



# Senator Cathy Giessel

## District N

Northeast Anchorage, Anchorage Hillside,  
Indian, Bird, Girdwood and Portage

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

### Your emails:

I am reading them all. In fact, while I don't have time to respond to 350-400 emails every day, you are receiving this newsletter as my best try to respond to you. I say "thank you" for your comments, both for and against veto overrides.



### 2nd Special Session In Juneau:

We have convened the 2nd special session in Juneau. The first two days were very productive. We passed a resolution establishing Juneau as the location and accepted the invitation from the House to join them in a Joint Session to consider veto overrides of the Operating Budget.

### Veto Override Vote:

The override session will be **Wednesday at 11:30 AM**. Some folks ask why wait until Wednesday. The reason is to allow all legislators to get to Juneau to perform their duty to vote on this critical and urgent topic.

The Finance Committees of the House and Senate are meeting to review impacts of the vetoes already done by the Governor. There are more cuts coming with a complex, Constitutional phenomena called the "sweep". The Constitution defines that certain funds are "swept" of their remaining money and the money goes into the Constitutional Budget Reserve. That means that budget items that count on that money will be left high and dry.

Usually, the Legislature enacts a "reverse sweep" every year, to keep the funds moving correctly. This year, because of the PFD disagreement, there were not enough votes to implement the "reverse sweep".

The Finance teams are looking into the impacts of this, as the Administration prepares to "sweep" the money.

[Click here to read a press release regarding the veto override session on Wednesday.](#)

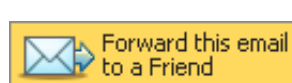
### PFD:

In this mix is the Permanent Fund Dividend question. In fact, the whole reason for this Special Session and the budget issues is...the PFD. The Governor wants the \$3000 PFD done first. We are trying to find a way to pay for it without overspending the Permanent Fund itself.

It is a very busy time. Unprecedented things are happening. The Senate is working together, across the aisle and across the state demographics, to do the right thing for Alaska families, businesses and jobs.

Kind regards,  
Cathy

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## PFD Working Group

The Permanent Fund Dividend Working Group met again on Monday, July 8th, in Juneau.

[Click here for a link to the documents from the meeting.](#)  
[Click here to watch a recording of the meeting.](#)

## Senate Finance

The Senate Finance committee met on Tuesday, July 9th.

**9:00am:** The committee heard a budget update by Legislative Finance Division Director David Teal.

[Click here for a link to the documents from the meeting.](#)  
[Click here to watch a recording of the meeting.](#)

**1:30pm:** In the afternoon, the committee heard a presentation regarding the Constitutional Budget Reserve and Reverse Sweep accounting mechanism from Kris Curtis, our state Legislative Auditor, and Megan Wallace, Legislative Legal Services Director.

[Click here for a link to the documents from the meeting.](#)  
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It's a pleasure to serve and represent the wonderful people of district N!

I look forward to hearing your ideas, suggestions and comments.

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