

# Trust

Alaska Mental Health  
Trust Authority



## FY18 House Budget PUBLIC TESTIMONY: THU-FRI-SAT

The House Finance budget subcommittees have concluded their deliberations on the Operating and Mental Health Budgets (HB 57, HB 59) and have maintained most of the Governor's proposals. We are thankful for this. However, there are couple items where additional support might be helpful. [Public Testimony on the budget will take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday THIS WEEK \(information below\).](#)

### TALKING POINTS

**Thank you for preserving community-based programs that serve vulnerable Alaskans in your budget recommendations. We support these services and increasing revenue to pay for them.**

- Community services provide jobs for health care professionals and paraprofessionals, all of whom contribute to a healthy workforce and strong Alaskan economy.
- Community-based services include housing assistance, assisted living, family caregiver and natural supports, case management, education and training for providers and caregivers, peer support, transportation, mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- Alaskans with disabilities are more likely to live meaningful and productive lives when given adequate community support, and this support helps people remain stable and safe in community—and out of expensive emergency or institutional care.
- We support using new revenue resources so Alaska can maintain programs and services that support our most vulnerable citizens.

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY TIMES

#### **Thursday, March 2, 2017**

House Finance Room 519

1:00 – 3:30 p.m. = Homer, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Mat-Su & Seward

3:45 – 6:00 p.m. = Barrow, Dillingham & Fairbanks

#### **Friday, March 3, 2017**

House Finance Room 519

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. = Anchorage

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. = Sitka, Petersburg, Delta Junction, Unalaska, Glennallen & Tok

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. = Off Net sites (1-844-586-9085)\*

#### **Saturday, March 4, 2017**

House Finance Room 519

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. = Bethel, Cordova, Kotzebue, Nome, Valdez, Wrangell

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. = Off Net sites (1- 844-586-9085)\*

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. = Juneau

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. = Overflow Public Testimony as needed

*\*Call during Off Nets sites if your community doesn't have a Legislative Information Office (LIO), or if it is a hardship for you to attend an LIO in person.*