



Joint Chambers of Commerce Statement on Governor Dunleavy Budget

The Chambers of Commerce representing the business communities of Haines, Juneau and Sitka supports State Government spending that provides a stable and dependable economy that inspires confidence for all stakeholders; family confidence to purchase a home, business confidence to expand operations, and entrepreneurial confidence to start a new venture. While there must be accountability for state spending, our future depends on a thoughtful and consistent fiscal policy that makes Alaska a place people want to live, work and invest.

The three chambers encourage and support the responsible use of permanent fund earnings to protect the economy. The dividend formula must be changed to a *percent of market value* formula to continue the dividend while allowing significant revenue for state government. The chambers also support accountable state spending that includes a cap on annual general fund expenditures.

The chambers believe it is critical to provide reliable funding to deliver quality education for our next generation of Alaskans. An education system that prepares youth for the careers of tomorrow is the best investment we can make. The chambers also believe that a strong integrated transportation system is vital to the economic health of Southeast Alaska.

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