



City of Whittier

Hearing Schedule

Senate FINANCE

Jan 26, 2026 09:00am

Governor's FY 27 Budget Request; Office of Management and Budget; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

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SENATE FINANCE 532

Senate LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 26, 2026 01:30pm

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.; -- Testimony --; GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS; -- Testimony --; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

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BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

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<p>AK 34 SB 170</p>	<p>BJORKMAN</p>	<p>An Act relating to gaming; relating to bingo; relating to pull-tabs and electronic pull-tab systems; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill amends Alaska's gaming laws, particularly focusing on bingo, pull-tabs, and electronic pull-tab systems. It removes the requirement for applicants to notify local governments about their permit applications, allowing local governments to protest based on qualifications instead. New provisions are introduced for the department to investigate gaming operations and administer civil penalties for violations. The bill also modifies reporting requirements for operators, eliminating certain forms and introducing electronic funds transfers for payments to permittees. Additionally, it increases prize limits for bingo and electronic pull-tab games, allowing municipalities and qualified organizations to award up to \$4 million annually for electronic pull-tabs, and establishes regulations for progressive bingo games and income pooling among permittees.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill introduces specific regulations for pull-tab distributors, requiring them to obtain a separate electronic pull-tab endorsement and ensuring that electronic pull-tab systems are tested and certified by an independent gaming laboratory. It sets limitations on gifts and compensation to municipalities and qualified organizations, mandates contract termination with 30 days' notice, and outlines requirements for electronic pull-tab systems, including maximum ticket numbers and security protocols. The bill also clarifies definitions related to charitable gaming, allows for Internet-based gaming activities, and repe...</p> <p>teleconferenced, previously heard</p>	<p>Senate • Jan 26, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only --</p>	<p>SB0170A, AM SB 170, introduced 04/11/2025</p>

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Governor's Veto Overview/Discussion.; Office of Management and Budget; Department of Transportation; and Public Facilities; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**
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House TRANSPORTATION

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BARNES 124

Presentation: Match Funds and Impact of Vetoes; on Projects by Commissioner Ryan Anderson; and; Dom Pannone, Director, Department of; Transportation; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**
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Senate COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 27, 2026 01:30pm

BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: BDS FISHERIES/GAME; -- Invited & Public Testimony --; STATEWIDE PUBLIC & COMMUNITY TRANSIT PLAN; -- Invited & Public Testimony --; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**
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<p>AK 34 HB 33</p>	<p>STUTES Himschoot Hannan</p>	<p>An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing laws regarding the conduct of public officers, specifically focusing on members of the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game. It introduces a new provision that allows these board members to disclose personal or financial interests related to their involvement in matters concerning fish or game resources without being disqualified from participating in discussions or deliberations. However, if it is determined by the supervisor or a majority of board members that their continued involvement would violate ethical standards, they will be prohibited from voting on the matter.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill modifies existing regulations by clarifying that public officers cannot take or withhold official action to influence matters in which they have a personal or financial interest, except as specified in a new provision. It also removes a clause that previously suggested that actions taken for the public interest would not be considered partisan political purposes. The bill is set to take effect immediately upon enactment. Statutes affected: HB0033A, AM HB 33, introduced 01/10/2025: 39.52.120, 39.52.220, 39.52.110, 39.52.190</p> <p>first hearing, teleconferenced</p>	<p>Senate • Jan 27, 2026: (S) -- Invited & Public Testimony --</p>	<p>HB0033A, AM HB 33, introduced 01/22/2025, passed House 05/13/2025</p>
<p>AK 34 HB 26</p>	<p>MINA Burke Bynum</p>	<p>An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and relating to a statewide public and community transit plan.</p> <p>The bill amends AS 44.42.020(a) to enhance the responsibilities of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities in Alaska. Key additions include the requirement for the department to study and improve public, tribal, and community transit programs, as well as to develop a comprehensive, long-range intermodal transportation plan that incorporates these transit programs. The bill also emphasizes the need to study alternative transportation methods in urban, rural, and remote areas, and to coordinate with various stakeholders, including local governments and transit operators, to improve transportation systems.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill introduces a new mandate for the department to develop a statewide public and community transit plan in collaboration with metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, communities, tribal entities, and public and community transit operators. This comprehensive approach aims to ensure that transportation planning in Alaska is inclusive and considers the diverse needs of its residents, ultimately enhancing the state's transportation infrastructure and services. Statutes affected: HB0026A, AM HB 26, introduced 01/10/2025: 44.42.020HB0026B, AM CSHB 26(CRA), introduced 03/21/2025: 44.42.020 HB0026C, AM CSHB 26(TRA), introduced 04/11/2025: 44.42.020HB0026D, AM CSHB 26(TRA) am, introduced 04/30/2025, passed House 05/02/2025: 44.42.020</p> <p>teleconferenced, previously heard</p>	<p>Senate • Jan 27, 2026: (S) -- Invited & Public Testimony --</p>	<p>HB0026D, AM CSHB 26(TRA) am, introduced 04/30/2025, passed House 05/02/2025</p>

