

Sponsor Statement for HB 349

Agency Program And Financial Plans

An Act relating to agency programs and financial plans.

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In these difficult financial times it is imperative that budget decisions be made with all the best information available. The various state departments are in position to evaluate and prioritize their own activities and outputs.

HB 349 requires the administration to present subsequent budgets with each department's activities ranked in order of their value to the People of Alaska. This form of budget presentation is utilized by many political subdivisions of the US and was used by our present Governor when he was Mayor of Anchorage. Annalee McConnell did an excellent job of preparing municipal budgets for that administration.

HB 349 will enable legislators to make informed budget decisions with the best input from the administration.