



COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON THE STATE BUDGET

Starting tonight and continuing through the weekend, the House Finance Committee will begin a series of listening sessions to gather constituent feedback on the Alaska budget.

JUNEAU - Friday, March 22 from 5 to 8 p.m.
Capitol Building, Adams Room 519

KETCHIKAN - Saturday, March 23 from noon to 3 p.m.
Ted Ferry Civic Center, 888 Venetia Way

WASILLA - Saturday, March 23 from noon to 4 p.m.
Mat-Su LIO, 600 E Railroad Avenue

BETHEL - Saturday, March 23 from 2 to 5 p.m.
Yupit Piciyrait Center, 401 Chief Eddie Hoffman

KENAI - Saturday, March 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Soldotna Sports Center, 538 Arena Avenue

ANCHORAGE - Sunday, March 24 from 2 to 5 p.m.
Anchorage LIO, 1500 W Benson Boulevard

SITKA - Sunday, March 24 from 2 to 5 p.m.
Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive

FAIRBANKS - Sunday, March 24 from 2 to 5 p.m.
Fairbanks LIO, 1292 Sadler Way, Suite 308

HOUSE FINANCE TESTIMONY NEXT WEEK

This week the House Finance Subcommittees closed out the various department budgets, sending their reports back to the full House Finance Committee for consideration as the Operating Budget.

For residents of the many communities the listening sessions will not be able to make it to, next week House Finance will be back in Juneau and taking testimony on the budget in the more traditional format from LIO's and off-net callers around the state. There are a very limited number of off net lines available, so if you live in a community with an LIO, please go in person to give Alaskans without access to an LIO the opportunity to testify.

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. * Off Net (including Unalaska, Whittier and Healy) (call 844-586-9085)

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.* Kodiak, Seward, Utqiagvik, Dillingham, Petersburg, Cordova, Kotzebue, Nome, Wrangell

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.* Mat-Su, Kenai, Juneau, Bethel (available for individuals unable to attend community meeting)

CONSTITUENTS IN THE CAPITOL



A delegation of constituents from Unalaska were in town this week and in addition to meetings around the capitol, hosted their much anticipated and well attended annual legislative reception. *Pictured from left: City Manager Thomas Thomas, Councilmember James Filch, Councilmember Alejandro Tungul, Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Councilmember David Gregory, and Mayor Frank Kelty*

I also had the pleasure of meeting with Dan Cheyette, VP of Lands and Natural Resources for the Bristol Bay Native Corporation



EMMA'S PORTRAITURE

My daughter Emma (who is seven) joined me in the Capitol this week and quickly had the building dancing to her tune. One of the highlights was the chance to take photos of members, staff, and visitors:



