



Rep. Charisse Millett House District 25

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Update for April 24, 2017

Go Cougars!

A little soccer spotlight this week! District 25'ers should be celebrating our Service Lady Cougar Soccer Team, finishing last week's games with a 10-1 win over Bartlett, a 4-1 win over East, and a tie-game with Dimond. We are beyond proud of these talented, motivated student athletes, and have a lot of hope for their continued success. They also have a great Twitter page, which you can use to stay up to date on games and schedules – follow @SHS_WSOC. Good luck ladies!



SHS Women's Soccer @SHS_WSOC Apr 21
Congratulations to #23 @Autyboo35 for being selected the #SHS Player of the Game #SHSTID #shstrong #cougarpride #POG pic.twitter.com/Mqotkk4Wrl



Player of the Game vs. East

Congratulations to #10 Lauren Hepler for being selected the Service Girls Soccer Player of the Game. Box Score



SHS Women's Soccer @SHS_WSOC Apr 21
Congratulations to #10 @laurenkelly333 for being selected the #SHS POG v EAHS #SHSTID #shsstrong #cougarpride #MaxPreps pic.twitter.com/5EUIPkLbX

Budget Update

Here in Juneau, we are still waiting on the House Majority to name their conference committee members to begin the budget negotiation process. If you aren't familiar with conference committees, they are committees comprised of members from the House and Senate that meet to go over differences and strike compromise when the two bodies have passed different versions of a certain bill.

In this case, the House and Senate both passed different budgets, and thus will have to work together to find common ground that both bodies can agree upon. For a conference committee on the budget to begin, House leadership must name their members. For 13 days we have been waiting for the House Majority to appoint representatives, and are hopeful action will be taken soon. Passing a budget is the Legislature's one constitutionally mandated duty, and Alaskans are relying on us to provide essential services to protect safety and health.

Public Testimony on Income Taxes

The Senate Labor and Commerce Committee is holding public testimony on House Bill 115 – the income tax bill supported by the [House Majority](#) and [Governor](#). Public testimony is slated for 5:00pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Below is the information on how to make your voice heard!

