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Issued Friday, January 12, 2018. Covering the past week and looking forward through Jan. 19, 2018.
Non-partisan legislative information for the communities and individuals in District P – 32.

The Cordova LIO will be closed Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

NOTE to readers: Any underlined text in blue includes a hyperlink; click on this hyperlink with your mouse, and it will take you to a webpage with the information or indicated story.

Alaska Legislative History: The 11th Legislature (1977-78) established the framework for both the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation (APFC) and the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) program. The 11th Legislature also repealed the individual state income tax, provided tax refunds to individuals, and increased the longevity bonus (for Alaskans over 65 who have lived in the state since 1959) to \$200 per month. (from [100 Years of Alaska's Legislature](#))

LIO Update

The 2nd Session of the 30th Alaska State Legislature convenes at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16th, 2018. As you may recall, each legislature spans two years and consists of two sessions. Last year, the 1st Session of the 30th Legislature convened and Tuesday marks the beginning of the 2nd Session.

A specific feature of the 2nd Session is that all the bills which did not pass or fail in both Houses last session are still in play. During the 1st Session last year, a total of [18 House Bills and 14 Senate Bills](#) were passed and became law.

Currently, there are over 330 bills and resolutions still under consideration in the House or Senate. New bills are being proposed this week and will be added to those which were introduced last year during the 1st Session. The 2nd Release of Profile Bills was this morning and includes 11 House Bills, 1 House Joint Resolution and 3 Senate Bills; see the list below.

What happens to bills and how are they processed? Once a bill is drafted, its prime sponsor gives it to the House Chief Clerk or the Senate Secretary, and it is introduced and read for the first time on the floor of the House or Senate. Then, the presiding officer refers each bill to a committee or multiple committees for review. The Governor also can propose bills and those are always introduced through the Rules Committee.

During the committee's review of bills, there are often opportunities for public comment, via teleconference, in-person or through written correspondence. We'll try to alert you when meetings are scheduled on bills of particular interest to Cordova and our region.

We also can track bills for you here at the LIO, or you can setup your own tracking through the Alaska State Legislature web site can track the progress of bills. Just sign up and enter the bills you want to follow at the [Bill Tracking Management Facility \(BTMF\)](#) page. You'll then receive an email notice whenever an action occurs related to that bill.

The State of the State Address is a speech customarily given once each year by the Governor. This year, Governor Bill Walker will present his State of the State before a joint session of the Alaska Legislature on Thursday, Jan. 18th, beginning at 7 p.m. This will be streamed live through [Live Now](#) and should also be broadcast on [360 North Gavel Alaska](#).

Reminder that the Permanent Fund Dividend 2018 application period opened January 1st, and will end March 31st. Check out the links at the bottom of this newsletter for more information on how to apply.

Second Prefile Release

Bill	Short Title	Prime Sponsor(s)
HB 267	Release Hunting/Fishing Records To Municipalities,	<i>Representative Edgmon</i>
HB 268	Opioid Prescription Warning,	<i>Representative Gara</i>
HB 269	Distillery Licensees; Service on Premises,	<i>Representative Tuck</i>
HB 270	Prohibit Aircraft Registration,	<i>Representative Saddler</i>
HB 271	Regulation of Smoking,	<i>Representative Claman</i>
HB 272	Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge,	<i>Representative Josephson</i>
HB 273	Extend Marijuana Control Board,	<i>Representative Kito</i>
HB 274	Extend: Board of Psychologists/Psych Assoc.,	<i>Representative Kito</i>
HB 275	Extend Board of Massage Therapists,	<i>Representative Kito</i>
HB 276	Discrimination/Harassment in Legislature,	<i>Representative Ledoux</i>
HB 277	Broadband Internet: Neutrality/Regulation,	<i>Representative Kawasaki</i>
HJR 27	Constitutional Amendment: Term Limits of Legislators,	<i>Representative Kito</i>
SB 135	Cook Inlet New Administrative Area; Permit Buyback,	<i>Senator Micciche</i>
SB 136	Restitution; Bail; Bonds; Undertakings;	<i>Senator Mackinnon</i>
SB 138	Legislator Per Diem: Regular & Special Session,	<i>Senator Micciche</i>

[All Hearings and Bills in All Committee Meetings](#); be sure to refresh this page.

