

Panel reviews legislative pay

An independent state commission reviewing legislative salaries will meet this week in Anchorage, and again in March, before holding public hearings March 14 and March 17 on its preliminary recommendations for legislative compensation.

The State Officers Compensation Commission is meeting this week to work on the first draft of its preliminary report. The commission will meet again on March 5 to put any final touches on the preliminary report before releasing it for public comments.

Two public hearings will be held via teleconference from Anchorage: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 14, and 7 to 10 p.m., March 17.

All 17 legislative information offices in the state will be tied in to the hearings. Information offices are located in Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Delta Junction, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Glennallen, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Nome, Petersburg, Sitka, Soldotna, Valdez and Wasilla.

Members of the public may comment in writing or testify at the public hearings.

The commission is charged with developing a final report and recommendations on legislative compensation, including salary, per diem and allowances.

The final report must be submitted to the Legislature by April 15.