## 34<sup>th</sup> Legislature Bills – Committee Tracking List

Context: This is a list of bills potentially relevant to the Municipality and our priorities. The list is meant for discussion at the Assembly Legislative Committee and tracking this session; the MOA has adopted broad priorities in the Legislative Program and Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) for MOA FY25 (State FY26).

## **Budget Bills**

Bill#	Topic	Title (Short Version)	Sponsor (H, S)	Brief Description	Date Filed	Status/Notes
HB 53	Budget	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET; CAP; SUPP	Governor	FY26 operating budget bill	1/22/25	(H) FIN
HB 54	Budget	APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL/FUNDS	Governor	FY26 capital budget bill	1/22/25	(H) FIN
HB 55	Budget	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	Governor	FY26 mental health operating, capital budget	1/22/25	(H) FIN
HB 56	Budget	APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL; FUND CAP	Governor	FY25 supplemental capital budget		(H) FIN. (H) PASSED (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S). (S) REFERRED TO FINANCE
HB 85	Budget	APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL	Governor	FY25 supplemental operating budget	2/10/25	(H) FIN

## Bills, Actively Tracking

Bill#	Topic	Title (Short Version)	Sponsor (H, S)	Brief Description	Date Filed	Status/Notes
HB 69	Education	Education Funding	Himschoot (H), H. Ed Comm	Relating to education funding and increase to the BSA	1/24/25	Referred to House Education Com. Hearings at House Finance ~ 2/20 House Rules ~ 3/5. PASSED (H). TRANSMITTED TO (S). Senate Education ~ 3/26.  (S) PASSED (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H) AS AMENDED (H) CONCUR.  VETOED BY GOVERNOR VETO SUSTAINED
HB 57	Education	Communication Devices in Public Schools	Fields (H)	Limits cell phones in schools but has also become bill for school funding and other policy changes.	4/30/25	(S) PASSED Y19 N1 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H) AS AMENDED (H) RETURNED TO SENATE PER REQUEST
HB 76	Education	Education: Schools; grants; funding; debt	Governor		1/31/25	House Education ~ Apr 11
HB 63	Elections	School & Election Bds; Voting; Elections	Governor	Related to elections (Clerk's office has summary)	1/22/25	
HB 43	Elections	Elections, Voting, Ballots	Schrage (H)	Several reforms to election law, likely similar to prior bills but analysis TBD.	1/17/25	(H) REFERRED TO STATE AFFAIRS. Hearing at House State Affairs ~ 3/25.

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SB 70	Elections	School & Election Bds; Voting; Elections	Senate Rules By Request of the Governor		1/24/25	(S) STA, then FIN House Labor & Commerce ~ Apr 7 2025 3:15pm
SB 64	Elections	Elections	Senate Rules		1/24/25	(S) STA, then FIN. Chair sent letter of support to Senate Rules and State Affairs, 3/20. Referred to (S) FIN. Senate Finance ~ Apr 9 2025 9:00am
SB 32	Energy	Allowed costs in electric co-op rates	Giessel (S)	Allows building costs for battery energy storage into utility rates	1/10/25	Senate Resources ~ Apr 25, 30
HB 70	Health	EMERGENCY MED SVCS; OPERATIONAL CANINES	Schrage (H)	emergency medical services for operational canines	1/27/25	Referred to House Health & Social Services ~ Feb 18 Hearing. (H) L&C. (H) RLS PASSED (H). TRANSMITTED TO (S)
SB 45	Health	Medicaid mental health parity	Dunbar (S)	Requires Medicaid to cover behavioral health services equivalent to medical services.	1/17/25	Sen HSS Comm, heard 1/29. Senate Health & Social Services ~ 4/3, 4/10, 4/29
SB 14	Housing	AIDEA finance workforce housing develop.	Dunbar (S)	Allows AIDEA to finance housing development of 5+ units.	1/10/25	Passed Sen L&C 2/7, referred to S FIN Senate Finance ~ May 1
SB 47	Land Management	Chugach State Park easements	Giessel (S)	Allows for right of way easements in Chugach State Park.	1/17/25	(S) TRA to (S) REFERRED TO RESOURCES. (S) RLS. PASSED (S). TRANSMITTED TO (H).

