Kodiak Legislative Information Office A Government Resource for Alaskans

"Alaska is such a large, diverse state that we need to have a means of connecting constituents with their Legislators. The LIO's provide that connection with friendly and attentive staff that can help the public to understand the legislative process, connect with lawmakers, and testify on legislation in real time."

"Senator Gary Stevens"

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Promoting Government Participation Supporting Democracy Assisting Concerned Citizens



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

Legislative Information Offices can help you:

- Understand How Alaska's Government Works
- Effectively Navigate and Use the Alaska State Legislature Website
- Read and Track Bills
- Send Public Opinion Messages
- Watch Hearings
- Testify At Hearings
- Be Proactive and Informed
- Register To Vote
- Find Commonly Requested State
 Government Forms As A Public Service.
 The LIO can assist in finding the
 appropriate agency for additional help or
 information

Legislative Information Office (LIO)

Our mission: to facilitate communication between the Legislature and the public.

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

- Public hearing teleconferences are electronic extensions of the committee process, and are usually limited to a specific subject or bill.
- Hearing protocol is selected by the committee chairperson.
- 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.
- 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 Kodiak LIO is such an important link between home and Juneau when we're down here for the legislative session. I know that the LIO is there helping my constituents stay plugged in to the process, and helping them make their voices heard."

~Rep. Alan Austerman

"Is there something you would like to know about the Great State of Alaska? Well, there is the perfect place for you to go – the Legislative Information Office in Kodiak. I have been utilizing the LIO for the past 20+ years in a myriad of matters and strongly encourage anyone who is seeking information to contact their office."

~Kate Ballenger, LIO user

"For the past three decades, the Kodiak LIO has consistently provided me with prompt, accurate, timely, and unbiased information regarding State of Alaska and Legislative issues. Dealing with the courteous, friendly staff of the Kodiak LIO is always a pleasure, whether by telephone, e-mail or in person."

~Jake Jacobson, frequent LIO user

"The LIO's are the most critical element in giving Alaskans the most accessible government in the United States"

~Mike Milligan, frequent LIO user





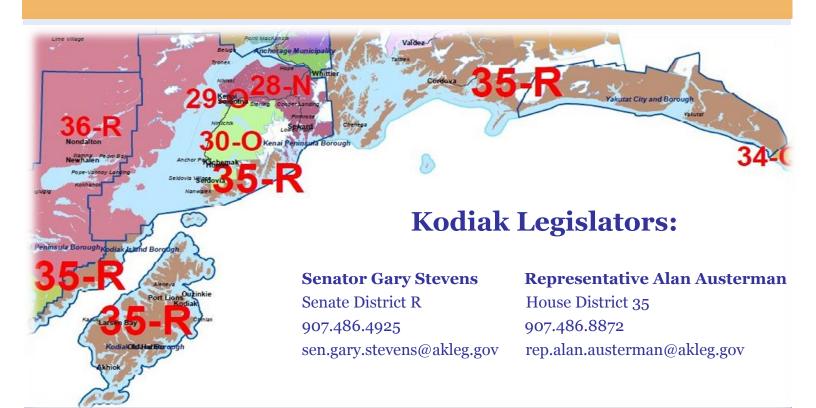
Printed copies of the following Legislative publications are available at the LIO:

- ✓ 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, current & historical
- ✓ Roster of Members
- ✓ Alaska State Legislature Directory
- ✓ Directory of State Officials
- ✓ Legislative Process in Alaska
- ✓ Glossary of Legislative Terms
- ✓ Information & Teleconferencing Handouts
- ✓ Landlord Tenant Act
- ✓ U.S. Constitution

The Alaska Legislature is online at: www.legis.state.ak.us

This website is the place to track bills, locate and contact your Legislators and access committee information. The features of this website include:

- ➤ 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



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

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