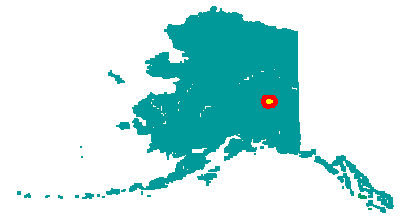


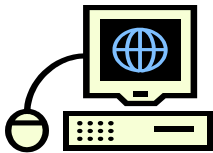
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Alaska State Legislature on the Internet



The State of Alaska offers many valuable legislature resources via the internet. If you do not have internet connectivity at home, these and other state resources can be accessed at the Legislative Information Office. Below is a list of Alaska State Legislature web resources and how you can use them to stay informed.

State Legislative Information

<http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/>

- House of Representatives
- State Senate
- State Capitol
- Legislative Affairs Agency
- Legislative Floor & Committees Schedules
- Legislative Research Services
- Division of Legislative Audit
- Legislative Publications
- Abbreviations & Acronyms
- Legislative Information Offices
- Office of the Ombudsman
- Legislative Finance Division

BASIS (Bill Action & Status Inquiry System)

<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/>

- Current Legislation
- Bill Text & Status
- Bill Histories
- Daily Calendars
- Daily Floor Journals
- Sponsor Summaries
- Subject Summaries
- Committee Members
- Committee Schedules
- Committee Minutes
- Bill Tracking

ALECSYS Infobases

<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folio.asp>

- Alaska Administrative Code (AAC)
- Alaska Statutes (without notations)
- Legislative Research Requests
- Legislative Library Catalog
- State Constitution
- Uniform Rules
- State Executive Orders
- Archived Legislative, Minutes & Journals

Bill Tracking Management Facility (BTMF)

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/btmf_login.asp

BTMF allows you to track the status of bills as they pass through the legislative process. It is a free service that only requires you to set up an account. BTMF will display the status of bills you are interested in, and can also send you email updates as the bills status changes.

General Research Links

<http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/search/search.php>

- other state laws
- policy
- politics
- specific subjects

Legislative Information Offices

<http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/laa/lio/lio.php>

Committee Hearings & Teleconferences

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/hearing_form.asp?

Legislative Audit Division

<http://www.legaudit.state.ak.us>

- audits
- memos
- links

Legislative Finance Division

<http://www.legfin.state.ak.us>

- reports
- data
- handbook

Legislature's Ethics Committee

<http://ethics.legis.state.ak.us/>

- code
- decisions
- opinions
- forms

Legislation Spotlight

HB 9 Bill to Authorize Capital Punishment "An Act relating to murder; authorizing capital punishment, classifying murder in the first degree as a capital felony, and allowing the imposition of the death penalty for certain murders; establishing sentencing procedures for capital felonies; and amending Rules 32, 32.1, and 32.3, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules 204, 209, 210, and 212, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure." **TELECONFERENCES: February 23, 2009 1:00pm and February 25, 2009 1:00pm**

SB 45 Bill to Establish Veterans' Cemetery in Interior which would allow the State of Alaska to authorize the establishment and maintenance of a veterans' cemetery to serve the Interior and northern Alaska was approved by the Senate State Affairs committee. The bill allows the Legislature to appropriate income from the sale of veterans' commemorative license plates to the cemetery fund and clarifies veterans' hiring preferences in state statutes.

HJR 15 House Joint Resolution to Change the Name of Mt. McKinley to Denali was introduced in order to urge the United States Congress to change the name of North America's tallest mountain. The mountain is named for President William McKinley. Denali is Native Alaskan in origin, meaning "the High One" in the Athabascan language.

Find more information about the status of these and other bills using the Bill Action & Status Inquiry System (BASIS) at <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/>

Teleconferenced Committee Meetings

If anyone in your community is interested in participating in any of the teleconferenced committee meetings listed below, please contact the Delta Junction LIO.

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You may also check Gavel to Gavel for any meetings that are televised or audio streamed at: www.ktoo.org/gavel/stream.cfm

Monday, February 16

8:00 AM (H) Education Standing Committee

Overview: No Child Left Behind - What it is, what it requires, what it funds, what it doesn't fund, and how it works in Alaska. Dept. of Education, Minimum Expenditure by District, HB 94 Postsecondary Scholarships, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

1:00 PM (H) Judiciary Standing Committee

HJR 17, Oppose H.R. 45 in Congress

3:15 PM (H) Labor & Commerce Standing Committee

HR 5 Opposing federal employee free choice act, HB 102 Uniform Commercial Code, HB 22 Workers' Compensation: Subcontractors, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

4:00 PM (H) Education & Early Development Finance Subcommittee

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, WWAMI

5:00 PM (H) Fish & Game Finance Subcommittee

Division of Subsistence EVOS Trustee Council-- Testimony <Invitation Only>

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 AM (S) Health & Social Services Finance Subcommittee

