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Fifty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:04 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell, Gospel Outreach Christian Center. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament (the stretched-out expanse of the sky) shows His handiwork." Psalms 19:1

Dear Heavenly Father,

Even as You display Your glory in the Northern Lights seen in our skies; I pray that your glory will be seen here in this Senate Chamber as well.

I pray that Your presence will abide here; Your divine direction and Your wisdom for the Senators as they ponder the decisions to be made for Alaska.

May You bless them with good health this day. Strengthen them for the days ahead as the session winds down and keep their families safe and grant them a bridge of communication as they are apart.

I thank You Lord for these Senators that are willing to represent us here in this place. And now Lord may You bless them, and may You bless their labors.

I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Senator Egan led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the fifty-third through fifty-fifth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated March 16 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 72

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 72(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs and capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 73

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

Communications

Disclosure letters received in accordance with AS 24.60 will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 1 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 6.

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

2014 Time-to-Disposition Reports
Appellate and Trial Courts
from Christine E. Johnson, Administrative Director, Alaska Court System
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

Standing Committee Reports**SB 19**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 19 "An Act relating to road service area boundary changes" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(CRA)

Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Stedman, Hoffman, Egan.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SCR 1

The Education Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Relating to a legislative task force on civics education, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 1(EDC)

Signing do pass: Senator Dunleavy, Chair; Senators Stevens, Huggins, Gardner.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 75

SENATE BILL NO. 75 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act allowing federally recognized tribal governments to receive contributions from permanent fund dividends."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SCR 6

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Proclaiming April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

Senators MacKinnon, Stedman, Egan, Giessel, Hoffman, Bishop, Micciche, Stevens, Coghill, Kelly, Dunleavy, McGuire, Costello, Wielechowski, Stoltze, Olson, Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Proclaiming April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 6

Second Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Adam Ahonen 2014 BP Teacher of Excellence
Representative(s) Millett

Senator(s) Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Honoring - Kate McWilliams 2015 Spirit of Youth Award Recipient
Representative(s) Herron

Senator(s) Hoffman, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Honoring - Byron Nicholai 2015 Spirit of Youth Award Recipient
Representative(s) Herron

Senator(s) Hoffman, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Honoring - Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council 25th Anniversary

Representative(s) Olson

Senator(s) Micciche, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

Honoring - Phi-Alpha of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alaska Chapter

Representative(s) Tilton

Senator(s) Stoltze, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Brian Sullivan

Representative(s) Colver

Senator(s) Dunleavy, Meyer, Stoltze, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon, March 18 through March 20. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SCR 6

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Proclaiming April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 18, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 17 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + Confirmation Hearing:
 Chris Hladick, Commissioner of Department of
 Commerce, Community & Economic Development
 += SB 22 MOTOR VEHICLE REG. TAX: COLLECTION COSTS
 + HB 70 CREAMER'S FIELD REFUGE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 19 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 += SB 45 PARKS & REC SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES
 + SB 13 WARRANTLESS SEARCH OF ELECTRONIC DATA
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Mar 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 31 SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAMS
 + Presentation: Elementary and Secondary
 Education Act Flexibility Waiver Renewal
 Mike Hanley, Commissioner, Department of
 Education and Early Development
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 = SB 64 SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT

EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 4:00 PM
 -- Time Change --
 Confirmation Hearings:
 + Professional Teaching Practices Commission
 Rebecca Himschoot
 Martin Laster
 David Legg
 + State Board of Education and Early Development
 Esther Cox
 Keith Hamilton