Some of the Committees Scheduled in the coming week

After the Legislature reconvenes January 16th, you will be able to view all legislative committee meetings live streamed at [Live Now](#). You can view House and Senate Floor sessions live on your computer at [360 North Gavel Alaska](#), or watch on 360 North TV channel 15. You can also view many archived Legislative, Executive Branch, and Court System meetings at [Gavel Alaska Archives](#).

To participate in any of the meetings please call this office and we will schedule accordingly. We will be happy to accommodate you before 8 am, after 4:30 pm, or on weekends, by prior appointment confirmed with this office. Thank you for your interest!

(S) HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES – Jan. 15 Monday 1:30 PM

(H) and (S) LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT - Jan 15 Monday 4:00 PM

Executive Session - Final Audit Reports
a. DCCED - Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (Sunset)
b. DCCED - Board of Pharmacy (Sunset)
c. DCCED - AK Tourism Marketing Board (Sunset)
d. DCCED - Board of Social Work Examiners (Sunset)
Other Committee Business

(S) LABOR & COMMERCE - Jan 16 Tuesday 1:30 PM

How Can We Create More Jobs
Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Presentation: Alaska Employment Forecast for 2018 - Paloma Harbour, Administrative Services Director
Panel Discussion: Mouhcine Guettabi, PhD, Institute of Social and Economic Research; Robert

Venables, Southeast Conference; Nolan Klouda, Certified Economic Developer from Center for Economic Development; Brian Holst, Juneau Economic Development Council
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

(S)EDUCATION - Jan 17 Wednesday 8:00 AM
[SB 131](#) , Education Funding <Pending Introduction and Referral>
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

(S)FINANCE - Jan 17 Wednesday 9:00 AM
Presentation: Overview FY19 Operating Budget
Pat Pitney, Dir., Office of Management and Budget

(S)FINANCE - Jan 18 Thursday 9:00 AM
Presentation: Overview FY19 Operating Budget
David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Div.

(H)FISHERIES -Jan 18 Thursday 10:00 AM
[HB 199](#) Fish/Wildlife Habitat Protection; Permits
Introduction of Committee Substitute

(H)FINANCE– Jan. 18 Thursday 1:30 PM
Overview of the Governor’s FY19 Budget
Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management and Budget

(S)LABOR & COMMERCE- Jan 18 Thursday 1:30 PM
How Can We Boost Alaska's Economy?
Dept. of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Presentation: Northern Opportunity Strategy - Commissioner Mike Navarre; Britteny Cioni-Haywood, Director, Division of Economic Development; Curtis Thayer, Alaska Chamber; Kara Moriarty, Alaska Oil & Gas Association; Jillian Simpson & Julie Jessen, Alaska Travel Industry Association
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

(H) and (S) LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP ON OIL & GAS Joint Committee - Jan 18 Thursday 3:30 PM
Scoping Meeting Schedule for 2018
Advisory Group:-Overview of Advisory Group Membership, Capacity-Scoping for Advisory Group Meeting Schedule Topics

(S)EDUCATION - Jan 19 Friday 8:00 AM - Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

(S)FINANCE and (S) RESOURCES - Jan 19 Friday 9:00 AM
Overview of Regulations for House Bill 111 (Ch 3, SSLA 17)
Department of Revenue Tax Division
Testimony <Invitation Only> --

(H)JUDICIARY - Jan 19 Friday 1:00 PM
[HB 15](#) , Marriage & Spouses
-- Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
[HB 216](#) Transfers from Dividend Fund; Crimes

(H)RESOURCES - Jan 19 Friday 1:00 PM

Presentation: Dept. of Natural Resources Update by Commissioner Andrew Mack and Deputy Commissioners Mark Wiggin & Heidi Hansen

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

(H)Finance – Jan. 19 Friday 1:30 PM

Overview of Revenue Sources Book, Fall 2017

Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner, Department of Revenue

Ken Alper, Director, Tax Division, Department of Revenue

Dan Stickel, Chief Economist, Economic Research Group, Tax Division, Department of Revenue

(H)LABOR & COMMERCE Jan 19 Friday 3:15 PM

Organizational Meeting

[SB 93](#) Credit Report Security Freeze

(S)RESOURCES -Jan 19 Friday 3:30 PM

Overview: State of Alaska Mining Claims and Filing Process – Department of Natural Resources Division of Land, Mining and Water – Testimony <Invitation Only> - <Above item removed from agenda>

Overview: Forestry Development, Opportunities, and Restrictions - Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry -- Testimony <Invitation Only>

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News Clips & Press Releases

The links to the articles in Cordova LIO E-News are provided for information purposes only. The Cordova LIO does not endorse or promote the views expressed in any of the articles or sites linked here. This is not an all-encompassing list; articles and press releases are added as time allows. The primary mission of the LIO is to facilitate communication between Constituents and Legislators; this mission takes priority over all other LIO activities.

