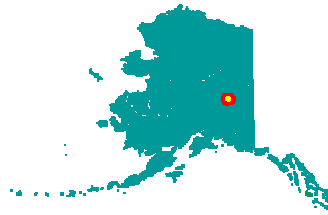


Legislative Update

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Today: Friday, March 27, 2009: 24 Days remaining of the 1st Session of the 26th Legislature

IN THE NEWS

Legislature & Denali Commission Open "Alaskan Clearinghouse"

Groups Partner to Provide Stimulus Information to Alaskan Communities

Leadership of the Alaska State Legislature and the Denali Commission, in partnership with the Federal Executive Association, have Announced the opening of the "Alaskan Clearinghouse," an office dedicated to helping Alaskan communities and non-profit groups navigate the grant opportunities available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Each of the partnering organizations will provide a staff member to the Clearinghouse, which will open on Friday, March 27 in Anchorage.

The Alaskan Clearinghouse is considered a short-term project, not to exceed six months, but that may change depending on need and as grant deadlines continue to be announced.

The office will be housed at the Denali Commission Offices at 510 L Street, Suite 410 in Anchorage. The Alaskan Clearinghouse can be reached at 1-888-480-4321.

House OKs Certificates of Stillborn Birth

HB 2 Offers Closure to Parents, Follows 26 Other States

The Alaska State House passed legislation granting certificates of birth resulting in stillbirth on Monday. House Bill (HB) 2 creates a new section in Alaska Statute 18.50 to allow the Bureau of Vital Statistics to offer birth certificates in addition to death certificates. 26 other states currently offer such services to parents. HB 2 now goes to the Alaska State Senate for consideration.

Senate Passes Resolution (SJR 3)

Supports NPS Regulation Allowing Park Users to Carry Concealed Weapons

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Senate, on Wednesday, unanimously passed a resolution (SJR 3) commending the National Park Service and former President George Bush for adopting a regulation allowing park users who have state-issued concealed carry permits to carry a concealed firearm in national parks. The resolution also urges the present administration of Barack Obama to continue the rule and improve on it by allowing weapons to be carried openly.

After it took effect on January 9, the rule was challenged by environmental and gun control groups, resulting in a preliminary injunction stopping its implementation.

The groups that challenged the rule in federal court argued that the government had not gone through the process of generating an environmental analysis. The federal government defended the rule by pointing out that it did not authorize any environmental impacts, so there was no need for an environmental analysis.

SJR 3 will next go to the State House of Representatives for its consideration. After passage by the House, the resolution will be sent to President Obama, the leaders of Congress, and Alaska's delegation in Congress.

REMEMBER! The deadline to file for your
2009 Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend is **this Tuesday** March 31, 2009.
The Delta Junction LIO has forms available!

Committee Meetings

If you are interested in participating in any of the committee meetings listed below, please contact the Delta Junction LIO. You may call us at 895-4236 or email DeltaJunction_LIO@legis.state.ak.us. You may also check Gavel to Gavel for any meetings that are televised or audio streamed at: www.ktoo.org/gavel/stream.cfm

Monday, March 30

8:00 AM (H) Education Standing Committee

HB 204, Postsecondary Medical Educ. Prog., Hb 58, Educ. Loan Repayment Program, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

8:00 AM (H) Judiciary Standing Committee

HB 9, Capital Punishment, HB 140, Jury Nullification, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

8:00 AM (S) Education Standing Committee

Presentations: Moore V. State Of Alaska: Norman Eck, Superintendent, NW Arctic School Board, Preparing Children For Success In School, Sue Hull, Best Beginnings

9:00 AM (S) Finance Standing Committee

SB 32, Medicaid: Home/Community Based Services, SB 96, Child Support/ Cash Medical Support, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

1:00 PM (H) Judiciary Standing Committee

HB 137, Compact: Education Of Military Children, HB 108, Property Foreclosures And Executions, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

1:00 PM (H) Resources Standing Committee

HJR 28, Oppose Restrictions On Oil/Gas Activities <Pending Referral> HCR 10, Oppose Fed. Control of State Land & Water, HJR 27, State Sovereignty, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:30 PM (H) Finance Standing Committee

SB 89, Retirement Benefits: Territorial Guard <Pending Referral> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