FINANCE

Mar 16 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:15 AM
 -- Delayed until 9:15 am --
 += SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL
 + Departments: Fish and Game, Education and Early
 Development, Labor and Workforce Development
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 16 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 + Confirmation Hearings:
 + Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of
 Trustees
 Carlton Smith - Juneau
 Christopher Cooke - Anchorage
 Mary Jane Michael - Anchorage
 + Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
 Michael Gallagher - Anchorage
 + Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers
 Renee Piszczek - Fairbanks
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 17 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL
 + Departments: University and Transportation and
 Public Facilities
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 17	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+ SB 26	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
+	Departments: Courts		
+ SB 5	RESTITUTION: PROPERTY AND INCOME LOSS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 18	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 26	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
+	Departments: Administration and Natural Resources		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 18	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	Confirmation Hearings:		
+	State Assessment Review Board		
	William Roberts - Kodiak		
	Steve Van Sant - Palmer		
+	Fisherman's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council		
	Donald L. Stiles - Nome		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 26	BUDGET: CAPITAL		
+	Departments: Environmental Conservation and		
	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	Confirmation Hearings:		
+	Alaska Workers' Compensation Board		
	Lake Williams - Fairbanks		
	Stacy A. Allen - Palmer		
	Pamela J. Cline - Anchorage		
	Chuck Collins, Jr. - Juneau		
	Jacob F. Howdeshell - North Pole		
	Linda F. Hutchings - Soldotna		
	Rick Traini - Anchorage		
	Patricia A. Vollendorf - Anchorage		
	Robert C. Weel - Anchorage		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL
 + Departments: Governor and Public Safety
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 += SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL
 + Departments: Health and Social Services
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 16 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Confirmation Hearing on Governor's Appointments
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 23 IMMUNITY FOR PROVIDING OPIOID OD DRUG
 + SB 55 OPTOMETRY & OPTOMETRISTS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 20 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 16 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --
 + SB 47 LIFE INSURANCE/ANNUITY EXEMPTIONS
 + SB 43 IMMUNITY FOR FIRE DEPT. & MEMBERS
 + HB 5 CONSERVATOR OF PROTECTED PERSONS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --
 -- Rescheduled from 03/13/15 --
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointment:
 Craig Richards, Attorney General - Department of Law
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 20 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointments:
 Rebecca Hamon - Alaska Police Standards Council
 Gustalf Sandahl - Alaska Police Standards Council
 Richards "Ole" Larson - State Board of Parole
 Allen Joseph - Alaska Judicial Council
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 17 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 14 EMERGENCY MED. SERVICES; DEFIBRILLATORS
 + SB 29 STATE MEDICAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP
 + SB 71 VACCINE CERTIFICATION FOR PHARMACISTS
 Boards and Commission Appointees:
 Workers' Comp. Appeals Commission
 Alaska Workers' Comp. Board
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 19 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 58 TRANSPORT NETWORK SVES. & WORKERS COMP
 + SB 2 EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE: VETERAN & SPOUSES
 + Board and Commission Appointees:
 Board of Marital & Family Therapy
 Occupational Safety & Health Review Board
 Board of Psych. & Psych. Assoc. Examiners
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Mar 16 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + HJR 4 OFFSHORE OIL & GAS REVENUE SHARING
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Confirmation on Governor's Appointees:
 Attorney General - Craig Richards
 -- Public Testimony on Appointee --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 18 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- = HJR 6 FEDERAL CONTAMINATION OF ANCSA LANDS
- + SB 57 CLEAN AIR ACT PLAN
- Public Testimony --
- <Pending Referral>
- + Confirmation on Governor's Appointees:
Mark Myers, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources
- Public Testimony on Appointee--
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 20 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 8 INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTION LICENSES
- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

- += SB 42 PERSONAL USE FISHING PRIORITY
- Continued Public Testimony --
- + SJR 15 CALL FOR US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION
- Initial Presentation --
- + SCR 4 US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION DELEGATES
- Initial Presentation --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

- Public Testimony --
- + Confirmation of Governor's Appointments:
Benjamin Brown, Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
Verne Rupright, Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
Mark Fish, Alaska Public Offices Commission
Mark Liuken, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Craig Fleener, Lieutenant Governor Successor

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STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**(meeting continued from previous page)**

- + = SJR 15 CALL FOR US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION
(Continued from 3/17/15)
- + = SCR 4 US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION DELEGATES
(Continued from 3/17/15)
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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TRANSPORTATION

- Mar 17** **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:00 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled
- Mar 19** **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:00 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled
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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

- Mar 19** **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **7:30 AM**
Closeout
- Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner, DOA
- Leslie Ridle, Deputy Commissioner
- John Boucher, Deputy Commissioner
- Cheri Lowenstein, Administrative Services
Director
- Andy Mills, Special Assistant
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COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

