
9:00-9:10  **Introduction**, Cliff Groh, Chair of Alaska Common Ground

9:10-10:10 **Overview: What’s the Problem? What Steps Could We Take?**
Overview by Prof. Gunnar Knapp; David Teal, Director, Alaska Legislative Finance Division; Larry Persily, and Ian Laing (with explanatory tools)
Moderator: Cliff Groh

10:10-10:20 **Break**

10:20-12 Noon **Here’s My Proposal**
Citizens present proposals to fill $2.5-billion annual gap for five consecutive years and then answer questions
Citizens with proposals: John Havelock; Brad Keithley; Liz Medicine Crow; Gary Wilken
Moderators: Cliff Groh; Gunnar Knapp; Larry Persily

12 Noon-1 **Voting and lunch** (prepay for a lunch at [www.akcommonground.org](http://www.akcommonground.org) or bring your own)

1:00-2:00 **Debate: Where Is the Alaska Economy Headed?**
How Will Our Fiscal Choices Affect the Alaska Economy? What Do the Answers to those Two Questions Say about What Fiscal Choices Make Sense?
Bill Popp vs. Mark Foster
Moderator: Rhonda McBride

2:00-2:40 Citizens with proposals attempt to fashion a compromise on stage

2:40-2:45 **Announcement of voting results**

2:45-3:45 **Panel: What Happens Next?**
What Are the Institutional and Political Factors in Making Decisions Going Forward? How Can Citizens Have More of a Say?
Sen. John Coghill; Rep. David Guttenberg; Commissioner of Revenue Randy Hoffbeck; Christopher Clark
Moderators: Cliff Groh and Larry Persily

3:45-4:00 **Wrap-up**
Alaska's Fiscal Situation in Four Graphs

Our Fiscal Situation This Year (FY16)

- What we are spending: General Fund Spending, Oil revenues, Other revenues
- How we are paying for it: From our savings

This Year's Deficit Compared to our Savings

- This year's deficit: $2,995
- Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund: $7,685
- Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve: $7,609

How We are Spending $5,201 million

- Education: $1,302
- Health: $1,167
- All other agencies: $1,645
- Debt & retirement obligations: $469
- Oil tax credits: $500
- Capital budget: $118

Some Potential New Ways of Paying for our Spending

- Income tax: $655
- Sales tax: $418
- Fisheries or mining tax increase: $20
- Lottery: $25
- Permanent Fund Dividends: $1,430
- Permanent Fund retained earnings: $447