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						Hearing at House Transportation ~ 3/25. House Resources ~ Apr 7 (H) RLS
HB 13	Local Gov; Taxation; Housing	Municipal property tax exemptions	Gray (H)	Creates optional property tax exemption for long-term rental properties; mobile home parks; housing for low-income households.	1/10/25	Assembly took a support position via AR 2025-61, approved on 2/25. Hearing at House Community & Regional Affairs ~ 3/27, 4/15. 4/24 (H) RLS
HB 7	Port	Port of Southcentral Alaska; Port Authority	McCabe (H)	Establishes port authority for Anchorage and Mat-Su; requires transfer of POA and MSB land.	1/10/25	
SB 9	Public Safety; Health	Surrender of infants; inf. safety device	Myers (S)	Requires infant surrender safety devices at hospitals, fire and police depts., etc.	1/10/25	AFD is tracking. Scheduled for Senate Health & Social Services ~ 2/20, 2/27. Senate Judiciary ~ Apr 11 2025 1:30pm
HB 64	Public Safety; Health	Surrender of infants; inf. safety device	Tomaszewski (H)	Requires infant surrender safety devices at hospitals, fire and police depts., etc.	1/24/25	Companion bill to SB 9. House Health & Social Services ~ Apr 29
HB 66	Public Safety	Relating to pretrial services supervision agreements	Governor	Allows DOC to partner with municipalities to provide pretrial supervision services and to charge fees to recover costs associated with these services	1/24/25	Referred to Community & Regional Affairs. Flagged for MOA Dept. of Law review.

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<u>SB 71</u>	Public Safety	Relating to pretrial services supervision agreements	Governor	Allows DOC to partner with municipalities to provide pretrial supervision services and to charge fees to recover costs associated with these services	1/24/25	Companion to HB 66 Flagged for MOA Dept. of Law review
SB 28	Workforce	Retirement systems; defined benefit option	Giessel (S)	Defined benefit option for teachers and public employees, option to choose between plans.	1/10/25	Referred to Sen L&C. Hearing at Senate Labor & Commerce ~ 3/21.
HB 78	Workforce	Retirement systems; defined benefit option	House Finance	Defined benefit option for teachers and public employees, option to choose between plans.	2/7/25	Companion to SB 28 (H) FIN 2/10, 2/11, 2/18, 2/27. House Finance ~ Apr 4, 29, 30
HB 136	Transportation and Parks	Railroad Utility Corridors	Корр (Н)	Use of railroad easements	3/14/25	Could have impacts on the Fish Creek Trail Project (supported by Assembly in AR No. 2024-407). (H) REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION House Transportation ~ Apr 1 2025 1:00pm
HB 142	Transportation and Parks	Railroad Land; Consent for Public Use	Корр (Н)	Use of railroad land for public purposes	3/21/25	Could have impacts on the Fish Creek Trail Project (supported by Assembly in AR No. 2024-407).  (H) REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION

## Other Bills, Monitoring but Not Actively Tracking

Bill#	Topic	Title (Short Version)	Sponsor (H, S)	Brief Description	Date Filed	Status
HB 42	Education, Taxation	School grants and bond debt reimbursement	Allard (H)	Limits school bond debt reimbursement to DEED-committee approved projects.	1/17/25	
<u>SB 8</u>	Education	Education For Deaf & Hearing Impaired	Gray-Jackson	Relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing	1/22/25	Members Volland and Zaletel sponsored an AR in support of SB 8 to be considered at 4/8 Assembly mtg. Senate Education ~ Apr 30
<u>HB 21</u>	Elections	Voter preregistration for minors	Story (H)	Allows 16-17 year olds to pre- register to vote when they turn 18.	1/10/25	
SB 91	Energy	Large-Scale Clean Energy Projects	Senate Resources	Clean energy project development licenses and leases of state land for clean energy projects	2/10/25	
HB 36	Health	Foster children psychiatric treatment	Gray (H)	More legal protections for youth in state custody acute residential facilities (e.g., API).	1/10/25	
SB 44	Health	Minors & Psychiatric Hospitals	Claman (S)	Legal protections for minors undergoing evaluation or inpatient treatment at psychiatric hospitals.	2/7/25	Companion to HB 36
SB 50	Housing	Municipal Comprehensive Plans: Housing	Dunbar (S)	Requires housing plans as an element of a comprehensive plan.	1/17/25	Doesn't' impact MOA, as we are Home Rule and this statute doesn't apply
<u>HB 3</u>	Leg. Session	Hold legislative sessions in Anchorage	Rauscher (H)	Shifts location of regular session to Anchorage; conforming changes to campaign and lobbying rules	1/10/25	

				related to restrictions during session.		
<u>SB 53</u>	Public Safety	Law enforcement agency accreditation	Gray-Jackson (S)	Accreditation standards for law enforcement agencies	1/24/25	Senate State Affairs ~ Apr 10 2025 3:30pm
<u>SB 7</u>	Public Safety	Chokehold ban	Gray Jackson (S)	Prohibits chokeholds as part of use of force for all peace officers.	1/10/25	
SB 31	Public Safety	Address confidentiality program	Kiehl (S)	Allows more categories of people to have confidential addresses.	1/10/25	
<u>HB 71</u>	Public Safety	Obstruction Of Certain Public Places	Governor	Relating to obstruction of public places	1/27/25	(H) REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION
HB 70	Public Safety	Emergency Med Svcs; Operational Canines	Schrage (H)	Related to EMS	1/27/25	House Labor & Commerce ~ Apr 2
						(H) PASSED
SB 42	Public Safety	Law enforcement registry; use of force	Gray Jackson (S)	Related to use of force, including by municipal officers.	1/17/25	
SB 11	Public Safety; Health	Flood insurance	Stedman (S)	Relating to property insurance; establishing the Alaska Flood Authority and the Alaska flood insurance fund	1/22/25	
HB 94	Taxation	Marijuana: Tax/Registration; Income Tax	Tomaszewski	Registration of marijuana establishments; a tax exemption for qualified small businesses; marijuana taxes	2/12/25	
SB 113	Taxation	Apportion Taxable Income; Digital Business	Senate Rules	Relating to the Multistate Tax Compact; apportionment of income to the state; highly digitized businesses subject to the Alaska Net Income Tax Act	2/26/25	

SB 24	Taxation; Health	Tobacco/nicotine/e-cig age; e-cig tax	Stevens (S)	Raises tobacco purchase age to 21; includes penalties for loopholes for selling to minors.	1/10/25	
HB 26	Transportation	Statewide public & community transit plan	Mina (H)	Requires DOT to develop a statewide transit plan, work with communities on local planning.	1/10/25	Doesn't impact MOA directly
<u>SB 16</u>	Utilities	Refuse utility regulations	Myers (S)	Regulates refuse (solid waste) utilities by RCA.	1/10/25	Concern about impacts to SWS
HB 44	Workforce	Workers' comp death benefits	Josephson (H)	Clarifies how workers' comp payments are made to families.	1/17/25	
HB29 / SB 5	Workforce, Education	School/university employee health insurance	Vance (H) Hughes (S)	Allows school districts to self- insure; appears to set spending limits and cost-share additional costs from state to other units of government.	1/10/25	
<u>HB 38</u>	Workforce, Education	Teachers & supplemental employee benefits	Saddler (H)	Changes language related to teachers' ability to participate in supplemental insurance.	1/17/25	