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UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research
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Forum on Alaska's Fiscal Future
Wilda Marston Theater
Anchorage Loussac Library
October 4, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tentative Agenda subject to change

9:00-9:10 [10 minutes]
Welcome and overview
Cliff Groh (Alaska Common Ground)

9:10-9:25 [15 minutes]
An introduction to Alaska's fiscal system
Gunnar Knapp (Institute of Social and Economic Research)

9:25-9:55 [30 minutes]
Alaska state revenues: overview, history, and projections
John Tichotsky (Alaska Department of Revenue), others TBA

9:55-10:35 [40 minutes]
Alaska state expenditures: overview, history, and projections Amanda Ryder (Legislative Finance Division), others TBA

10:35-10:45 [10 minutes]
Alaska's savings accounts: overview, history and projections

10:45-11:05 [20 minutes]
Implications of "business as usual" revenues and spending

11:05-11:35 [30 minutes]
Alaska's "menu" of future fiscal options and explanation of fiscal exercises—"Your Chance to Build Your Own Fiscal System"

11:35-12:30 [55 minutes]
Lunch and lunchtime exercise—"Your Chance to Build Your Own Fiscal System"

12:30-1:30 [60 minutes]
Alaska's operating budget: drivers, obligations, needs and wants

1:30-2:00 [30 minutes]
Fiscal implications of the gasline/LNG export project
Mike Pawlowski (Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Finance, Alaska Department of Revenue), Larry Persily (Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project)

2:00-2:30 [30 minutes]
Fiscal implications of other major capital projects

2:30-3:00 [30 minutes]
The Permanent Fund and Alaska's fiscal future

3:00-3:20 [20 minutes]
Implications of state fiscal choices for local governments
Steve Colt (ISER)

3:20-3:40 [20 minutes]
Implications of state fiscal choices for Alaska's economy
Panelists: Caroline Schultz (Alaska Department of Labor), Scott Goldsmith (ISER)

3:40-4:40 [60 minutes]
Alaska fiscal solutions panel

4:40-5:10 [30 minutes]
The politics of Alaska's fiscal future
Cliff Groh; others TBA

5:10-5:30 [20 minutes]
Wrap-up and audience questions