



## NEWS FROM THE ALASKA CAPITOL

### City of Whittier

Last week in Juneau, significant developments unfolded concerning the state's budget and ongoing legislative disputes fueled by unexpected revenue surges from heightened oil prices associated with the Iran conflict. The anticipation of moderate windfalls has become a central point of contention among legislators.

A pivotal vote regarding access to funds from the state's Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR) for the FY26 supplemental budget (HB289), again failed in the House. Accessing the CBR mandates a three-quarter supermajority, which the House could not achieve. In contrast, the Senate swiftly approved the supplemental budget and CBR draw without opposition. The ensuing conflict will now be addressed by a newly appointed conference committee, tasked with settling discrepancies between the two legislative bodies regarding the allocation of increased revenue.

The conference committee convened last Thursday and undertook procedural steps to delineate their powers for amendments between the differing bill versions. No substantial actions were taken beyond accepting identical items from both versions. Committee Chair, Representative Andy Josephson indicated an objective to present a report for a vote by Monday or Tuesday next week. Ongoing delays regarding the supplemental appropriations bill have generated much concern and uncertainty for this summer's construction projects.

Governor Dunleavy unveiled a second round of budget amendments on March 13, augmenting the original FY2027 budget request with an additional \$18 million in Unrestricted General Funds (UGF) and \$11.2 million in supplemental items. The amendments also highlight \$26.8 million in overspending by the Department of Corrections over FY2024 and FY2025. You can see details of the amendments [here](#).

Governor Dunleavy also introduced legislation last week proposing a revised tax structure for the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas (AKLNG) Project, transitioning from a

property tax model to one based on the gas volume traversing the pipeline, [SB 280](#) and [HB 381](#).

As legislative negotiations continue, the juxtaposition of potential revenue influx against its controversial use underscores the complexities facing Alaska's policymakers. With key decisions looming on supplemental funding and emerging infrastructure projects, the coming weeks are crucial for determining the trajectory of state spending and legislative priorities.

Next week we should see the conference committee's report and anticipate floor votes for HB 289, the supplemental budget and much attention on developments surrounding the gasoline bill and the implications of the budget amendments on state fiscal strategies.

## COMMITTEE HEARINGS OF INTEREST

Mar 24, 2026

House COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

08:00am | BARNES 124

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JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA; -- Testimony --; MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS; -- Testimony --; SICK LEAVE EXEMPTION: FISH PROCESSORS; -- Testimony --; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Bills:**

- [HB 309](#)
- [HB 291](#)
- [HB 375](#)

Mar 26, 2026

Senate FINANCE

09:00am | SENATE FINANCE 532

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AK WORK & SAVE PROGRAM; RETIRE. SAVINGS BD; -- Testimony --; TRS CONTR RATE; PERS/TRS SOC SECUR OR SBS; -- Testimony --; BEH. HEALTH CRISIS SURCHARGE & FUND; ; -- Invited & Public Testimony --; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled; \*\*Streamed live on [AKL.tv](#)\*\*

**Bills:**

- [SB 55](#)

## House FINANCE

01:30pm | ADAMS 519

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Monetary Terms of Agreement - Department of Law; PEACE OFFICERS/FIREFIGHTERS: DISABILITY; -- Public Testimony --; Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

#### **Bills:**

- [HB 210](#)

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