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School repairs gain support

University of Alaska

A capital projects plan designed to fix Alaska's schools was unveiled by Rep. Eileen MacLean, D-Barrow, and co-chair of the House Finance Committee.

The plan sets aside monies from the \$630 million "windfall" oil tax settlement from British Petroleum.

The state's 54 school districts could receive

\$170 million and the University of Alaska \$30 million for projects.

"We have a dire need for school repair dollars. There are significant safety concerns in rural schools. Some are falling apart. The plan allows us to address health and safety projects and provides funding to ease overcrowding in urban schools," says MacLean.