

**HOUSE BILL NO. 260**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE SNYDER**

**Introduced: 1/7/22**  
**Referred: Prefiled**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to use of income of the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the amount**  
2 **of the permanent fund dividend; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue;**  
3 **and providing for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 37.13.140 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 37.13.140. Income.** (a) Net income of the fund includes income of the  
7 earnings reserve account established under AS 37.13.145. Net income of the fund shall  
8 be computed annually as of the last day of the fiscal year in accordance with generally  
9 accepted accounting principles, excluding any unrealized gains or losses. [INCOME  
10 AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION EQUALS 21 PERCENT OF THE NET  
11 INCOME OF THE FUND FOR THE LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS, INCLUDING  
12 THE FISCAL YEAR JUST ENDED, BUT MAY NOT EXCEED NET INCOME OF  
13 THE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JUST ENDED PLUS THE BALANCE IN  
14 THE EARNINGS RESERVE ACCOUNT DESCRIBED IN AS 37.13.145.]

1 (b) The corporation shall determine the amount available for appropriation  
 2 each year. The amount available for appropriation is five percent of the average  
 3 market value of the fund for the first five of the preceding six fiscal years, including  
 4 the fiscal year just ended, computed annually for each fiscal year in accordance with  
 5 generally accepted accounting principles. **The amount available for appropriation**  
 6 **may not exceed the balance in the earnings reserve account described in**  
 7 **AS 37.13.145.** In this subsection, "average market value of the fund" includes the  
 8 balance of the earnings reserve account established under AS 37.13.145, but does not  
 9 include that portion of the principal attributed to the settlement of State v. Amerada  
 10 Hess, et al., 1JU-77-847 Civ. (Superior Court, First Judicial District).

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 37.13.145(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) **Each** [AT THE END OF EACH] fiscal year, the **legislature may**  
 13 **appropriate** [CORPORATION SHALL TRANSFER] from the earnings reserve  
 14 account **50 percent of the amount available for appropriation under**  
 15 **AS 37.13.140(b) to the general fund and 50 percent of the amount available for**  
 16 **appropriation under AS 37.13.140(b)** to the dividend fund established under  
 17 AS 43.23.045. **The legislature may reduce the amount appropriated to the**  
 18 **dividend fund and increase the amount appropriated to the general fund under**  
 19 **this subsection**

20 **(1) by the amount necessary to respond to a statewide disaster if**  
 21 **the governor declares a condition of disaster emergency under AS 26.23.020; or**

22 **(2) by, if (A) of this paragraph is less than (B) of this paragraph,**  
 23 **the difference between**

24 **(A) 50 percent of the amount available for appropriation**  
 25 **under AS 37.13.140(b); and**

26 **(B) the average annual adjusted appropriations from the**  
 27 **general fund for the first five of the preceding six fiscal years, including**  
 28 **the fiscal year just ended, adjusted for the cumulative change in inflation**  
 29 **and the cumulative change in the estimated population of the state each**  
 30 **year; in this subparagraph,**

31 **(i) "annual adjusted appropriations from the**

1                   general fund" is equal to the operating, capital, and mental health  
 2                   appropriations from the unrestricted general fund each year less  
 3                   amounts collected as state revenue, grants, loans, money received  
 4                   from the federal government, appropriations for permanent fund  
 5                   dividends, and appropriations intended to offset the effect of  
 6                   inflation on the principal of the permanent fund that year;

7                   (ii) "state revenue" does not include income of the  
 8                   permanent fund [, 50 PERCENT OF THE INCOME AVAILABLE  
 9                   FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER AS 37.13.140].