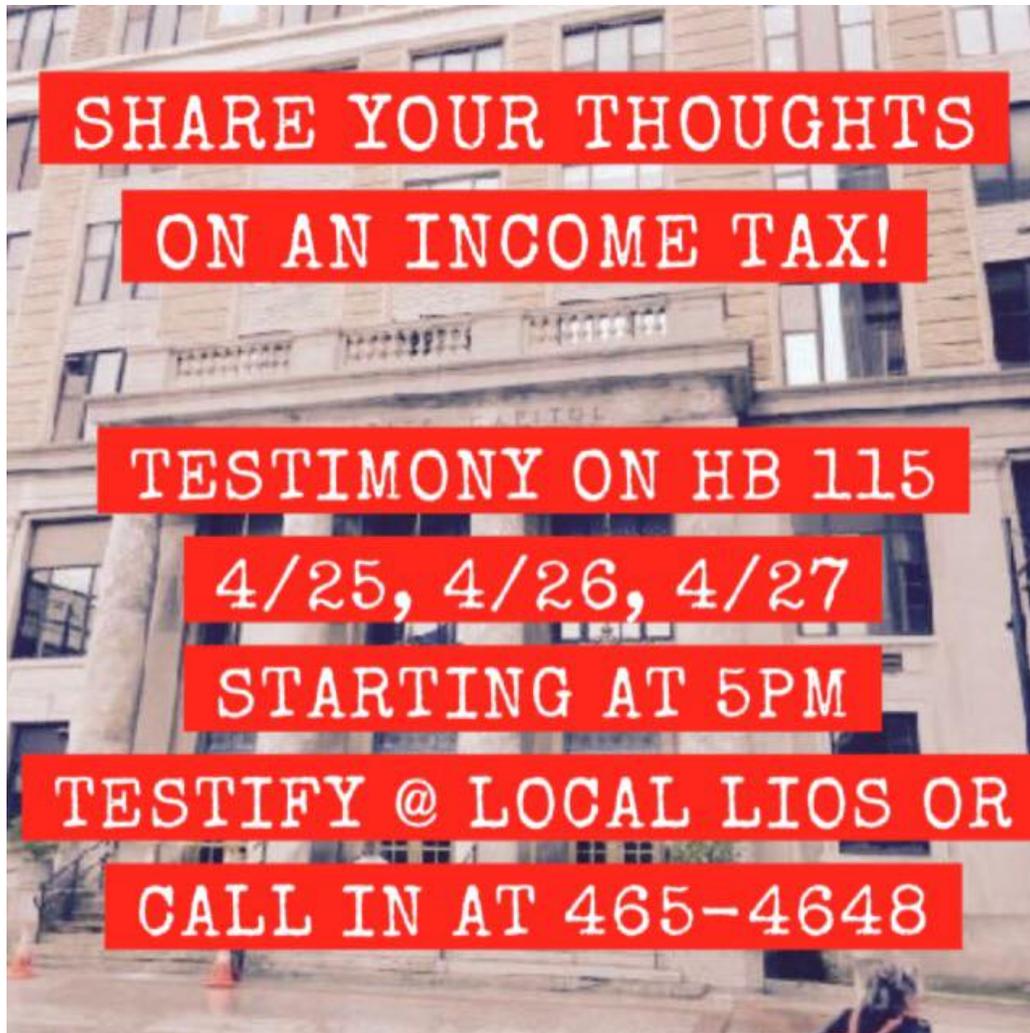
Senate LABOR & COMMERCE Committee

Apr 25, 26, 27 at 5:00 PM

HB 115 INCOME TAX; PFD PAYMENT/CREDIT

Statewide Public Testimony — — Public Testimony Limited to 2 Minutes

Please Sign-in at Your Local LIO No Later Than 6:30pm



From my perspective, implementing an income tax is premature and unnecessary when we know the budget can be balanced and a stable revenue stream can be used without taxing Alaskans and hurting our already struggling economy. As policymakers, we have been told time and time again that tipping the scale too much and implementing too many changes this year could drive our state further into a recession. I believe we need to have a thoughtful approach – balanced spending reductions, asset restructuring and a tighter spending cap. An income tax is just too heavy a burden on Alaskans and businesses this year.

House Bill 111 – Oil Taxes and Credits

Last week, the Senate Resources Committee held public testimony for the first time on the version of HB 111 that passed the House. Alaskans spoke loud and clear: they do not want taxes changed or raised on our state's most vital industry that has been in a downturn since 2015 due to low oil prices. 47 Alaskans spoke against HB 111, while 11 spoke in favor of it. Many commented on the fact that SB 21 is clearly working (even with low prices): if trends hold – production through TAPS will have increased two years in a row (something that hasn't happened since the 1980s), new fields have been discovered, and major investments have occurred since 2013. The picture below is from ConocoPhillips, showing the activities that company has engaged in following the

Activities Since Tax Reform (SB21) Passed

- Added two rigs to the Kuparuk rig fleet, 2013-2014
- Two new-build rigs delivered in 2016
 - Doyon 142 and Nabors CDR3
 - 4 to 5 rigs at Kuparuk/Alpine during 2016
- Sanctioned ERD Rig in 2016
- North East West Sak – DS1H
- New drill site at Kuparuk (DS 2S) – on stream a year ago
- Sanctioned 18 additional wells at Alpine CD5
- Sanctioned Greater Mooses Tooth 1 in 2015
- Permitting Greater Mooses Tooth 2
- Willow discovery and acquisition of 737,000 State and federal acres in December 2016 lease sale
- Significant other industry investment



Alaska Capex as % of COP Total (\$B)



North Slope oil production grew 2% in 2016, the first growth in 14 years.

Source: Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Press Release December 30, 2016

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ConocoPhillips

Consultants testified that raising taxes at low prices – a large piece of HB 111 – would negatively impact investment levels, production and jobs for Alaskans. Oil from new fields, such as those discovered by Caelus, ConocoPhillips and Repsol costs \$10-20 more per barrel to develop, than oil from legacy fields like Prudhoe Bay. Increasing government take (which accounts for all taxes/royalties a company pays) as HB 111 envisions at all prices between \$50- 110 per barrel, will only make it harder for companies to bring new production online.

Projects like Smith Bay, Pikka, Willow and Nuna would increase production by hundreds of thousands of barrels, create thousands of high paying jobs, and generate billions of dollars in new revenue for the State. SB 21 has helped make these projects viable, while HB 111 threatens to undercut or outright stop them. I believe Alaska should keep our competitive tax structure in place, and do all we can to increase production – not focus on short term cash grabs by changing our tax regime again.

School Happenings

This week, students from both Trailside and Kasuun Elementary will be participating in spring cleanup days. The Knights will be tackling their campus clean up on Friday, while the Timberwolves will be coming in on Saturday to spiff up their school. It's great to hear about active, engaged and thoughtful students who care about the well-being of their schools!

Also, at Trailside it's Staff Appreciation Week! Our deepest gratitude goes out to the hard working teachers, support staff and administrators who make Trailside the great

school it is. You all do an amazing job and make our district a wonderful place. Go Timberwolves!

The DEA is coordinating this effort to safely dispose of your prescription medications!



DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

National Prescription Drug **TAKE BACK DAY**

Saturday, April 29th,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Turn in your unused or expired
prescription medication
for safe disposal

dispose

unused
Rx

Visit www.dea.gov or call 800-882-9539
for a collection site near you

The poster features a blue and white color scheme. At the top, a dark blue banner contains the text 'DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION' in white. Below this, the title 'National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY' is prominently displayed, with 'TAKE BACK DAY' in large, bold, red letters. The date and time, 'Saturday, April 29th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.', are in blue. A call to action in red text asks to turn in unused or expired medication for safe disposal. The central image shows several pills: two blue capsules, one with 'dispose' written on it, and two white tablets, one with 'unused Rx' on it. A large, faint DEA seal is visible in the background. At the bottom, a dark blue banner provides the website 'www.dea.gov' and the phone number '800-882-9539' for finding a collection site.

Please reach out to our office with any questions you might have. Thank you so much for your continued engagement!

All my best,

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