1:30 PM (S) Health & Social Services Standing Committee

SB 101, Student Questionnaires and Surveys, SB 70, Naturopaths, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:30 Pm (S) Judiciary Standing Committee

SB 148 Liability For Tribal Road Construction, SB 48 Meetings of Road Service Area Boards, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

3:15 PM (H) Labor & Commerce Standing Committee

HB 175, Insurance, HB 145, Mortgage Lending, HB 177, Marine & Motorized Recreational Products, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

3:30 PM (S) Resources Standing Committee

SJR 13 Urging US to Ratify Law of the Sea Treaty, HJR 21 Groundfish Fisheries Licenses, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

5:00 PM (S/H) Legislative Budget & Audit Joint Committee

Open Session: ARRA Report - Steve Porter, Executive Session: Audits, Other Committee Business, Testimony <Invitation Only>

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 AM (H) State Affairs Standing Committee

HB 157 Reemployment Of Retirees; Exempt Service, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

8:30 AM (H) Finance Standing Committee

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

9:00 AM (S) State Affairs Standing Committee

SB 158 Return Of Property, SB 68 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled, SB 126 Re-employment of Retirees; Exempt Service, Felons' Right to Vote.

10:15 AM (H) Fisheries Special Committee

SB 3 CFEC as Information Resource, HB 46 Mixing Zones/Sewage Systems.

12:00 PM (H/S) Children's Caucus Other Committee

Topic: Exposure to Violence and a Child's Developing Brain.

12:00 PM (H) Resources Standing Committee

Lunch & Learn: An In-Depth Look at Alaska's Resources, Presentation: Alaska Timber Industry.

1:00 PM (S) Labor & Commerce Standing Committee

Confirmation of Governor's Appointments, SB 149 Mortgage Lending, SB 60 Uniform Probate Code; Trusts, Wills Senate Bill: Unemployment Amendments: Fed Stimulus <Pending Introduction & Referral> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:00 PM (H) Military & Veterans' Affairs Special Committee

HJR 29 Designating 2009 as the Year of Army NCO, HJR 24 Federal School Lunch Program/Military, HB 24 Procurement Preference for Veterans.

1:30 PM (H) Finance Standing Committee

HB 77 Public Employee Disaster Leave, HB 184 Debt Authorization for University, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

3:00 PM (H) Energy Special Committee

HB 166 Southeast Energy Fund HB 66, Net Energy Metering, HB 196 Alternative Energy Revolving Loan Fund.

3:00 PM (H) Health & Social Services Standing Committee

HB 192 Child Support/ Cash Medical Support, HB 71 Advance Health Care Directives Registry, HB 190 Children's Trust Grant for Endowment, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

3:30 PM (S) Community & Regional Affairs Standing Committee

SB 165 Authorizing Transfer of Railroad Land.

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 AM (H) Education Standing Committee

HB 197 Virtual Charter Schools, Confirmation Hearings: Board Of Education, Professional Teaching Practices Commission, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

8:00 AM (S) Education Standing Committee

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled Including: SB 109 Repeal Secondary School Exit Exam.

8:30 AM (H) Finance Standing Committee

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

9:00 AM (S) Finance Standing Committee

SB 57 Charter School Funding, HB 109 Educ. Loans: Supplemental & Family, HB 172 State Investment In Education Fund, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

12:00 PM (S/H) Education Standing Committee

Brown Bag Luncheon, "Rebooting Education: Digital Learning in Alaska's Classrooms", Presentations By: Carl Rose, Executive Director, Assoc. Of Alaska School Boards, Sarah Marino, Teacher And Two Students, Yaakoosge Daakahidi, Alternative High School, Dr. David Silvernail, Director Of Research At University Of Southern Maine. Sack Lunches Will Be Provided.

1:00 PM (H) Judiciary Standing Committee

HB 153 Open Meetings: Exception And Definition, HB 201 Concealed Handgun Permits, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled, HB 13 Property Crimes.

1:00 PM (H) Resources Standing Committee

Confirmation Hearing: Big Game Commercial Services Board, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:30 PM (H) Finance Standing Committee

HB 199, Approps: Non-Transportation Stimulus, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:30 PM (S) Judiciary Standing Committee

SB 85, Alcohol: Local Option/Licensing/Minors, SB 110 Preservation of Evidence, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:30 PM (S) Health & Social Services Standing Committee

SB 66 Mental Health Patient Grievances, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

3:15 PM (H) Labor & Commerce Standing Committee

HB 68 Price Gouging Involving Energy Resources.

