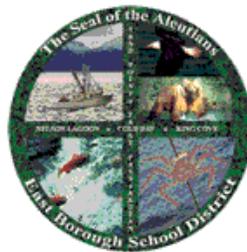
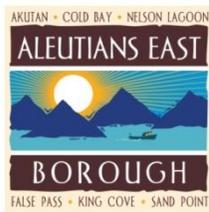


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### **Opportunities to provide testimony to the legislature about funding for the Alaska Marine Highway System:**

The Alaska House Finance Committee is planning to take public testimony on the FY 2021 budget from Wednesday (2/19) through Saturday (2/22) based on the highlighted schedule below.

This is a great opportunity to make the case for restoring the Alaska Marine Highway System operating funds and reinforce support for the House Finance Subcommittee addition of \$18.7 million.

That amount restores about 50% of the \$44 million reduction that occurred in the FY 2020 budget. It's important to provide specific examples of the impacts from losing service.

**Plan on 1 to 2 minutes max.** Off-net testimony can occur on any of the dates. Folks are encouraged to provide testimony at their community Legislative Information Office (LIO), if that's an option.

There are three numbers to use for testifying from a location other than your local LIO.

**(907-586-9085) Juneau**  
**(907-563-9085) Anchorage**  
**(844-586-9085) Statewide**

**You can use the statewide number anyplace in Alaska except for Juneau and Anchorage, or via Anchorage-based phone numbers.** (Some phones in certain municipalities have an Anchorage-based number. Those folks need to use the Anchorage phone number.)

***WEDNESDAY – February 19***

HOUSE FINANCE Committee  
5:00 PM                      Adams Room 519                      <Note Time>

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**HB 205 / FY21 Operating Budget**  
**HB 206 / FY21 Mental Health Budget**

— <Public Testimony> —

5:00 – 6:00 PM / Juneau  
6:45 – 8:00 PM / Sitka, Petersburg, Delta Junction, Unalaska, Dillingham, Glennallen, Tok  
5:00 – 8:00 PM / Off Net Sites

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***THURSDAY – February 20***

HOUSE FINANCE Committee  
5:00 PM                      Adams Room 519                      <Note Time>

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**HB 205 / FY21 Operating Budget**  
**HB 206 / FY21 Mental Health Budget**

— <Public Testimony> —

5:00 – 6:30 PM / Fairbanks  
6:45 – 8:00 PM / Homer, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Matsu, Seward  
5:00 – 8:00 PM / Off Net Sites

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**FRIDAY – February 21**

HOUSE FINANCE Committee  
5:00 PM Adams Room 519 <Note Time>

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**HB 205 / FY21 Operating Budget**  
**HB 206 / FY21 Mental Health Budget**  
— <Public Testimony> —

5:00 – 6:45 PM / Anchorage  
7:00 – 8:00 PM / Bethel, Cordova, Kotzebue, Nome, Valdez, Wrangell, Utqiagvik  
5:00 – 8:00 PM / Off Net Sites

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**SATURDAY – February 22**

HOUSE FINANCE Committee  
12:00 PM Adams Room 519 <Note Time>

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**HB 205 / FY21 Operating Budget**  
**HB 206 / FY21 Mental Health Budget**  
— <Public Testimony> —

12:00 – 3:00 PM / Off Net Sites and LIO's

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