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Overview: Governor's FY 27 Budget Request; Legislative Finance Division; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**
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BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.; -- Public Testimony --; PERS/TRS RETIREMENT & MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY; -- Testimony --; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**
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<p>AK 34 SB 198</p>	<p>KAUFMAN</p>	<p>An Act relating to the teachers' defined contribution retirement plan; relating to the public employees' defined contribution retirement plan; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends various sections of Alaska's laws regarding the teachers' and public employees' defined contribution retirement plans, specifically focusing on eligibility for medical benefits and the calculation of premiums for retiree medical insurance. Key changes include reducing the required years of service for retirement eligibility from 30 to 25 years for certain members, and from 25 to 20 years for peace officers and firefighters. Additionally, the bill introduces a requirement that members must have been active for at least 12 months immediately before retirement to qualify for benefits.</p> <p>The bill also modifies the premium structure for retiree medical insurance coverage based on years of service, eliminating a previous tier for members with 25 to 30 years of service. Furthermore, it allows for the restoration of account balances for individuals who return to employment after termination, with interest added for the period of absence, replacing the previous inflation adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index. The effective date for these changes is set for July 1, 2026. Statutes affected: SB0198A, AM SB 198, introduced 05/19/2025: 14.25.470, 14.25.480, 39.30.380, 39.35.870, 39.30.370, 39.35.880</p> <p>first hearing, teleconferenced</p>	<p>Senate • Jan 28, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only --</p>	<p>SB0198A, AM SB 198, introduced 05/19/2025</p>

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[House TRANSPORTATION](#)

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Presentation: Winter Road Maintenance by the; Department of Transportation; TRANSFER OF RAILROAD LAND TO WHITTIER; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

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BARNES 124

<p>AK 34 HB 216</p>	<p>HOLLAND</p>	<p>An Act approving the transfer of land owned by the Alaska Railroad Corporation to the City of Whittier; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill authorizes the Alaska Railroad Corporation to transfer approximately 84.8 acres of rail land to the City of Whittier for fair market value, while ensuring that valid existing rights are maintained. The land is divided into five specific areas, each described in detail by their respective sections and parcels according to official survey plats. The bill also acknowledges that the real property includes portions of existing lots that are not currently separate parcels, and it allows for reasonable modifications to the legal description of the property as necessary for the transfer.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill stipulates that the Alaska Railroad Corporation may accept cash equivalent to the fair market value of the land being conveyed as consideration for the transfer. It also provides legislative approval for the Corporation to convey its entire interest in the specified land, and mandates that both the Corporation and the City of Whittier enter into an agreement to conduct any required surveying and platting actions. The Act is set to take effect immediately upon passage.</p> <p>first hearing, teleconferenced</p>	<p>House • Jan 29, 2026: (H) TRANSPORTATION at 01:00 PM BARNES 124</p>	<p>HB0216A, AM HB 216, introduced 05/02/2025</p>
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RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.; -- Testimony --; HEALTH INSURANCE ALLOWABLE CHARGES; -- Testimony --; REPEAL CERTAIN INACTIVE FUNDS/ACCOUNTS; -- Testimony --; **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

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<p>AK 34 SB 121</p>	<p>GIESSEL BY REQUEST Gray-Jackson</p>	<p>An Act relating to settlement of health insurance claims; relating to allowable charges for health care services or supplies; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends Alaska's health insurance laws by introducing a new section, AS 21.36.497, which establishes standards for the settlement of health insurance claims. In the absence of a contract between health care insurers and providers, the director will set regulations for allowable charges for health care services and supplies. These charges must be based on the most current data reflecting amounts charged by providers over a 12-month period, ensuring uniformity across the state. The allowable charge will be the greater of a specified percentage of the federal Medicare fee schedule or the 75th percentile of charges in the state, with the possibility for the director to set higher limits. Additionally, insurers are required to periodically audit their methodologies and update allowable charges at least every five years.</p> <p>The bill also includes a transition provision that allows health care insurers to set allowable charges for the calendar year 2026 based on data from 2023 or earlier, with subsequent calculations for 2029 and beyond based on more current data. The effective date for this legislation is set for January 1, 2026. Statutes affected: SB0121A, AM SB 121, introduced 03/05/2025: 21.54.500SB0121B, AM CSSB 121(HSS), introduced 03/31/2025: 21.54.500</p> <p>teleconferenced, previously heard</p>	<p>Senate • Jan 30, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only --</p>	<p>SB0121B, AM CSSB 121(HSS), introduced 03/31/2025</p>
<p>AK 34 SB 163</p>	<p>KAUFMAN</p>	<p>An Act relating to inactive state accounts and funds; repealing the home ownership assistance fund; repealing the operating loss reserve account; repealing the public access fund; repealing the Southeast energy fund; repealing the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act reimbursement fund; repealing the child care facility revolving loan fund foreclosure expense account; repealing the tourism revolving fund foreclosure expense account; repealing the residential energy conservation fund foreclosure expense account; repealing the historical district revolving loan fund foreclosure expense account; repealing the Alaska temporary assistance program emergency account; repealing the 2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games reserve fund; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill proposes the repeal of several inactive state accounts and funds in Alaska, including the home ownership assistance fund, the operating loss reserve account, and the public access fund, among others. Specifically, it targets a total of ten funds and accounts that are deemed inactive or unnecessary, such as the Southeast energy fund and the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act reimbursement fund. The bill aims to streamline state financial management by eliminating these accounts, which may no longer serve their intended purposes.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill establishes an effective date of June 30, 2025, for the repeals to take effect. This legislative action reflects a broader effort to reassess and optimize the state's financial resources by removing outdated or redundant funds from the state's financial framework.</p> <p>first hearing, teleconferenced</p>	<p>Senate • Jan 30, 2026: (S) -- Testimony Invitation Only --</p>	<p>SB0163A, AM SB 163, introduced 04/09/2025</p>