

# Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education *Legislative Update*

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Tuesday, January 16th began the 25th Alaska Legislative session in Juneau. During this session, the GCDSE is keeping you up-to-date by monitoring legislative action and tracking bills that relate to issues concerning health, education, disabilities, and services in the State of Alaska.

## House Bill 208: Drug Product Substitution

This is a companion to SB 114. This bill relates to amending current Section 1 of AS 08.80.295 and specifies that a pharmacist must receive permission from the prescribing doctor through an oral or written agreement to substitute a generic or equivalent drug product for a drug to treat epilepsy or for the treatment of other seizure disorders.

### Sponsor:

House Health, Education & Social Services Committee

### Status:

Introduced 03/19 and referred to (H) HES

### Link to Bill Text:

[http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get\\_complete\\_bill.asp?session=25&bill=HB208](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_complete_bill.asp?session=25&bill=HB208)



## Participate in Public Testimony for House Bills 95 & 96!

The Governor's Council encourages you, as a constituent of a member of the Senate Finance Committee or a concerned citizen on issues regarding health, education, or services in the State of Alaska to be involved in public testimony in the following days ahead.

Many issues will be discussed at the public testimony and the Council urges your support and advocacy on one of its legislative priorities that has been worked on during this legislative session:

### Autism Spectrum Disorder

#### \$500,000 Increment Recommendation

This increment has been included in the House Finance amended budget, but not in the Senate Finance budget. Your participation and support is needed to get this increment included in the Senate Finance budget amendments.

More information on the autism increment recommendation and public testimony will be provided to you in the following days ahead. If you have any other questions, please contact the Governor's Council.

For more information on how you can participate in public testimony, please contact your Legislative Information Offices:

<http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/legaff/liolist.htm>

### Senate Finance Committee Members:

#### Co-Chair(s):

Sen. Lyman Hoffman

Sen. Bert Stedman

#### Vice Chair:

Sen. Charlie Huggins

#### Members:

Sen. Kim Elton

Sen. Donald Olson

Sen. Joe Thomas

Sen. Fred Dyson

If any of these legislators are your elected district officials, please take the time as their constituent, to contact them in support of the autism increment recommendation and thank them for their support in including early intervention/infant learning program \$300,000 increment in the Senate Finance budget.

**Thank you for your needed support !**

## Held Committee Referrals and Bill Hearings:

### Senate Bill 1:

#### Increase Amount of Student Base Allocation

Tuesday, April 3rd, State Capitol

held and heard in Senate

Community & Regional Affairs

### Senate Bill 4:

#### Senior Care Program

Tuesday, April 3rd, State Capitol

held and heard in Senate Finance

and moved out of committee

### House Bill 198:

#### Senior Assistance Payment Program

Tuesday, April 3rd, State Capitol

held and heard in House Finance

and moved out of committee

## Upcoming Schedules for Public Testimony in Senate Finance for House Bills 95 & 96:

### Tuesday, April 10th:

**2:30-3:30pm**

Juneau

**3:30-5:00pm**

Sitka, Wrangell, Homer, Petersburg, Dillingham, Cordova

**5:00-6:30pm**

Fairbanks

### Wednesday, April 11th:

**1:00-2:30pm**

Bethel, Kotzebue, Barrow, Nome, Delta Junction, Off-Nets

**2:30-4:00pm**

Anchorage

**5:00-6:30pm**

Kenai, Ketchikan, Valdez, Kodiak, Seward, Mat-Su, Glennallen, Tok

