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Commission:

I strongly oppose granting a pay raise to the Governor, Lt. Governor and legislatures.

The Governor has already said she does not want a pay raise. Legislators' salaries are \$8,000 per month, which computed on a 12 month basis equals \$96,000 per year. They work three months in session. They are very well paid for travel, per diem and have "slush" funds for office supplies, payrolls, fancy furniture in Juneau and their local offices, mileage, travel, etc. If anything you should be reducing the per diem amount AND not allowing full per diem for those legislators who live in Juneau.

Granting these pay raises with no approval from the legislature is also wrong, since these increases will have to be budgeted. There should never be any raises enacted without specific Legislative and Administrative (Governor) approval. Ratification by non-action default should not be an option.

I wonder if you are fully aware of the financial crises in which we citizens are embroiled? This is NOT the time to be unwisely and unnecessarily spending money.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Carol Jensen