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#### Speak Out Against HB 69: Demand Accountability in Education Funding

Tomorrow, make your voice heard and call-in to oppose <u>House Bill 69</u>. This bill is not comprehensive, it just spends more money with zero accountability. Alaska spends more on education than almost anyone, yet our results are at the bottom. We need to demand real change and accountability from school districts. Our kids and teachers deserve better.

Below, you'll find instructions for joining the hearing, along with key talking points to share with lawmakers so that Alaska gets better educational outcomes.

### How to Call into the Public Testimony Hearing

Public testimony on the bill will take place on **Wednesday**, **January 29 from 8am-10am AKST**, **and 5:00pm - 8:00pm** in the Bettye J. Davis Committee Room (State Capitol Rm 106), or your local Legislative Information Office (LIO).

To testify remotely, call: 907-586-9085 (Juneau) 907-563-9085 (Anchorage) 844-586-9085 (Toll Free)

### Written testimony may be submitted to <a href="mailto:House.Education@akleg.gov">House.Education@akleg.gov</a>

For more information and to view bill information and stream committee hearings please visit www.akleg.gov

- 1. **Identify Yourself:** When prompted, state your name, location, and the topic you're testifying on (education reform).
- 2. **Be Concise:** Testimonies are typically limited to 2-3 minutes. Prepare your points in advance to ensure clarity and impact.
- 3. **Be Respectful:** Address lawmakers and other participants politely, even if you disagree with their views.

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## **Key Talking Points for Education Reform**

- 1. **Reform Over Spending:** Throwing more money at the Base Student Allocation (BSA) won't fix our schools. We need real policy changes to hold districts accountable and make sure funds are used wisely.
- 2. Support School Choice: Parents deserve options. Backing school choice and correspondence schools gives families the power to do what's best for their kids.
- **3. Better Policies, Stronger Schools:** By addressing the root causes, we can achieve better educational outcomes for Alaska's students.
- **4. Invest in Teachers:** To keep and recruit great teachers, we need strong incentives and better support. Without quality educators, nothing else matters.

Thank you for stepping up to tell the lawmakers that more funding **alone** won't fix the problem. We need good policy AND funding to achieve better educational outcomes. I'll be introducing laws with targeted policy solutions soon, so keep an eye out for the details.