Office of Children's Services, Bring the Kids Home-- Testimony <Invitation Only>

8:00 AM (H) State Affairs Standing Committee

Confirmation Hearings: Commissioner, Dept. of Public Safety; State Commission for Human Rights; Board of Parole; Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC), Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

8:00 AM (H) Community & Regional Affairs Standing Committee

HB 121 Municipal Air Quality Property Tax Credit, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

9:00 AM (S) FINANCE STANDING COMMITTEE

Overview: Legislative Finance of FY10 Operating Budget -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

10:15 AM (H) FISHERIES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Overviews: Dept. of Fish & Game - Subsistence Division Dir. Craig Fleener, Habitat Division Dir. Kerry Howard -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

1:00 PM (H) Military & Veterans' Affairs Special Committee

SJR 5 AK Territorial Guard Retirement Benefits, HB 99 Deceased Veteran Death Certificate/Honor, HB 97 State Veterans' Cemetery & Fund

1:00 PM (S)TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 59 Medium-Speed Motor Vehicles

1:00 PM (H)TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 114 Use State Trans Facility For Disaster Aid

1:30 PM (S) Public Safety Finance Subcommittee

Status of VPSO Program & Recruitment, Efforts for Them and the State Troopers -- Testimony <Invitation Only>

1:30 PM (H)Finance Standing Committee

HB 3 Requirements For Driver's License/I.D., HB 98 Minor Consuming, HB 20 Fisheries Loans For Energy Efficiency, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

1:30 PM (S)Labor & Commerce Standing Committee

SB 1 Alaska Minimum Wage, SB 84 AIDEA: Bonding Limits; Confidentiality, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

3:00 PM (S/H) Health & Social Services Standing Committee

H&SS Presentation by U.S. Preventative Medicine

3:00 PM (H)Energy Special Committee

Presentation by Bryce Wrigley on the Barley Fuel Project, HB 44 Energy Bonds/Investments

3:15 PM (S)NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Continuation of Departmental Overview: Division of Mining, Land, and Water; Division of Geological and Geophysical, Survey; Division of Oil and Gas -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

3:30 PM (S)COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 85 Alcohol: Local Option/Licensing/Minors, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

5:00 PM (S/H) Legislative Budget & Audit Joint Committee

RPL #08-09-0137 Renewable Energy Projects, Other Committee Business -- Testimony <Invitation Only>

5:15 PM (H) Econ. Dev., Trade & Tourism Special Committee

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation: Guest Speakers: Bryan Butcher, Director, Government Relations & Public Affairs & Dan Fauske, CEO/Executive Director.

Overview: Alaska's real estate market, Federal funding for distressed mortgages and the future strength of the Alaska real estate market.

Wednesday, February 18

8:00 AM (H) Education Standing Committee

Joint w/ Senate EDC Alaska's University for Alaska's Schools Report (AS 14.40.190(b)) on its efforts to attract, train, and retain public school teachers. Overview: Alaska Military Youth Academy. Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

8:00 AM (H) Health & Social Services Finance Subcommittee

Division of Public Health - until 9:15, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium - 15 mins.

9:00 AM (S)Finance Standing Committee

Constitutional Budget Reserve Performance Review -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

SB 95 Supplemental/Capital/Other Appropriations, -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

1:00 PM (H) Judiciary Standing Committee

HB 13 Property Crimes, HB 95 Judgments for State or Political Subdivision

1:00 PM (H)Resources Standing Committee

Presentation by Farm Bureau: "Barley for Fuel", HB 12 Alaska Council On Invasive Species, HCR 6 Cook Inlet Salmon Task Force

1:30 PM (H)Finance Standing Committee

Presentation: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- , Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

1:30 (S)Judiciary Standing Committee

Overview: Containment Model of Offender, Management - Anthony M. Mander, PH.D., Statewide Clinical Consultant -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

1:30 PM (S) Health & Social Services Standing Committee

SB 10 Medicaid/Ins. for Cancer Clinical Trials, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

3:00 PM (S/H) Administrative Regulation Review Joint Committee

Overview of Regulations by the Dept of Law and Legislative Legal

3:15 PM (H) Labor & Commerce Standing Committee

HB 90 AIDEA: Bonding Limits; Confidentiality, HB 101 Exemptions: Life Insurance; Annuities, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

3:30 PM (H) Revenue Finance Subcommittee

Tax Division, Permanent Dividend Division, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

3:30 PM (S) Resources Standing Committee

Overviews: Alaska Energy Efficiency Program and Policy Recommendations John Davies, Research Dir, Cold Climate Housing Research Center Cady Lister, Senior Consultant, Information Insights Performance Contracting for Energy Efficiency Ken Bauer, Siemens Building Technologies.

