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## **Governor Rejects Pay Increase for Self and State Officers**

March 25, 2014, Juneau, Alaska – Governor Sean Parnell today signed Senate Bill 125, legislation rejecting proposed pay increases for the governor, lieutenant governor and department heads. SB 125 is sponsored by Senators Pete Kelly and Kevin Meyer.

"Given the current budget restraints, this is a sensible piece of legislation," Governor Parnell said. "I respect the work of the bill's sponsors and their commitment to rein in spending."

Governor Parnell announced in December he would decline the pay increase for himself recommended by the Alaska State Officers Compensation Commission. The governor's Fiscal Year 2015 budget proposal cuts spending and eliminates 150 vacant positions in state government.