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Greetings,

Today is the eighteenth Legislative day. This week, the Senate Finance Committee heard the following presentations: overview of the FY25 Supplemental and Mental Health budgets, funding status of the PERS/ TRS Retirement systems, agency responses to FY24 Legislative Intent language and review of the State's Saving, Reserves, and Investment funds.

Thank you to the visitors from my district for stopping by my office to voice your concerns and advocate for your issues. It is always good to see familiar faces and to meet new ones. If you plan on traveling to Juneau and would like to meet with me, please make sure to call the office to set up an appointment.

Juneau's weather this week and into next week is clear and cold. This month, there are several astronomical events, meteor showers and planet alignments. Don't forget to look up! Have a safe and fun-filled Super Bowl weekend!

SB 87 – Reject Compensation Commission Recommendations

Friday, the Senate approved SB 87 by a vote of (19 yea —1excused). SB 87 rejects the recommendations from the State Officers Compensation Commission. The commission proposed four recommendations:

- Increase the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Department heads and legislators every two years (to coincide with the statutory meeting requirements of the commission).
- These Consumer Price Index increases will be calculated off the current base pay.
- Automatic salary adjustments, based on Anchorages CPI, commencing in calendar year 2027
- Adoption of revisions to the operations of the Alaska State Officers Salary Commission, and legislative treatment of ASOCC recommendations, reflective of those found in Committee Substitute for House Bill 140 of the 33rd Legislature



2025 PFD Deadline to apply Is March 31, 2025

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Gary Hennigh, Mayor Warren Wilson, and Amber Jusefowytsch from the City of King Cove met with Senator Hoffman on Wednesday February 5th