

City of Homer

Hearing	Bill No.	Short Title	Prime Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Bill Summary
	HB 28	Fire and Emergency Medical Services	Feige	(S)L&C	3/13/13	Exempts solicitations or voluntary agreements to provide ambulance, emergency, or fire department services from regulation as insurance.
H-FIN Mon 2/17 13:30	HB 32	Lines of Business on Business License	Costello	(H)FIN	4/6/13	Allows one business license to cover multiple lines of business and provides for the reissuance of a business license to correct an error.
	HB 35	Home Heating Conversion Loans	T. Wilson	(H)FIN	2/13/13	Creates a low-interest loan program under AHFC for homeowners who improve or replace their home heating systems; loan terms: interest rate = 1%; term = 10 years; not subject to income limitations; loan amount = lesser of cost of materials and labor or \$15K.
	HB 77	Land Use/Disposals/Exchanges; Water Rights	Governor	(S)RLS	4/14/13	Gives the Commissioner the ability to issue a general permit for activity on state land; provides the Division more flexibility in its authority to exchange land; allows land and property to be purchased by contract vs payment up-front; provides Division to extend existing land/tideland leases; allows Division to renew an existing aquatic farm lease.
	HB 116	PERS Credit for Military Service	Millett	(H)L&C	2/13/13	Allows a peace officer or firefighter who retires from PERS to apply up to 5 years of military service toward major medical insurance coverage.
	HB 122	Transportation Infrastructure Fund Appropriation	P. Wilson	(H)FIN	2/15/13	Appropriates \$2 billion from the general fund to the transportation infrastructure fund, contingent on AK voters amending the Alaska Constitution by 1/10/15.
	HB 123	Dedicated Transportation Fund/Public Transportation	P. Wilson	(H)FIN	3/20/13	Provides for a Transportation and Infrastructure Fund to be established in the amount of \$2 billion with additional funding from the studded tire, vehicle rental, motor fuel taxes as well as vehicle registration, drivers license and ID card fees.

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	HB 140	Notice for Regulation Adoption	Reinbold	(H)FIN	4/9/13	Relating to the information that must accompany certain notices provided for the proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of a regulation, including identification of federal law/order/decision/action, estimated costs to individuals, state agencies and municipalities in complying with proposed action.
	HB 141	Workers' Compensation Medical Fees	(H)L&C	(S)L&C	2/12/14	Sets the fee for medical treatment/services performed outside of the state under the AK Workers' Compensation Act; requires a provider of medical treatment/services under the Act to submit bills for treatment/services to employers within 180 days after the date treatment/services are rendered; limits the time for appealing an employer's denial or reduction of
	HB 149	Workers' Compensation for State Firefighters	Ledoux	(H)L&C	3/1/13	Makes firefighters employed by the municipality/state eligible for the presumption of coverage under workers' compensation for disability due to certain diseases.
	HB 152	PERS Termination Costs	Thompson	(H)L&C	3/4/13	Provides PERS employers the needed flexibility to operate and efficiently manage staffing levels; replaces the requirement for actuarially determined termination studies and related costs with termination costs determined by a formula using readily available data; establishes thresholds for categories of employers based on employer salary base level; maintains the 6/30/08 salary base "floor" as the minimum amount on which the 22% PERS employer contribution rate is applied.
	HB 164	Property Tax Exemption/Military Widow(er)	Millett	(H)CRA	3/13/13	Authorizes municipalities to exempt from taxation by ordinance primary residences of residents who are at least 60 years of age and are the widow/widower of a person who was killed while in the US military service.

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	HB 174	PERS Contributions by Municipalities	(S)CRA	(H)L&C	4/4/13	Exempts municipal employers whose communities' populations have decreased greater than 25% between 2000 and 2010 from having to pay annual PERS contributions based on the 6/30/2012 salary "floor".
	HB 181	Mining License Revenue; Revenue Sharing	Foster	(H)FIN	1/30/14	Requires the state to make available 50% of state mineral lease and royalty revenues to municipalities affected by mining. CS clarifies these payments are for mining on state tide and submerged land "within" a municipality and not "seaward" of a municipality.
	HB 192	Payment of Fishery Resource Landing Tax	Millett	(H)FIN	4/11/13	Changes the return and payment due date of Fishery Resource Landing Tax returns to 30 days after the Department publishes the statewide average price list; changes the timing of estimated tax payments needed to avoid estimated tax penalties.
	HB 193	Municipal Taxation of Tobacco Products	Pruitt	(S)FIN- Heard & Held	2/11/14	Allows a municipality to inspect tax returns or reports filed with the State; allows municipalities to enter into agreements with the state to jointly share administration of auditing and collection of tax on cigarettes.
S-CRA Thurs 2/20 13:30	HB 223	Muni Tax Exemption: Military Facility Zones	Thompson	(S) CRA	2/10/14	Authorizes municipalities by ordinance to exempt or partially exempt from taxation for up to 10 years property in a military facility zone that creates or supports industry, development, or educational or training opportunities beneficial to a facility. Requires ordinances adopted to include specific eligibility requirements and a written application for each exemption.

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	HB 227	Paid Sick Leave	Tarr	(H) L&C	1/21/14	Requires employers not subject to collective bargaining agreements to provide a minimum of 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked; establishes conditions for use of sick leave and allows employees to recover damages if an employer is non-compliant. Applies to work performed after September 30, 2014.
	HB 247	Peace Officer/Firefighter Retirement	Holmes	(H) L&C	1/21/14	Establishes an advisory board to the ARM Board concerning retirement benefits for protective occupation employees. Establishes a new DB retirement plan for employees joining after 7/1/06; provides for adjustments to employee contribution rates; adjusts retirement benefits depending on years of service; provides stipends to employees for purchase of major medical insurance; allows protective occupation employees hired after 7/1/06 who are part of the DC plan to make a one time irrevocable decision to participate in the DB plan.
	HB 264	Solid Fuel Burning Heating Devices	Isaacson	(H)C&RA	1/21/14	Limits local air quality control programs by prohibiting the state or a municipality from banning the use of wood or coal as heat sources for interior buildings. Provides repeal date of December 31, 2023 or when the legislature determines the availability of sufficient alternative fuel sources.
	HB 274	Hearings on Referenda	(S)RLS	(H)JUD	2/12/14	Requires Lt. Gov to hold at least two public hearings on referendum in each judicial district at least 30 days before the election which a referendum is to appear on the ballot.

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	HB 275	Electronic Distribution of Reports/Notices	Hawker	(H) CAL	2/14/14	Allows municipalities to post tax millage information, foreclosure lists and redemption notices on municipal web sites as an alternative to requiring publication in a newspaper. Requires state agencies to produce reports electronically rather than by print and requires state agency reports to be posted on the state online public notice system.
	HB 283	Telephone Records and Electronic Data	Kawasaki	(H) C&RA	1/29/14	Prohibits municipalities from collecting or using electronic data or telephone records obtained without a search warrant. Prohibits state agencies from cooperating with federal agencies in collection or use of electronic data or telephone records without a search warrant.
	HB 285	Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area	Chenault	(H) RLS	2/10/14	Exempts the Homer Port and Harbor from the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area (KBCHA)
H-MLV Tue 2/18 13:00	HB 286	Veterans' Retirement/Loans/Housing/ Employment	RLS by GOV	(H) MLV	1/29/14	Enables families to receive survivor benefits for deceased veterans eligible for PERS, TERS, JERS retirement plans by requiring employers to treat workers as if they were rehired the day before their death, thereby ensuring veterans are covered at the time of death. Extends preferential loan, housing and employment to broader range of veterans by expanding the definition of veteran to include veterans who served in the Gulf War and Iraq wars.

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	HB 294	Worker's Compensation: Death Benefits	Josephson	(H) L&C	2/3/14	Increases the permanent total disability benefit for those injured on the job from \$177,000 to \$252,420. For employees whose injury results in death, requires employers to notify personal representative of the estate or specified relatives. Increases the maximum allowable death benefit for specified relatives dependent on the deceased for support up to \$252,420 with annual increases based on the Anchorage CPI and allows for a lump sum payment to the estate of the deceased if there are no dependent relatives.
	HB 295	PERS Credit/Injured Police & Firefighters	Josephson	(H)L&C	2/3/14	Allows peace officers and firefighters unable to work due to an on the job injury or occupational illness to receive credited service to PERS defined contribution plan and requires the state to make payments to PERS on behalf of these employees during this period even if the firefighter or peace officer does not work for the state.
	HJR 10	Const. Amend: Transportation Fund	P. Wilson	(H)FIN	4/6/13	Proposes amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska creating a transportation infrastructure fund.
	SB 35	Workers Comp: Coll Bargaining/Mediation	Egan	(S)L&C	1/25/13	Authorizes employers and employees to mediate disputed workers' compensation claims and to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement that offers mediation and mandates arbitration of disputed workers' compensation claims by a hearing officer, and allows collective bargaining agreements to supersede certain provisions of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act.
	SB 48	PERS Contributions by Municipalities	D. Olson	(S)FIN	4/8/13	Exempts municipal employers whose communities' populations have decreased greater than 25% between 2000 and 2010 from having to pay annual PERS contributions based on the 6/30/2012 salary "floor".

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	SB 68	Mining License Revenue; Revenue Sharing	D. Olson	(S)CRA	2/27/13	Requires the state to make available 50% of state mineral lease and royalty revenues to municipalities affected by mining.
	SB 71	Payment of Fishery Resource Landing Tax	Micciche	(S)CAL	2/14/14	Changes the return and payment due date of Fishery Resource Landing Tax returns to 30 days after the Department publishes the statewide average price list; changes the timing of estimated tax payments needed to avoid estimated tax penalties.
	SB 92	Municipal Tax Credit For Tuition	Coghill	(S)EDC	3/29/13	Provides municipalities with the option of providing a property tax credit for private school tuition.
	SB 116	Service of Citations	Egan	(S) STA	1/22/14	Waives the requirement that service of a citation be done in person and allows the citation to be left on a vehicle or other property that is the subject of the violation. Does not apply to violations involving minor consuming or possession of alcohol.
	SB 126	Paid Sick Leave	Wielechowski	(S)L&C	1/22/14	Requires employers not subject to collective bargaining agreements to provide a minimum of 1 hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked; establishes conditions for use of sick leave and allows employees to recover damages if an employer is non-compliant. Applies to work performed after September 30, 2014.
	SB 134	Muni Tax Exemption: Military Facility Zones	Kelly	(S)C&RA	1/24/14	Authorizes municipalities by ordinance to exempt or partially exempt from taxation for up to 10 years property in a military facility zone that creates or supports industry, development, or educational or training opportunities beneficial to a facility. Requires ordinances adopted to include specific eligibility requirements and a written application for each exemption.

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S-RES Fri,Wed,Thur,Fri,Fri 2/14, 2/19, 2/20, 2/21, 2/21 15:30,15:30,8:00, 8:00,15:30	SB 138	Large Diameter Natural Gas Pipeline project	RLS by GOV	(S) RES	1/24/14	Expands AGDC, creates separate subsidiary and natural gas pipeline project fund to pursue state's equity position in a large diameter natural gas pipeline including treatment and liquefaction facilities. Authorizes DNR Commissioner to negotiate contracts for project services related to NS natural gas projects subject to legislative approval, enter confidentiality agreements and take custody of in-kind gas delivered to the state as in-kind payment for oil and gas production taxes. Authorizes DNR Commissioner to modify certain lease terms on existing oil and gas leases on property that commits gas to a natural gas project; subjects gas committed from these leases to current standards for sale, exchange, or disposal of gas taken in-kind by the State as its royalty share. Changes tax levy on gas produced after 2021 from a net tax to 10.5% of annual gross value while keeping oil tax at 35% of net annual production tax value and specifies how producers will pay monthly tax installments. Allows producers of modified leases to pay gas production tax in-kind and directs revenue from gas sales to the General fund.
S-STA Thurs 2/20 0900	SB 145	Veterans' Retirement/Loans/Housing/ Employment	Wielechowski	(S) STA- Heard & Held	2/13/14	Enables families to receive survivor benefits for deceased veterans eligible for PERS, TERS, JERS retirement plans by requiring employers to treat workers as if they were rehired the day before their death, thereby ensuring veterans are covered at the time of death. Extends preferential loan, housing and employment to broader range of veterans by expanding the definition of veteran to include veterans who served in the Gulf War and Iraq wars.
H-RLS Tues 2/18 17:00	SB 148	Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area	Micciche	(H) RLS	2/12/14	Exempts the Homer Port and Harbor from the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area (KBCHA)

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	SB 165	PERS Credit for Military Service	McGuire	(S)L&C	2/7/14	Allows retired peace officers and firefighters to obtain credit for up to five years of military service for purposes of establishing eligibility for state health insurance benefits and specifies method of determining indebtedness for years of military service used.