

Legislative Update

Alaska Municipal League



PERS/TRS

HB 78: Retirement Systems; Defined Benefit

Sponsor: House Finance/Rep. Kopp

Description: A bill to return to defined benefit. Amended to allow municipalities to participate.

Status: Referred to Finance. Last stop before floor.



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SB 81: PERS

Sponsor: Sen. Stedman

Description: Removes the 22% cap on PERS rates and allows the ARM Board to adjust the rate for all employers up or down.

Status: Senate Labor & Commerce



HB 284: Governor's Omnibus Sales Tax Bill

Sponsor: Senate Rules by request of the Governor

Description: Establishes a state-wide sales tax, eliminates the ability for local governments to collect or set exemptions, caps, and definitions, among other things.

Status: House Finance



Property Taxes:

HB 286: Firefighters/EMS Property Tax Exemption

Sponsor: Rep. Elam

Description: An optional municipal tax exemption for the homes of volunteer firefighters/volunteer EMS or mobile intensive care paramedic services

Status: In House Community & Regional Affairs



Property Taxes: HB 291: Municipal Property Tax Exemptions

Sponsor: Rep. Coulombe

Description: Municipal exemptions from fees for landfills or dumping areas; and relating to optional municipal property tax exemptions

Status: In House Community & Regional Affairs



Property Taxes: SB 200: Farm and Ag. Land Assessments

Sponsor: Sen. Bjorkman

Description: Municipal assessments of farm or agricultural land

Status: In Senate Community & Regional Affairs



HB 133: Prompt Payment

Sponsor: Rep. Himshoot (+ Reps. Fields, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Holland, Frier, Dibert, Schrage)

Description: Establishes 30-day deadline for the State to pay grants, contracts, nonprofits, municipalities, and tribes (much like private contractors). SB 129 is the Companion Bill.

Status: Referred to Finance. Last stop before floor.

