



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals
and thrive in an ever-changing world.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Mitigation and Prevention Plan – No changes are recommended at this time.

Legislation - Alaska Education Update 3/18/22

There is starting to be a lot of action on the budget and a few bills that seem to be moving quickly through the legislative process.

Wednesday the House Finance Committee released a new proposed committee substitute for HB 281, the FY23 operating budget. The new committee substitute forward funds the base student allocation and pupil transportation at \$1.215 billion for FY24. The bill fully funds school bond debt reimbursement and fully capitalizes the REAA fund. It recapitalizes the Higher Education Investment Fund at \$394.6 million. It funds \$50 million for school districts outside the BSA.

HB 108 – Concurrent Secondary & Trade School

Wednesday morning the House Education Committee heard and held [HB 108](#). It was the fourth hearing of the bill in the House Education Committee. It is not scheduled for future hearings at this time (March 17).

HB 108 adds a new clause to AS 14.07.020(a) that states the Dept. of Education & Early Development shall “provide opportunities to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs to students over 14 years of age enrolled in public secondary schools.”

HB 108 adds six new sections under AS 14.35 that establish a new state policy. The policy states: “It is the policy of this state to provide public secondary school students over 14 years of age the opportunity to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs from nonsectarian agencies providing industry-standard instruction.”

One section under the new policy requires DEED to negotiate contracts with agencies providing industry-standard instruction and certifications to offer concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs for students enrolled in a public secondary school. See [the bill](#) for program requirements. One of the requirements of the programs is that they meet industry

standards for apprenticeship or journeyman or equivalent certification, based on agency accredited national, regional, or programmatic instruction standards.

The bill requires DEED to enroll students in programs who are over 14 years of age who submit an application. If there is not enough room in a program for all students who apply, then students shall be selected for the program by random drawing. Schools are required to pay any tuition for the program

HB 48 – Alaska Performance Scholarship; Eligibility

Wednesday morning the House Education Committee heard and moved [HB 48](#). It goes next to the House Finance Committee. It is not scheduled for future hearings at this time (March 17).

HB 48 allows Alaska Performance Scholarships to be awarded to applicants who've completed a core academic curriculum that includes career and technical education. HB 48 increases the amount of the scholarship and removes the requirement for college entrance exams. It also increases the time allowed to use the scholarship from six years after high school graduation to eight years after high school graduation.

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House Finance Committee - Thursday, March 17, 2022

HB 273 – Increase Base Student Allocation Inflation

Thursday morning the House Finance Committee heard and held [HB 273](#).

HB 273 increases the base student allocation every fiscal year “by a percentage equal to the percentage of increase over the preceding three-year period in all items of the Consumer Price Index for urban Alaska prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.”

HB 60 – Mental Health Education

Thursday afternoon the House Finance Committee heard and held [HB 60](#). The committee took public testimony. It was the second hearing of the bill in the committee. It is not scheduled for any future hearings at this time.

HB 60 directs the Dept. of Education & Early Development to develop guidelines for instruction in mental health and encourages school districts to include mental health in their health education programs. In developing guidelines, DEED must consult with the Dept. of Health & Social Services and representatives of national and state mental health organizations.

The Dept. of Revenue has released its [Spring 2022 revenue forecast](#). There is a large, anticipated increase in revenue for FY23 and FY24 over what was originally predicted, due to increased oil revenues.

Current Certificated Openings for 2022-23

Secondary Teacher, Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School

Math/Science Teacher, Thorne Bay School

Southeast Island School District Board of Education Exemplary Stakeholder Award Campaign

Recognition Ceremony – May 18th (tentative date)

- Advisory School Council Members
- Longevity Awards
- Certified and Classified Members of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Exemplary Stakeholder Youth Award
- Exemplary Stakeholder Award Adult

