Kotzebue Legislative Information Office: A Government Resource for Alaskans



Supporting Democracy Assisting Concerned Citizens Promoting Government Participation

Alaska's Legislative Information Offices Can Help You:

- Effectively navigate and use the Alaska State
 - Legislature website
 - Testify at hearings
 - Send Public Opinion Messages
 - Read a bill
 - Watch hearings
 - Track bills
- Understand how Alaska's government works
 - Be proactive
 - Be informed
 - Convey your message
 - Solve problems and create solutions
 - Change laws
 - Register to Vote

• File your Permanent Fund Dividend Application



Legislative Information Office (L.I.O.)

The Legislative Affairs Agency's Information & Teleconferencing Section is a network of 23 regional offices across Alaska.

<u>Our mission:</u>

To facilitate communication between the Legislature and the Public.

Things to know:

<u>Teleconferencing and</u> <u>Public Hearing Protocol</u>

*Public hearing teleconferences are electronic extensions of the committee process, and are usually limited to a specific subject or bill.

* The chair may request that the testimony be limited to a certain length of time, and will decide the order of participation in the teleconference.

- * Before beginning your testimony, state your name and who you represent, if applicable.
 - * Remember to identify yourself each time you speak.
 - * Indicate to the chair when you have concluded your testimony.
 - * Hearing protocol is selected by the committee chairperson.

* Teleconference protocol during formal committee meetings shall be designed to serve the agenda of the committee and accommodate the conventions of a legislative hearing.



Facilitating Communication between You & Your Legislators:

"The LIO and the Personnel Staff are an essential ingredient for a connection between the People and the Government."

-Sen. Donny Olson

"The LIO is a great resource for information about the Legislature. The people there can help you through the maze to understand a bill, to testify, or to talk to your Legislator. They truly serve the public and do it well."

-Rep. Beth Kerttula

"The Legislative Information Offices are there to provide the people of Alaska a way of directly communicating with the legislature as part of the public process. The public process is very important to what we do. The LIO's are a vital connection to our constituents and to finding the quickest way to help people."

- Reggie Joule—Northwest Arctic Borough Mayor

Printed copies of the following Legislative publications are available from regional LIOs:

- Alaska Constitution
- Alaska Citizens Guide to the Constitution
- > Uniform Rules
- Handbook on Alaska State Government
- Summary of Legislation
- Status of Bills and Resolutions
- > Bills, Resolutions, and Slip Laws
- Roster of Members
- Alaska State Legislature Directory
- Directory of State Officials
- Legislative Process in Alaska
- Glossary of Legislative Terms
- House and Senate Journals
- Information & Teleconferencing Handouts





The LIO is online at: www.akleg.gov

At the website you can:

*Track bills, locate and contact your Legislators and access committee information.

The features of this website also includes:

- A daily calendar and schedule of committee meetings and legislative floor sessions.
- Links to video and audio streaming footage of floor sessions and select committee meetings.
- > Contact information for Legislators and committees.
- A bill tracking service that provides email updates whenever a bill is acted upon.
- Online versions of legislative publications and the Alaska Constitution.



District "T" Legislative District Map



District "T" Legislators:



Senator Donny Olson 907.465.3707



Representative Benjamin Nageak 907.465.3473

The Alaskan LIO: Supporting Democracy to Shape Alaska's Future:

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