4:00 PM (H) Education & Early Development Finance Subcommittee

Carry over from previous meetings/Question & Answer

4:00 PM (H) Education & Early Development Finance Subcommittee

Overview: Education and Early Development Budget - School Breakfast Program

5:15 PM (S) World Trade, Tech, Innovations Special Committee

Workforce Development in Alaska - Invited Presenters: Fran Ulmer, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage; Commissioner Larry Ledoux, Dept of Education & Early Dev; Terrance Harris, Charter College; Fred Esposito, Alaska Vocational Technical Center/Alaska Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

Thursday, February 19

7:00 AM (H) Military & Veterans' Affairs Finance Subcommittee

Operating Closeout Governor's Proposed FY10 Operating Budget Questions

8:00 AM (H) State Affairs Standing Committee

HJR 12 Ground-Based Midcourse Defense System, HJR 13 Const Am: Sec. Of State References, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

8:00 AM (H) Community & Regional Affairs Standing Committee

Overview: DCCED, Office of Economic Development by Joe Austerman, Director, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

8:00 AM (S) Health & Social Services Finance Subcommittee

Division of Public Assistance, including Heating Assistance -- Testimony <Invitation Only>

9:00 AM (S) State Affairs Standing Committee

SB 72 Child Safety Seats & Seat Belts

9:00 AM (S) Finance Standing Committee

Overview: Department of Transportation Statewide Capital Projects and STIP Process
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

11:00 AM (S/H) Joint Session Other Committee

Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

12:00 PM (S/H) Fish Caucus Other Committee

The Community Development Quota Program: Transforming Western Alaska Communities

1:00 PM (S) Public Safety Finance Subcommittee

Status of VPSO Program & Recruitment Efforts for Them and the State Troopers -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

1:30 PM (S) Labor & Commerce Standing Committee

SB 23 Repeal Defined Contrib Retirement Plans, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

1:30 PM (H) Finance Standing Committee

Overview: Governor's FY10 Operating Budget Amendments -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

3:00 PM (H) Health & Social Services Standing Committee

Medicaid Reform - Jerry Fuller, DHSS Medicaid Director; Renee Gayhart, DHSS Tribal Liaison; Jon Sherwood, DHSS Medical Assistance Administrator, Cooperative Efforts in Medicaid Reform Valerie Davidson, Senior Director of Legal and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

3:00 PM (S/H)Energy Special Committee

Work Session: Comprehensive Energy Plan Presenters: Gwen Holdman, Dir., Alaska Center for Energy and Power; David Hobbs and Jim Meitl, Cambridge Energy Research Associates; Darrell Smith, Black Lion Energae

4:00 PM (H) Commerce, Community & Economic Dev Finance Subcommittee

AIDEA, AEA, AADC, RCA -- Testimony <Invitation Only>

4:30 PM (S)Military & Veterans' Affairs Finance Subcommittee

Budget Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

5:00 PM (H)Corrections Finance Subcommittee

Continuation of Dept. Overview & Budget Discussion

Friday, February 20

8:00 AM (H) Education Standing Committee

Overview: Charter Schools, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

8:00 AM (H) Health & Social Services Finance Subcommittee

Review Governor's Budget Amendments, Alaska Mental Health Trust

8:00 AM (H)Health & Social Services Finance Subcommittee

Review Governor's Budget Amendments Alaska Mental Health Trust

8:00 AM (S)Education Standing Committee

Overview: Moore v. State

9:00 AM (S/H)Education Standing Committee

Joint w/Senate Finance Presentation by the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission

9:30 AM (H)Natural Resources Finance Subcommittee

Continuation of Dept. Overview & Budget Discussion

1:00 PM (S)Natural Resources Finance Subcommittee

Continuation of Departmental Overview: Division of Agriculture; Division of Forestry -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

1:30 PM (H/S) Judiciary Standing Committee

Confirmation Hearings: Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar; Commission on Judicial Conduct; Alaska Judicial Council; Violent Crimes Compensation Board

1:30 PM (S) Health & Social Services Standing Committee

Presentation by Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

3:30 PM (H) Revenue Finance Subcommittee

Permanent Fund Corporation, Municipal Bond Bank Authority, Treasury

3:30 PM (S) Resources Standing Committee

Overview: Securing a New Supply of Natural Gas for Southcentral and Interior Alaska (Bullet Line, Spur Line) Palin Administration, Harold Heinz, ANGDA, Enstar Natural Gas

4:00 PM (H) Commerce, Community & Economic Dev Finance Subcommittee

QTA/ATIA, ASMI -- Testimony <Invitation Only>

5:00 PM (H) Fish & Game Finance Subcommittee

Overview: Division of Sportfish and Hatcheries

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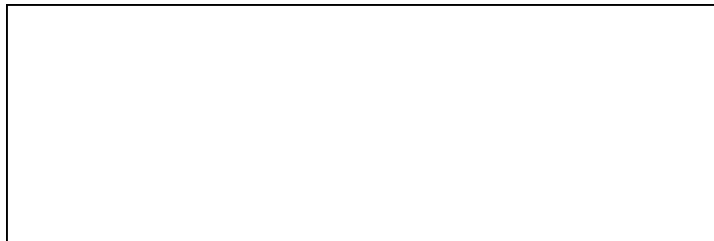
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