

# Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education Legislative Update



*Tuesday, January 18th began the 27th Alaska Legislative session in Juneau. During this session, the GCDSE is keeping you up-to-date by monitoring legislative action and tracking bills that relate to issues concerning health, education, disabilities, and services in the State of Alaska.*

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## Conference Committee

The Conference Committee will begin meeting in the next week to discuss and work out the differences in the budget. Although public testimony is not taken by committee members, you can still contact them to communicate your support for bills. The Conference Committee Members are as follows:

**Senator Stedman:** [Senator\\_Bert\\_Stedman@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Bert_Stedman@legis.state.ak.us)

or (907)465-3873, or 877-463-3873

**Senator Hoffman:** [Senator\\_Lyman\\_Hoffman@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Lyman_Hoffman@legis.state.ak.us)

or (907)465-4453, or 866-465-4453

**Senator Thomas:** [Senator\\_Joe\\_Thomas@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Joe_Thomas@legis.state.ak.us)

or (907)465-2327, or 800-336-7383

**Representative Gara:** [Representative\\_Les\\_Gara@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Les_Gara@legis.state.ak.us)

or (907)465-2647

**Representative Stoltze:** [Representative\\_Bill\\_Stoltze@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Bill_Stoltze@legis.state.ak.us)

Or (907)465-4958

**Representative Thomas:** [Representative\\_Bill\\_Thomas@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Bill_Thomas@legis.state.ak.us)

Or (907)465-3732

## HB 30 and HB31: Assigned to Sub-Committee

On April 5, Representative Stoltze, the House Finance Committee Co-Chair, referred HB 30 (Dedicated Transportation Fund and Public Transportation) and HB 31 (Transportation Infrastructure Fund Appropriation) to a subcommittee.

The members of the subcommittee are as follows: Representative Fairclough (Chair), Representative Thomas, Representative Stoltze, Representative Costello, and Representative Doogan. This subcommittee will now hold interim hearings on HB 30 and HB 31. If you feel passionately about HB 30 and HB 31, contact the subcommittee members and your legislators today!

## SB 74: Your Action Needed Now!

SB 74 (Autism Insurance Coverage) has now been scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee on April 12. Call your legislator and the Committee Members to communicate your support for SB 74 today!

Chair Senator Egan: [Senator\\_Dennis\\_Egan@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Dennis_Egan@legis.state.ak.us) or (907) 465-4947

Vice-Chair Senator Paskvan: [Senator\\_Joe\\_Paskvan@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Joe_Paskvan@legis.state.ak.us)

(907) 465-3709, or 877-665-3709

Senator Davis: [Senator\\_Bettye\\_Davis@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Bettye_Davis@legis.state.ak.us) or (907) 465-3822,

or 800-770-3822

Senator Menard: [Senator\\_Linda\\_Menard@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Linda_Menard@legis.state.ak.us) or (907)465-6600,

or 877-465-6601

Senator Giessel: [Senator\\_Catherine\\_Giessel@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Senator_Catherine_Giessel@legis.state.ak.us) or (907)465-4843,

or 800-892-4843



## Upcoming Committee and Bill Hearings

*April 9th*

10:00am

**HB 49: Early Childhood Education: Parents as Teachers**

House Finance  
Room 519 State Capitol  
(Teleconference)

12:30pm

**HJR 4: Constitutional Amendment: Transportation Fund**

House Judiciary  
Room 120 State Capitol  
(Teleconference)

*April 12th*

2:00pm

**SB 74: Autism Insurance**  
Senate Labor and Commerce  
Committee