[Trump administration will let states require people to work for Medicaid](#) KTOO 1/12

[BOEM seeking environmental study ideas](#) PN 1/14 week

[\\$60 oil for '18, '19](#) PN 1/14 week

[\\$63 billion and counting: How long can Alaska's Permanent Fund keep growing so fast?](#) KTOO 1/11

[Walker plans to meet House nominees before making pick](#) APM 1/11

[Republicans moving to find replacement for Dunleavy](#) AP 1/11

[Four decisions in three weeks: How Trump is transforming Alaska](#) APM 1/11

[Schools advocate announces bid for Alaska's U.S. House seat](#) ADN 1/11

[Two from Kotzebue, one from Utqiagvik will vie to replace resigned Rep. Westlake](#) ADN 1/11

[Rep. Tammie Wilson alleges bullying by former state senator](#) JE 1/11

[Alaska legislator urges ban on marriage for 14- and 15-year-olds](#) AND 1/11

[Gruff Alaska lawmaker now in charge of civility in US House](#) AP 1/11

[States rethink sexual misconduct policies after complaints](#) AP 1/11

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[Senate Education chairman wants budget by April 1](#) AJC 1/10
[Guttenberg cautiously hopeful for broadband order](#) FNM 1/10
[Pence to visit Alaska as he leads U.S. delegation to Olympics in South Korea](#) ADN 1/10
[Democrats announce list of applicants to replace disgraced legislator](#) JE 1/10
[Rubenstein wants agreement with ex-wife Rogoff kept out of court](#) AJC 1/10
[Marijuana Control Board seeks to fill vacancy](#) JE 1/10
[Oil And Gas Lease Sales Gets A Thumbs Down From Fishing Communities](#) KSRM 1/10
[Citizens group investigates Cook Inlet's aging oil infrastructure](#) APM 1/10
[Alaska's population falls for first time in 29 years as thousands flee state](#) JE 1/10
[Governor orders new commuter rail study for Valley-Anchorage commuters](#) KTUU 1/9
[Panel recommends tweak to Alaska lawmaker allowances](#) AP 1/9
[Ocean Energy Management bureau proposes oil and gas lease sale of almost all outer continental shelf](#) KTOO 1/9
[Fiscal crises again on the horizon as legislators return to Juneau](#) MSF 1/9
[Senator Introduces Amendment Aimed At Guaranteeing A Dividend For Alaskans](#) KSRM 1/9
[Wasilla City Council votes to ban plastic bags](#) MSF 1/9

Upcoming Calendar Events

Jan 16. [30th Alaska Legislature Convene \(2nd Regular Session\)](#), Juneau
Jan 22-26. [International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting](#), Portland [Provisional Agenda](#)
Jan 22-26. [Alaska Marine Science Symposium](#), Anchorage
Jan 24-25. [Federal Subsistence Board Work Session](#), Anchorage

Quotes for the week

"We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, while others bright, some have weird names, but they all have learned to live together in the same box."
—Author Unknown

"A person is not given integrity. It results from the relentless pursuit of honesty at all times."
—Unknown

"Listening is such a simple act. It requires us to be present, and that takes practice, but we don't have to do anything else. We don't have to advise, or coach, or sound wise. We just have to be willing to sit there and listen." —Margaret J. Wheatley; writer, consultant

Links and Contacts

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[Permanent Fund Dividend Division](#)

The Permanent Fund Dividend application period opened January 1st, and ends March 31st.

The Cordova LIO is helping with PFD applications by appointment only. Please call 424-5461 to schedule an appointment. The LIO can make certified copies of passports and birth certificates so you don't have to mail your originals to the PFD Division.

The Permanent Fund Dividend Division encourages all applicants to file online and use Direct Deposit each year. If you prefer a paper PFD application we have them and so does the City of Cordova.

If you live in another community the PFD Division has a list of [PFD distribution sites](#) for your community. You can also call the Division and request that one be mailed to you: (907) 465-2326.

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