3:30 PM (S) Resources Standing Committee

SB 150 Emerging Energy Technology Fund <Pending Referral> Confirmation Hearings: Big Game Commercial Services Board, Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

Thursday, April 2

8:00 AM (H) Community & Regional Affairs Standing Committee

Overviews: The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission Capitol City Celebration Committee, HB 171 Authorizing Transfer Of Railroad Land, HB 173 Transfer Railroad Land To DOTPF: Fairbanks, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

8:00 AM (H) State Affairs Standing Committee

HJR 8 Constitutional Amendment Approp. Limit/mineral revenue, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

8:30 AM (H) Finance Standing Committee

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

9:00 AM (S) State Affairs Standing Committee

SB 157 Certificates of Participation For Sub-port, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

9:00 AM (S) Finance Standing Committee

SB 161 Appropriations: Non-Transportation Stimulus, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

10:15 AM (H) Fisheries Special Committee

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

11:00 AM (S) Energy Special Committee

SB 135 Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority, SB 162 Heating Fuel Energy Relief, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:00 PM (S) Labor & Commerce Standing Committee

Presentation: Overview of Nenana Basin, Gas Exploration Project by Doyon Ltd. and Rampart Energy. SB 159 Workers' Compensation Funeral Expenses, SB 163 Maximum Benefit From Fishermen's Fund, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:00 PM (H) Judiciary Standing Committee

Review of the 2004 Consent Decree entered into by the State of Alaska and Crowley Marine Service, Inc., et al.

1:00 PM (H) Transportation Standing Committee

HB 173 Transfer Railroad Land To DOTPF: Fairbanks <Pending Referral> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:30 PM (H) Finance Standing Committee

HB 3 Requirements For Driver's License/I.D., HB 98 Minor Consuming, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

3:00 PM (H) Health & Social Services Standing Committee

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

3:30 PM (S) Community & Regional Affairs Standing Committee

Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission, Presentation, SB 137 Report on Meetings of Board of Fisheries, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

4:00 PM (S) World Trade, Tech, Innovations Special Committee
SB 37 Divest Investments in Sudan

Friday, April 3

8:00 AM (S) Education Standing Committee
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled including: SB 105 Foster Care/CINA/Education Of Homeless.

8:00 AM (H) Education Standing Committee
Work-Keys Interactive Presentation, HB 206 High School Assessment/Postsecondary Class, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

8:30 AM (H) Finance Standing Committee
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

9:00 AM (S) Finance Standing Committee
SB 161 Appropriations: Non-Transportation Stimulus, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

11:00 AM (S) Energy Special Committee
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:00 PM (H/S) Joint Legislative Health Caucus Other Committee
Galena School Energy Conference: Rural Student and Community Leaders on the Connection between Health and Energy.

1:00PM (H) Judiciary Standing Committee
HB 193 Legislative Ethics Act, HJR 2 Const Am: Gender-Neutral References, HJR 13 Constitutional Amendment: Sec. Of State References, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:00 PM (H) Resources Standing Committee
Confirmation Hearings: Board of Fish, Board of Game, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:30 PM (H) Finance Standing Committee
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:30 PM (S) Health & Social Services Standing Committee
SB 38 Pharmacy Benefits Managers; Managed Care, SB 156 Compact For Juveniles; Interstate Council, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

1:30 PM (S) Judiciary Standing Committee
SB 54 Price Gouging Involving Energy Resources <Pending Referral> HB 49 Eminent Domain: Recreational Structures, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

3:15 PM (H) Labor & Commerce Standing Committee
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

3:30 PM (S) Resources Standing Committee
HJR 18 Opposing ANWR Wilderness Designation, HJR 7 Endorsing ANWR Leasing, SCR 3 Oppose Federal Control of State Land and Water, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

Saturday, April 4

10:00 AM (H/S) Energy Special Committee
Joint Roundtable on Energy Governance in Alaska

10:00 AM (H) State Affairs Standing Committee
Overview by Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC): Electronic Filing, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled.

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