10 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 37.13.145(c) is amended to read:

11                   (c) After the appropriations [TRANSFER] under (b) [AND AN  
 12                   APPROPRIATION UNDER (e)] of this section, the legislature may appropriate  
 13                   [CORPORATION SHALL TRANSFER] from the earnings reserve account to the  
 14                   principal of the fund an amount sufficient to offset the effect of inflation on the  
 15                   principal of the fund during that fiscal year. However, none of the amount transferred  
 16                   shall be applied to increase the value of that portion of the principal attributed to the  
 17                   settlement of State v. Amerada Hess, et al., 1JU-77-847 Civ. (Superior Court, First  
 18                   Judicial District) on July 1, 2004. The corporation shall calculate the amount to  
 19                   transfer to the principal under this subsection by

20                   (1) computing the average of the monthly United States Consumer  
 21                   Price Index for all urban consumers for each of the two previous calendar years;

22                   (2) computing the percentage change between the first and second  
 23                   calendar year average; and

24                   (3) applying that rate to the value of the principal of the fund on the  
 25                   last day of the fiscal year just ended, including that portion of the principal attributed  
 26                   to the settlement of State v. Amerada Hess, et al., 1JU-77-847 Civ. (Superior Court,  
 27                   First Judicial District).

28 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 37.13.145(d) is amended to read:

29                   (d) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, income earned on money awarded in  
 30                   or received as a result of State v. Amerada Hess, et al., 1JU-77-847 Civ. (Superior  
 31                   Court, First Judicial District), including settlement, summary judgment, or adjustment

1 to a royalty-in-kind contract that is tied to the outcome of this case, or interest earned  
 2 on the money, or on the earnings of the money shall be treated in the same manner as  
 3 other income of the Alaska permanent fund, except that it **may** [IS] not **be included in**  
 4 **the calculation of the amount** available for **appropriation under AS 37.13.140(b)**  
 5 **or** [DISTRIBUTION TO THE DIVIDEND FUND, FOR TRANSFERS] to the  
 6 principal under (c) of this section [, OR FOR AN APPROPRIATION UNDER (e) OF  
 7 THIS SECTION,] and shall be annually deposited into the Alaska capital income fund  
 8 (AS 37.05.565).

9 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 37.13.300(c) is amended to read:

10 (c) Net income from the mental health trust fund may not be included in the  
 11 computation of net income **of the fund, the** [OR] market value **of the fund, or the**  
 12 **amount** available for [DISTRIBUTION OR] appropriation under **AS 37.13.140(b)**  
 13 [AS 37.13.140].

14 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 37.14.031(c) is amended to read:

15 (c) The net income of the fund shall be determined by the Alaska Permanent  
 16 Fund Corporation **and shall be computed annually as of the last day of the fiscal**  
 17 **year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, excluding any**  
 18 **unrealized gains or losses** [IN THE SAME MANNER THE CORPORATION  
 19 DETERMINES THE NET INCOME OF THE ALASKA PERMANENT FUND  
 20 UNDER AS 37.13.140].

21 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 43.23.025(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) By October 1 of each year, the commissioner shall determine the value of  
 23 each permanent fund dividend for that year by

24 (1) determining the total amount available for dividend payments,  
 25 which equals

26 (A) the amount **appropriated** [OF INCOME OF THE  
 27 ALASKA PERMANENT FUND TRANSFERRED] to the dividend fund  
 28 under AS 37.13.145(b) during the current year;

29 (B) plus the unexpended and unobligated balances of prior  
 30 fiscal year appropriations that lapse into the dividend fund under  
 31 AS 43.23.045(d);

1 (C) less the amount necessary to pay prior year dividends from  
2 the dividend fund in the current year under AS 43.23.005(h), 43.23.021, and  
3 43.23.055(3) and (7);

4 (D) less the amount necessary to pay dividends from the  
5 dividend fund due to eligible applicants who, as determined by the department,  
6 filed for a previous year's dividend by the filing deadline but who were not  
7 included in a previous year's dividend computation;

8 (E) less appropriations from the dividend fund during the  
9 current year, including amounts to pay costs of administering the dividend  
10 program and the hold harmless provisions of AS 43.23.240;

11 (2) determining the number of individuals eligible to receive a  
12 dividend payment for the current year and the number of estates and successors  
13 eligible to receive a dividend payment for the current year under AS 43.23.005(h); and

14 (3) dividing the amount determined under (1) of this subsection by the  
15 amount determined under (2) of this subsection.

16 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 37.13.145(e) and 37.13.145(f) are repealed.

17 \* **Sec. 9.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2022.