- Mar 17** **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
Commerce, Community & Economic Development
- Mar 24** **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
Closeout
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CORRECTIONS

Mar 23 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM
Budget Comparison and Concerns

Mar 25 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM
Tentative Closeout

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
No Meeting Scheduled

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 16 Monday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM
+ FY16 Budget Overview

Mar 23 Monday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
+ FY16 Budget Closeout

FISH & GAME

Mar 17 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM
-- MEETING CANCELED --
Discussion Related to "Intent Language" to be
Considered to Address Budgetary Recommendations
and Longer Range Budgetary plans

Mar 19 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM
Closeout

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 16 Monday Butrovich 205 5:30 PM
-- Location Change --
Department of Health and Social Services

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Mar 18	Wednesday -- Location Change -- Pre-Closeout	Butrovich 205	5:30 PM
Mar 25	Wednesday -- Location Change -- Closeout	Butrovich 205	5:30 PM

JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE

Mar 18	Wednesday FY16 Budget Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
Mar 26	Thursday FY16 Budget Closeout	Senate Finance 532	4:30 PM

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 16	Monday Budget Overview	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Mar 18	Wednesday Budget Comparison and Concerns	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM
Mar 20	Friday Tentative Closeout	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:00 PM

LAW

Mar 17 +	Tuesday Governor's FY16 Budget Overview Criminal and Civil Divisions	Senate Finance 532	11:00 AM
Mar 19 +	Thursday Judgments and Settlements Ketchikan Lawsuit Update	Senate Finance 532	11:00 AM
Mar 24 +	Tuesday Closeout	Senate Finance 532	11:00 AM

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mar 25 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 Closeout

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 24 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **5:00 PM**
 Budget Overview

Mar 26 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **5:00 PM**
 Budget Comparison and Concerns

Mar 30 **Monday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **5:00 PM**
 Tentative Closeout

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 19 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 Department of Public Safety

Mar 26 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 Closeout

REVENUE

Mar 16 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 + Governor's FY16 Budget Proposal Overview
 Tax Division
 Film Production Tax

Mar 18 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 + CBR Management
 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Mar 25 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
 + Closeout

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 17 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM
Department of Transportation and Public
Facilities

Mar 24 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM
Closeout

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 16 Monday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
FY16 Budget Overview

Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
FY16 Budget Closeout

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL CMTE ON ENERGY

Mar 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
+ SB 57 CLEAN AIR ACT PLAN
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC

Mar 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 11:15 AM
+ SJR 16 ARCTIC ECONOMIC COUNCIL
-- Testimony <Invited and Public> --

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 17 Tuesday House Finance 519 7:30 AM
 -- Location Change --
 + Public Hearing
 Department of Health and Social Services
 Performances Review
 Public Comment on the Performance of DHSS in the
 Delivery of its Behavioral Health and Long-Term
 Care Services and on the Department's Overall
 Organizational and Administrative Structure
 -- Testimony <Time Limit Set to 3 Minutes> --

Mar 30 Monday Barnes 124 7:30 AM
 Audits - Executive Session: Statewide Single
 Audit FY14 Final
 Other Committee Business
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 19 Thursday House Finance 519 5:00 PM
 -- SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE ONLY --
 Introductory Meeting
 EXECUTIVE SESSION
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Mar 23 Monday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 + Annual Address by the Honorable
 Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

- Mar 18** **Wednesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **12:00 PM**
Lunch & Learn:
Pathways to Prevention Statewide Steering
Committee
Learn about Statewide Programming and the
Coordinated Plan to Prevent Domestic & Sexual
Violence in Alaska
Sponsored by Senator Meyer
- Mar 19** **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **12:00 PM**
Lunch & Learn: Medicaid Expansion
Becky Hultberg, CEO/President of ASHNHA, Will
Address Common Questions About Medicaid
Expansion and Outline the Role Expansion Can Play
in Driving Innovation in the Health Care System
Dr. Ted Helvoigt from Evergreen Economics Will
Talk About the Department's Enrollment and
Spending Projections for the Newly Eligible
Population, Why Alaska is Experiencing the
Welcome Mat Effect Even Without Expansion, and
Explain the Department's Success Over the Past
Decade to 'Bend' the Medicaid Cost Curve
Sponsored By Senator Gardner