

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 107(FIN)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/21/23**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund; relating to income of the Alaska**  
2 **permanent fund; relating to the amount available for appropriation and appropriations**  
3 **from the earnings reserve account; relating to the permanent fund dividend; and**  
4 **providing for an effective date."**

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

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

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

1 FISCAL YEAR JUST ENDED PLUS THE BALANCE IN THE EARNINGS  
2 RESERVE ACCOUNT DESCRIBED IN AS 37.13.145.]

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

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

14 (b) **Each** [AT THE END OF EACH] fiscal year, the **legislature may**  
15 **appropriate** [CORPORATION SHALL TRANSFER] from the

16 (1) earnings reserve account to the **general fund the amount**  
17 **available for appropriation calculated under AS 37.13.140(b);**

18 (2) **general fund to the** dividend fund established under  
19 AS 43.23.045, **25** [50] percent of the income available for **appropriation**  
20 [DISTRIBUTION] under **AS 37.13.140(b)** [AS 37.13.140].

21 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 37.13.145(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, is amended to read:

22 (b) Each fiscal year, the legislature may appropriate from the

23 (1) earnings reserve account to the general fund the amount available  
24 for appropriation calculated under AS 37.13.140(b);

25 (2) general fund to the dividend fund established under AS 43.23.045,  
26 **50** [25] percent of the income available for appropriation under AS 37.13.140(b).

27 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 37.13.145(c) is amended to read:

28 (c) After the **appropriations** [TRANSFER] under (b) [AND AN  
29 APPROPRIATION UNDER (e)] of this section, the **legislature may appropriate**  
30 [CORPORATION SHALL TRANSFER] from the earnings reserve account to the  
31 principal of the fund an amount sufficient to offset the effect of inflation on the

1 principal of the fund during that fiscal year. However, none of the amount  
 2 **appropriated** [TRANSFERRED] shall be applied to increase the value of that portion  
 3 of the principal attributed to the settlement of State v. Amerada Hess, et al., 1JU-77-  
 4 847 Civ. (Superior Court, First Judicial District) on July 1, 2004. The corporation shall  
 5 calculate the amount to **appropriate** [TRANSFER] to the principal under this  
 6 subsection by

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

9 (2) computing the percentage change between the first and second  
 10 calendar year average; and

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

15 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 37.13.145(d) is amended to read:

16 (d) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, income earned on money awarded in  
 17 or received as a result of State v. Amerada Hess, et al., 1JU-77-847 Civ. (Superior  
 18 Court, First Judicial District), including settlement, summary judgment, or adjustment  
 19 to a royalty-in-kind contract that is tied to the outcome of this case, or interest earned  
 20 on the money, or on the earnings of the money shall be treated in the same manner as  
 21 other income of the Alaska permanent fund, except that it is not available for  
 22 **appropriation** [DISTRIBUTION] to the **general fund or the** dividend fund **under**  
 23 **(b) of this section or** [,] for **an appropriation** [TRANSFERS] to the principal under  
 24 (c) of this section [, OR FOR AN APPROPRIATION UNDER (e) OF THIS  
 25 SECTION,] and shall be annually deposited into the Alaska capital income fund  
 26 (AS 37.05.565).

27 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 37.13.300(c) is amended to read:

28 (c) Net income from the mental health trust fund may not be included in the  
 29 computation of **the amount** [NET INCOME OR MARKET VALUE] available for  
 30 [DISTRIBUTION OR] appropriation under **AS 37.13.140(b)** [AS 37.13.140].

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

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

3 (1) determining the total amount available for dividend payments,  
4 which equals

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

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

11 (C) less the amount necessary to pay prior year dividends from  
12 the dividend fund in the current year under AS 43.23.005(h), 43.23.021, and  
13 43.23.055(3) and (7);

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

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

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

24 (3) dividing the amount determined under (1) of this subsection by the  
25 amount determined under (2) of this subsection.

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

27 \* **Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
28 read:

29 **CONDITIONAL EFFECT.** (a) Section 3 of this Act takes effect only if, before  
30 January 1, 2031, in a letter described in (b) of this section, the commissioner of revenue and  
31 the director of the legislative finance division jointly agree that revenue measures that

1 (1) generated at least \$1,300,000,000 of new annually recurring general fund  
2 revenue, when compared to annual revenue generated from the statutes as they read on  
3 January 1, 2023, have been passed by the Alaska State Legislature and enacted into law; and

4 (2) the estimated balance of the constitutional budget reserve fund established  
5 in art. IX, sec. 17(a), Constitution of the State of Alaska, that is available for appropriation  
6 exceeds \$3,500,000,000, adjusted for inflation as described in (b)(2) of this section.

7 (b) On December 1 of each year, beginning in 2026 and ending in 2030, the  
8 commissioner of revenue and the director of the legislative finance division shall notify the  
9 revisor of statutes in a joint letter if

10 (1) revenue measures that generated at least \$1,300,000,000 of new annually  
11 recurring general fund revenue in the preceding calendar year, when compared to annual  
12 revenue generated from the statutes as they read on January 1, 2023, have been passed by the  
13 Alaska State Legislature and enacted into law by December 31 of the preceding calendar year;  
14 and

15 (2) on June 30 of the year the letter is issued, the estimated balance of the  
16 constitutional budget reserve fund established in art. IX, sec. 17(a), Constitution of the State  
17 of Alaska, that is available for appropriation exceeds \$3,500,000,000, adjusted for inflation by

18 (A) computing the average of the monthly United States Consumer  
19 Price Index for all urban consumers for calendar year 2025;

20 (B) computing the average of the monthly United States Consumer  
21 Price Index for all urban consumers for the preceding calendar year;

22 (C) computing the percentage change between the amounts in (A) and  
23 (B) of this paragraph; and

24 (D) applying the rate calculated in (C) of this paragraph to  
25 \$3,500,000,000.

26 (c) In this section, "general fund revenue" does not include revenue from the  
27 permanent fund.

28 \* **Sec. 10.** If sec. 3 of this Act takes effect, it takes effect July 1 of the calendar year after the  
29 commissioner of revenue and the director of the legislative finance division jointly agree  
30 under sec. 9 of this Act that

31 (1) revenue measures that generated at least \$1,300,000,000 of new annually

1 recurring general fund revenue, when compared to annual revenue generated from the statutes  
2 as they read on January 1, 2023, have been passed by the Alaska State Legislature and  
3 enacted into law; and

4 (2) the estimated balance of the constitutional budget reserve fund established  
5 in art. IX, sec. 17(a), Constitution of the State of Alaska, that is available for appropriation  
6 exceeds \$3,500,000,000, adjusted for inflation as described in sec. 9(b)(2) of this Act.

7 \* **Sec. 11.** Except as provided in sec. 10 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2024.