

The background of the image is a photograph of the Alaska State Capitol building. The building is a grand, multi-story structure with a classical architectural style, featuring a prominent portico with several tall, fluted columns. The facade is made of light-colored stone or brick. The windows are large and rectangular, some with decorative elements. The text "ALASKA STATE CAPITOL" is visible on the building's facade above the columns. The entire image is overlaid with a dark, semi-transparent rectangular frame.

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# Legislation Passed

## SB 19, CSSB 19 (FIN)

Extend Special Education Service Agency (SESA)

- Signed into law August 2<sup>nd</sup>

## SB 89, HCS CSSB 89 (HSS)

An Act relating to house rules for assisted living homes

- Awaiting transmittal to Governor

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

## Council Response:

- Council submitted letter to DSDS and DHSS providing feedback and recommendations relating to the 10% increase in funding for Alaska's Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). (May 6, 2021).
- Recommendations based on the 2021 Position Papers and the ARPA, which states that the increased funds must be used to “enhance, expand, or strengthen” HCBS.

# Council recommended ARPA funds to be used to:

- Initiate self-directed waiver service options for Alaskans on HCBS.
- Initiate Adult Companion Services within HCBS.
- Increase hours available within the day habilitation cap.
- Increase the number of individuals drawn for the I/DD waiver from beyond the current 50 annual draw amount.

# SDS e-Alert – 6 Pilot Projects

- 1) Enhanced payment (acuity rate) for care coordination services targeted at serving individuals with complex needs leaving institutions.
- 2) Transition costs for individuals with complex needs leaving institutions.
- 3) Staffing-based rates for assisted living facilities serving individuals with complex needs leaving institutions.
- 4) Training initiatives for Direct Support Professionals (DSPs).
- 5) Companion services for seniors leaving institutions to return home.
- 6) A critical incident detection system for home and community-based services.

(8/5/21)

# Special Sessions

Special sessions over the summer to address appropriation of funds for the Earnings Reserve account, the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund and constitutional amendments to the Alaska Permanent Fund dividend and other funding related matters.

Sessions Held: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# Special Session – August 16, 2021

Third Special Session in Juneau to consider the following:

- Resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit and to the Constitutional Budget Reserve fund;
  - 1) Relating to the Alaska Permanent Fund
  - 2) Appropriations from the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend
  - 3) Alaska power cost equalization.
  - 4) Acts relating to measures to increase state revenues.”



QUESTIONS?