The following list of committee meetings address issues and bills important to municipalities for the upcoming week. For a complete list of bills visit the BASIS web site. Most of these meetings are teleconferenced. They also started to video stream all committee meetings in the state capitol. Check it out at http://akl.tv.

It is best if you go through your local LIO office. If you are unable to go through your local LIO office, you must call the Chair of the Committee in which the bill is being heard for "authorization" and the new off-net call in number.

Monday, April 7th, 2014
SB119 – Budget: Capital – 8:30 A.M. (H) Finance (Pending Referral)
SB119 – Budget: Capital – 9:00 A.M. (S) Finance
HB119 – Perm. Mot. Veh. Registration/Trailers – 9:00 A.M. (S) Finance
HB371 – State Land and Materials – 1:00 P.M. (H) Resources
SB119 – Budget: Capital – 6:00 P.M. (H) Finance (Pending Referral)

Tuesday, April 8th, 2014
SB138 – Gas Pipeline; AGDC; Oil & Gas Prod. Tax – 8:30 A.M. (H) Finance (Pending Referral)
SB119 – Budget: Capital – 9:00 A.M. (S) Finance
HB278 - Education: Funding/Tax Credits/Programs – 9:00 A.M. (S) Finance

Wednesday, April 9th, 2014
SB119 – Budget: Capital – 9:00 A.M. (S) Finance
HB278 - Education: Funding/Tax Credits/Programs – 9:00 A.M. (S) Finance
SB138 – Gas Pipeline; AGDC; Oil & Gas Prod. Tax – 1:00 P.M. (H) Resources
HB116 – PERS Credit for Military Service – 3:15 P.M. (H) Labor & Commerce
SB138 – Gas Pipeline; AGDC; Oil & Gas Prod. Tax – 6:00 P.M. (H) Finance (Pending Referral)

Thursday, April 10th, 2014
SB138 – Gas Pipeline; AGDC; Oil & Gas Prod. Tax – 4:30 P.M. (H) Resources

Friday, April 11th, 2014
SB138 – Gas Pipeline; AGDC; Oil & Gas Prod. Tax – 1:00 P.M. (H) Resources
SB138 – Gas Pipeline; AGDC; Oil & Gas Prod. Tax – 3:15 P.M. (H) Labor & Commerce (Pending Referral)

Saturday, April 12th, 2014
HB349 – AK Retirement Reserve Fund – 10:00 A.M. (H) Finance
HB199 - **TITLE:** "An Act relating to Department of Public Safety regulations allowing village public safety officers to carry firearms."

This bill will establish the legislature’s intent that Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs) be allowed to carry firearms. Under the legislation, VPSOs equipped with firearms would have to meet satisfactory standards. This bill was heard and held in Senate Finance.

SB138 - **TITLE:** "An Act relating to the purposes of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation to advance to develop a large-diameter natural gas pipeline project, including treatment and liquefaction facilities; establishing the large-diameter natural gas pipeline project fund; creating a subsidiary related to a large-diameter natural gas pipeline project, including treatment and liquefaction facilities; relating to the authority of the commissioner of natural resources to negotiate contracts related to North Slope natural gas projects, to enter into confidentiality agreements in support of contract negotiations and implementation, and to take custody of gas delivered to the state under an election to pay the oil and gas production tax in kind; relating to the sale, exchange, or disposal of gas delivered to the state under an election to pay the oil and gas production tax in kind; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue to direct the disposition of revenues received from gas delivered to the state in kind and to consult with the commissioner of natural resources on the custody and disposition of gas delivered to the state in kind; relating to the authority of the commissioner of natural resources to propose modifications to existing state oil and gas leases; making certain information provided to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Revenue exempt from inspection as a public record; making certain tax information related to an election to pay the oil and gas production tax in kind exempt from tax confidentiality provisions; relating to establishing under the oil and gas production tax a gross tax rate for gas after 2021; making the alternate minimum tax on oil and gas produced north of 68 degrees North latitude after 2021 apply only to oil; relating to apportionment factors of the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; authorizing a producer’s election to pay the oil and gas production tax in kind for certain gas and relating to the authorization; relating to monthly installment payments of the oil and gas production tax; relating to interest payments on monthly installment payments of the oil and gas production tax; relating to settlements between producers and royalty owners for oil and gas production tax; relating to apportionment factors of the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; making amendments to the definition of gross value at the ‘point of production’ for gas for purposes of the oil and gas production tax; adding definitions related to natural gas terms; clarifying that credit may not be taken against the in-kind levy of the oil and gas production tax for gas for purposes of the exploration incentive credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, and the film production tax credit; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

This bill lays out all of the “workings” between the partners in the advancement of a large-diameter natural gas pipeline. It deals with: what funding may be used for this pipeline; the creation of subsidiaries for the pipeline project; the creation of a public corporation; defines a subsidiary board for the pipeline; allocates certain powers to those board members; allowing for the share of royalty gas leases; the confidentiality of tax information; the authority of the Revenue Commissioner and the DNR Commissioner. This bill was heard in House Resources and a number of amendments were offered. This bill is being heard in House Finance next week pending referral.
HB278 - **TITLE:** "An Act increasing the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; repealing the secondary student competency examination and related requirements; relating to high school course credit earned through assessment; relating to a college and career readiness assessment for secondary students; relating to charter school application appeals and program budgets; relating to residential school applications; increasing the stipend for boarding school students; extending unemployment contributions for the Alaska technical and vocational education program; relating to earning high school credit for completion of vocational education courses offered by institutions receiving technical and vocational education program funding; relating to education tax credits; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

A Committee Substitute was developed by and moved out from House Finance, which made the following changes to the bill:

- Increases the BSA $185 for FY15 and $58 for FY16 and FY17.
- Eliminates the top two population tiers of the education funding formula, allowing urban schools to receive increased funding per pupil under the formula.
- Deposits $1.4 billion toward TRS and $100 million toward a reserve fund, calling for smaller annual payments stretched over a longer period of time. This could lead to exhausting the trust fund over a period of decades and a reliance on contributions to pay future payments. This proposal analyzed by the Administration showed the costs of $20.7 billion with the liability being paid off by 2073 compared to the Governor’s plan which would costs around $8.1 billion with the liability being paid off by 2038.
- Includes an adjustment to how charter schools are funded. This will offering municipalities the option to give property tax exemptions to property owners who lease or rent space to charter schools and make charter schools equal in terms of formula funding. It also changes the charter school formula to state that districts cannot take a portion of a charter student’s funding for administrative costs.

This bill was advanced to third reading on the House Floor and will be heard on the House Floor Monday, April 7th.

HB317 - **TITLE:** "An Act relating to official traffic-control devices at schools and in school zones."

This Bill will require all municipalities to post signs for all school zones to include public, private and religious schools. This bill will also require all municipalities to post a sign indicating each school zone is a drug free school as well. This bill was heard and passed out of House Community and Regional Affairs and will be heard in House Transportation at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8th.

HJR10 - **TITLE:** Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska creating a transportation infrastructure fund.

This bill will put a constitutional amendment before voters to amend the Alaska constitution to reinstate a dedicated fund for transportation projects. If passed by the voters, the Alaska Transportation Infrastructure Fund (ATIF) will dedicate transportation user fees and taxes to transportation projects. This bill was heard and passed out of Senate Transportation.