



## House Speaker Bryce Edgmon's *Legislative Update*



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### Need for Fair and Comprehensive Fiscal Plan Will Push Legislature Beyond 90 Days



As you can imagine, late-session events in Juneau are in full swing, and I'm afraid this week's newsletter has to be brief. As I noted last week, the magnitude of the work we still need to accomplish this year will keep the Legislature in Juneau beyond the statutory 90-day limit that falls this Sunday. What we hope to achieve this session will create a major turning point in our young state's history and, hopefully, put us on an upward trajectory for decades to come.

The highest priority of the Alaska House Majority Coalition remains the same as on the day we gavelled in this session in January—to put in place the full set of components necessary to balance the budget and get this fiscal crisis behind us once and for all. And we continue in our conviction that the solution has to be as even-handed as possible, so that no one group of Alaskans is asked to bear an unfair level of burden as we move on to a more secure and more prosperous future.



This week the Naknek Electric Association brought local students to the Capitol to learn about state government. From L to R: NEA Board Member Lisa Anderson, student Sharon Hansen and her mom, Rose Chris, NEA General Manager Diane King, student Daniel Seitz and his mom, Dian Seitz.

## Speaker Edgmon this week with DNR Commissioner Andy Mack.



On Tuesday the Department of Natural Resources announced strengthened requirements attached to a land-use permit for the Pebble Partnership and its mining claims in the Bristol Bay watershed.

DNR received more than 2000 public comments regarding the permit application, many of them critical of the condition of some of the hundreds of boreholes the Partnership drilled during years of active exploration. In light of the public concern and following thorough analysis, the Department attached additional permit stipulations that include requirements for financial assurances and for inspecting, reclaiming and closing boreholes during the upcoming field season.

Unalaska Schools Superintendent John Conwell attended meetings in Juneau this week. Here he chats with Edgmon staffer Tim Clark, left, in the Speaker's Chambers.





On Thursday Speaker Edgmon and House Rules Chairwoman Gabrielle LeDoux, seated left, enjoyed lunch with a dozen hardworking interns employed by members of the House of Representatives.



Back Stage at the Folk Fest: Last Sunday night Speaker Edgmon played a short set at the Alaska Folk Festival along with, L to R, House Majority Leader Chris Tuck, the sweet-voiced Sarah Sledge, and Sarah's husband Senator Tom Begich.

## On Deck Next Week...

(S)RESOURCES Standing Committee  
Apr 15 **Saturday** 9:00 AM  
-- Joint with the Senate Finance  
HB 111 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION  
TAX;PAYMENTS;CREDITS

(S)EDUCATION Standing Committee  
Apr 15 **Saturday** 1:00 PM  
HCR 8 KODIAK SEAFOOD & MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

(S)FINANCE Standing Committee  
Apr 16 **Sunday** 9:00 AM  
SB 4 NON-CHEMICAL BARBERING;HAIR BRAIDING; HB 56 COMMERCIAL FISHING LOANS; SB 37 PHARMA BD & EMPLOYEES;DRUG DIST/MANUFAC; SB 80 TELECOMMUNICATIONS: DISABLED SUBSCRIBERS; HB 49 EXTEND BOARD OF DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES; SB 79 OPIOIDS; PRESCRIPTIONS;DATABASE;LICENSES  
<Pending Referral>

(H)JUDICIARY Standing Committee  
Apr 17 **Monday** 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120  
SB 100 MUNICIPAL LIENS: AUTHORITY FOR & PRIORITY

(H)FINANCE Standing Committee  
Apr 17 **Monday** 1:30 PM HOUSE FINANCE 519  
HB 124 BENEFIT CORPORATIONS; HB 91 APOC REGISTRATION FEES; LOBBYIST TAX

HB 25 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CONTRACEPTIVES  
SB 88 AK MENTAL HEALTH TRUST LAND EXCHANGE

(S)RESOURCES Standing Committee\*  
Apr 17 **Monday** 5:00 PM BUTROVICH 205  
HB 111 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION  
TAX;PAYMENTS;CREDITS

(H)COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS Standing Committee  
Apr 18 **Tuesday** 8:00 AM BARNES 124  
SB 63 REGULATION OF SMOKING  
\*\* HB 33 ESTABLISH MAY 31 AS KATIE JOHN DAY

(H)FISHERIES Special Committee  
Apr 18 **Tuesday** 10:00 AM  
HB 107 FISH ENHANCEMENT PERMITS

(H)FINANCE Standing Committee  
Apr 18 **Tuesday** 1:30 PM  
HB 38 WORKERS' COMPENSATION: DEATH BENEFITS; HB 69 REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION; SB 29 REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION  
HCR 3 APRIL 2017: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH; SB 51 EXTEND BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

(H)RESOURCES Standing Committee  
Apr 19 **Wednesday** 1:00 PM  
HB 203 REMOTE REC. CABIN SITE STAKING

SALES; HB 107 FISH ENHANCEMENT PERMITS

(H)FINANCE Standing Committee  
Apr 19 **Wednesday** 1:30 PM  
HB 74 DRIVER'S LICENSE & ID CARDS & REAL ID ACT ; SB 34 DRIVER'S LICENSE & ID CARDS & REAL ID ACT; SB 97 PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS; HB 150 PAY, ALLOWANCES, BENEFITS FOR MILITIA

(H)FISHERIES Special Committee  
Apr 20 **Thursday** 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120  
HB 188 COMM. FISH. ENTRY PERMITS; LOANS; TRUSTS

(H)ARCTIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEV., & TOURISM Apr 20 **Thursday** 11:30 AM  
Presentation by Paul Fuhs & Captain Ed Page. Marine Exchange of AK  
HJR 19 ARCTIC MARINE SAFETY AGREEMENTS

(H)FINANCE Standing Committee  
Apr 20 **Thursday** 1:30 PM  
HB 159 OPIOIDS; PRESCRIPTIONS;DATABASE;LICENSES; HB 164 PROTECT: VULNERABLE ADULTS/LONG TERM CARE; SB 83 PROTECT: VULNERABLE ADULTS/LONG TERM CARE

(S)RESOURCES Standing Committee  
Apr 21 **Friday** 2:00 PM  
HB 111 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION  
TAX;PAYMENTS;CREDITS

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