 AM	HB 37 - Income Tax; Permanent Fund; Earnings Res.
	DAVIS 106 - HOUSE WAYS & MEANS

Here is the link to more information about the committee hearings, at this time of year it is good to check daily if you are watching a hearing as they change frequently.

<http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/index.php?tab2=type%3DAI%26com%3D%26startDate%3D05%2F09%2F2021%26endDate%3D05%2F17%2F2021%26chamber%3D#tab2>

<u>Bills of Interest</u>				
Bill	Short Title	Prime Sponsors	Current Status	Status Date
HB 2	Minimum Age To Sell Tobacco/nicotine	RAUSCHER	(H) CRA	2/18/2021
HB 3	Definition Of "disaster": Cybersecurity	JOHNSON	(S) JUD	5/7/2021
HB 4	Business/prof. License Immunity Covid-19	JOHNSON	(H) L&C	2/18/2021
HB 9	Income Tax; Pfd Payment/credit	HANNAN	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 11	Defensive Display Of Firearm	RAUSCHER	(H) CRA	2/18/2021
HB 12	Hold Legislative Sessions In Anchorage	RAUSCHER	(H) CRA	2/18/2021
HB 15	Temp Permits & Licenses; Military License	THOMPSON	(H) L&C	2/18/2021
HB 16	Search And Rescue Surplus State Property	JOHNSON	(H) CRA	2/18/2021

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HB 18	Teachers: National Board Certification	KREISS-TOMKINS	(H) EDC	3/10/2021
HB 23	Ballot Custody/tamper; Voting; Voter Reg	RAUSCHER	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 26	Conflict Of Interest: Bd Fisheries/game	HOUSE FISHERIES	(H) RLS	4/16/2021
HB 28	Registration Of Boats: Exemption	HOUSE FISHERIES	(H) RLS	5/3/2021
HB 30	Workers' Comp: Death; Perm Partial Impair	JOSEPHSON	(H) FIN	4/7/2021
HB 31	Observe Daylight Saving Time All Year	ORTIZ	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 37	Income Tax; Permanent Fund; Earnings Res.	WOOL	(H) W&M	4/28/2021
HB 41	Shellfish Projects; Hatcheries; Fees	ORTIZ	(S) RES	5/3/2021
HB 45	Workers' Comp. And Contagious Diseases	JOSEPHSON	(H) FIN	3/20/2021
HB 50	Municipal Regulation Of Trapping	JOSEPHSON	(H) RES	2/18/2021
HB 55	Peace Officer/firefighter Retire Benefits	JOSEPHSON	(H) FIN	4/16/2021
HB 56	Power Cost Equalization	FOSTER	(H) CRA	2/18/2021
HB 57	Funds Subject To Cbr Sweep Provision	JOSEPHSON	(H) FIN	4/5/2021
HB 59	Workplace Violence Protective Orders	CLAMAN	(H) STA	2/18/2021

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HB 63	Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board	STUTES	(S) TRA	5/7/2021
HB 64	Fishery Development Assoc.; Assessments	STUTES	(H) FIN	4/21/2021
HB 65	Boards Of Fisheries And Game Confirmation	STUTES	(H) FSH	2/18/2021
HB 66	Elections, Voting, Ballots	TUCK	(H) STA	4/21/2021
HB 67	Approp: K-12 Acad. Recovery From Covid-19	STORY	(H) EDC	2/18/2021
HB 68	Approp: Supplemental; Amending	RULES	(H) FIN	2/18/2021
HB 69	Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds	RULES	(H) CALENDAR 5/10	5/7/2021
HB 70	Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend	RULES	(H) FIN	3/31/2021
HB 72	Approp: Era For Payment Of Pfd	RULES	(H) FIN	2/18/2021
HB 73	Perm Fund; Advisory Vote	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 75	Employer Contributions To Pers	RULES	(H) FIN	5/1/2021
HB 76	Extending Covid 19 Disaster Emergency	RULES	CHAPTER 2 SLA 21	4/30/2021
HB 79	Saltwater Sportfishing Operators/guides	RULES	(H) RLS	4/26/2021
HB 82	Gas Leases; Renewable Energy Grant Fund	RULES	(H) FSH	3/1/2021
HB 84	Approp: Supp; Reapprop; Amending; Cbr	RULES	(H) FIN	2/18/2021
HB 88	Equal Pay & Minimum Wage Act	TARR	(H) STA	2/18/2021

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HB 93	G.o. Bonds: State Infrastructure Projects	RULES	(H) FIN	2/18/2021
HB 95	Elections; Election Investigations	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 96	Elections; Voting; Ballot Reqs	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HB 134	Amhs Operation & Planning Board	RULES	(H) TRA	3/10/2021
HB 135	Geothermal Resources	RULES	(H) RES	3/10/2021
HB 181	Approp: Special; American Rescue Plan Act	RULES	(H) FIN	4/19/2021
HJR 1	Const Am: Permanent Fund; Pomv; Earnings	KREISS-TOMKINS	(H) FIN	5/1/2021
HJR 2	Const. Am: 90 Day Regular Session	CLAMAN	(H) JUD	4/9/2021
HJR 6	Const. Am: Approp Limit; Budget Reserve	RULES	(H) W&M	3/24/2021
HJR 7	Const. Am: Perm Fund & Pfds	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HJR 8	Const. Am: State Tax; Voter Approval	RULES	(H) STA	2/18/2021
HJR 13	Urge Exemption For Cruise Ships	ORTIZ	(H) TRA	3/1/2021
SB 1	Chokehold Ban	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) STA	1/22/2021
SB 2	Peace Officers: De-escalation, Misconduct	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) STA	1/22/2021
SB 3	Police Officers: Oral Warning/de-escalate	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) STA	1/22/2021
SB 4	Prohibit Peace Off. Shoot Moving Vehicle	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) STA	1/22/2021

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SB 6	Rip For Public Employees/teachers	KAWASAKI	(S) FIN	4/19/2021
SB 7	State Trooper Policies: Public Access	GRAY-JACKSON	(S) JUD	4/23/2021
SB 8	Pre-k/elem Ed Programs/funding; Reading	BEGICH	(S) EDC	1/22/2021
SB 9	Alcoholic Beverage Control; Alcohol Reg	MICCICHE	(S) FIN	4/14/2021
SB 10	Free/reduced Tuition For Essential Worker	BEGICH	(S) RLS	4/28/2021
SB 11	Community Property Trusts	BEGICH	(S) JUD	3/22/2021
SB 12	Military Spouse Courtesy License	KAWASAKI	(H) MLV	5/6/2021
SB 15	Open Meetings Act; Penalty	COSTELLO	(S) FIN	4/21/2021
SB 16	Equal Pay/ Living Wage Act; Sex Discrim.	BEGICH	(S) L&C	1/22/2021
SB 17	Energy Efficiency & Policy: Pub. Bldgs	BEGICH	(S) FIN	5/3/2021
SB 18	Class Size Reduction Grant Program	BEGICH	(S) EDC	1/22/2021
SB 19	Extend Special Education Service Agency	STEVENS	(H) RLS	4/26/2021
SB 20	Out Of State Teacher Reciprocity	STEVENS	(H) EDC	5/4/2021
SB 21	License Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics	REVAK	(H) RLS	5/7/2021
SB 23	Initiative Severability	REVAK	(S) JUD	4/14/2021
SB 24	Virtual Meetings For Corporations	WILSON	CHAPTER 1 SLA 21	3/31/2021

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SB 25	State Gov't Finances: Website	WIELECHOWSKI	(S) FIN	4/9/2021
SB 29	Cook Inlet: New Admin Area; Permit Buyback	MICCICHE	(S) FIN	3/10/2021
SB 30	Colorectal Cancer Screen Coverage	BEGICH	(S) HSS	1/25/2021
SB 31	Prohibiting Binding Caucuses	SHOWER	(S) JUD	5/7/2021
SB 32	College Credit For High School Students	STEVENS	(H) STA	5/5/2021
SB 34	State-tribal Education Compact Schools	STEVENS	(S) EDC	1/25/2021
SB 37	Teachers & Pub Employee Retirement Plans	KIEHL	(S) L&C	1/25/2021
SB 41	Health Insurance Info.; Incentive Program	HUGHES	(S) L&C	1/25/2021
SB 43	Elections, Voting, Campaign Finance	HUGHES	(S) JUD	2/22/2021
SB 44	Personal Use Fishing Priority	KAWASAKI	(S) RES	1/25/2021
SB 48	Approp: Supplemental; Amending	RULES	(S) FIN	1/25/2021
SB 49	Approp: Operating Budget/loans/funds	RULES	(S) FIN	1/25/2021
SB 50	Approp: Cap; Reapprop; Supp; Amend	RULES	(S) FIN	1/25/2021
SB 52	Approp: Era For Payment Of Pfd	RULES	(S) FIN	1/25/2021
SB 53	Perm Fund; Advisory Vote	RULES	(S) JUD	2/24/2021
SB 54	Ahfc Water & Sewer Bonds/transportation	RULES	(S) FIN	3/5/2021

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SB 55	Employer Contributions To Pers	RULES	3RD RDG,5/10 CAL(S)	5/7/2021
SB 56	Extending Covid 19 Disaster Emergency	RULES	(S) FIN	2/12/2021
SB 68	Approp: Supp; Reapprop; Amending; Cbr	RULES	(S) FIN	2/3/2021
SB 73	Anticipation Of Revenue; Borrowing; Credit	RULES	(S) FIN	2/5/2021
SB 74	G.o. Bonds: State Infrastructure Projects	RULES	(S) FIN	3/24/2021
SB 75	Appropriation Limit	VON IMHOF	(S) FIN	2/5/2021
SB 76	Abandoned Vehicles; Private Property	KIEHL	TRANSMITTED TO (H)	5/7/2021
SB 83	Elections; Voting; Ballot Reqs	RULES	(S) STA	2/12/2021
SB 100	State Income Tax	BEGICH	(S) STA	3/10/2021
SB 128	Approp: Special; American Rescue Plan Act	RULES	(S) FIN	4/19/2021
SJR 1	Const Am: Guarantee Perm Fund Dividend	WIELECHOWSKI	(S) FIN	4/19/2021
SJR 3	Const. Am. Prohibiting Binding Caucuses	SHOWER	(S) STA	1/22/2021
SJR 9	Urge Exemption For Cruise Ships	KIEHL	LEGIS RESOLVE 1	4/9/2021