Human health and the economy: a vital relationship

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A note on Alaska’s economy

Alaska’s economy has diversified and grown over time. There must be a link between economic growth and the state services needed to support it.
Pharmaceuticals

• HB 43  New Drugs for Terminally Ill
• SB 32 Biological Substances

• HB 240  Drug pricing; Pharmacy Benefit Mgrs

• SB 37 Wholesale distributor licensing
Costs

- HB 176 Emergency Medical Transport
- HB 215 Public Health Fees
- SB 105 Health care pricing
- HB 103 Optometry & Optometrists
Substance Use Disorder

- HB 159 Opioids; prescriptions, database, licenses
- HB 312 Crimes; controlled substances
- SB 91 Opioid epidemic, standing orders
- SB 104 Educ curriculum; MJ educ/tx fund
- SB 169 Behavioral Health access
Insurance topics

• SB 165 Comprehensive Health Insurance fund
• HB 23 Insurance-dependents of decease pub safe

• SB 112 Work Comp Reform
• SB 129 80th percentile Reform
Compared with the national average, counties in central Colorado, Alaska, and along both coasts experienced larger increases in life expectancy between 1980 and 2014, while some southern counties in states stretching from Oklahoma to West Virginia saw little, if any, improvement over this same period.
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Alaska Gross Domestic Product
Nominal dollars in millions

$50,000
$40,000
$30,000
$20,000
$10,000
$0


GDP – oil and gas
GDP – all other

Some people regard Private Enterprise as a predatory tiger to be shot. Others look on it as a cow they can milk. Not enough people see it as a healthy horse, pulling a sturdy wagon.

Winston Churchill

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