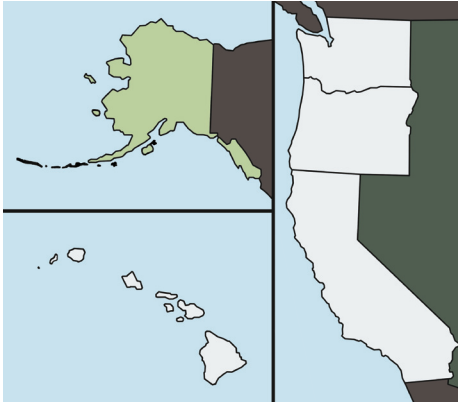


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ALASKA'S BUDGET DOCUMENTS have included tables for deferred infrastructure maintenance costs, listed by agency, since at least 2015. The disclosure helped the state score a top average of A for transparency for fiscal 2017 through 2019. Alaska's consolidated budget website, debt tables, and tax expenditure reports also contributed to its high mark. California, Hawaii, and Tennessee were the only other states to average As in transparency.

In the budget maneuvers category, Alaska received a C average for using one-time measures that may create budget-balancing challenges in future years. For example, the state delayed payments to Medicaid providers from fiscal

2018 to 2019 as 2018 revenues fell \$38 million short of spending commitments.

Alaska was one of seventeen states to earn an A average in reserve funds. Its statutes align with best practices cited in the recent Volcker Alliance working paper, *Rainy Day Fund Strategies: A Call to Action*. The Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund is governed by clear rules concerning disbursements and replenishments, and Alaska is among twenty-one states that tie goals for reserve funds to revenue volatility.


PACIFIC STATES SIDE BY SIDE: Three-Year Average Grades, 2017-19


	BUDGET FORECASTING	BUDGET MANEUVERS	LEGACY COSTS	RESERVE FUNDS	TRANSPARENCY
Alaska	B	C	B	A	A
California	B	A	D-	A	A
Hawaii	A	A	D-	A	A
Oregon	C	A	A	B	B
Washington	A	A	C	A	B
US AVERAGE	B	B	C	B	B


NOTE States are grouped by US Census Bureau divisions.


Average grades are based on annual numerical scores. For more information, download *Truth and Integrity in State Budgeting: The Balancing Act* at VolckerAlliance.org.


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BUDGET FORECASTING				
	2017	2018	2019	
	CATEGORY GRADE	B	B	B
	Consensus Revenue Forecasts	X	X	X
	Multiyear Expenditure Forecasts	✓	✓	✓
	Multiyear Revenue Forecasts	✓	✓	✓
	Revenue Growth Projections	✓	✓	✓
3-YEAR AVERAGE B		3-YEAR TREND —		

BUDGET MANEUVERS				
	2017	2018	2019	
	CATEGORY GRADE	C	C	B
	Deferring Recurring Expenditures	X	X	✓
	Revenue and Cost Shifting	X	X	X
	Funding Recurring Expenditures with Debt	✓	✓	✓
	Using Asset Sales and Upfront Revenues	✓	✓	✓
3-YEAR AVERAGE C		3-YEAR TREND ↗		

LEGACY COSTS				
	2017	2018	2019	
	CATEGORY GRADE	B	B	B
	Public Employee OPEB Funding	✓	✓	✓
	Public Employee Pension Funding	✓	✓	✓
	Public Employee Pension Funded Ratio*	67%	68%	68%
3-YEAR AVERAGE B		3-YEAR TREND —		

RESERVE FUNDS				
	2017	2018	2019	
	CATEGORY GRADE	A	A	A
	Positive Reserve or General Fund Balance	✓	✓	✓
	Reserve Funds Disbursement Policy	✓	✓	✓
	Reserve Funds Replenishment Policy	✓	✓	✓
	Reserves Tied to Revenue Volatility	✓	✓	✓
3-YEAR AVERAGE A		3-YEAR TREND —		

TRANSPARENCY				
	2017	2018	2019	
	CATEGORY GRADE	A	A	A
	Consolidated Budget Website	✓	✓	✓
	Provides Debt Tables	✓	✓	✓
	Discloses Deferred Infrastructure Replacement Costs	✓	✓	✓
	Discloses Tax Expenditures	✓	✓	✓
3-YEAR AVERAGE A		3-YEAR TREND —		

KEY

✓	Followed best practice
X	Did not follow best practice

BUDGET FORECASTING evaluates whether and how states estimated long-term revenue and expenditure trends. **BUDGET MANEUVERS** evaluates whether states used one-time revenues, borrowings, asset sales, and other measures to achieve short-term budgetary balance. **LEGACY COSTS** evaluates whether states provided adequate funding, as defined by retirement system actuaries, for pensions and other promised retirement benefits for public workers. **RESERVE FUNDS** evaluates states' rainy day funds and other fiscal reserves, as well as any policies governing their use and replenishment. **TRANSPARENCY** evaluates the accessibility to the public of states' budget practices.

* **SOURCE** Bloomberg; 2018 data also used for 2019.

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