



Editor's note: Now more than ever, it is important for *Tundra Times* readers to keep in close touch with their legislators. Each legislative session brings new threats to Alaska Native and rural communities struggling for economic parity and self-empowerment. We are pleased to provide the following information as a guide to greater citizen involvement in the legislative process. Our thanks to the staff of Rep. Irene Nicholai, and especially Pat Jackson, for assembling this material.



HOW TO TESTIFY ON KEY ISSUES

• During the legislative session you can send a 50 word message to all legislators by calling a Legislative Information Office (LIO). Prepare your words in advance and be ready to give your name, address, phone, the bill number or general subject. Ask that the message be sent to all legislators.

The following LIO's will accept Public Opinion Messages:

	phone	fax
Fairbanks LIO	452-4448	456-3346
Tok LIO	883-5020	883-5021
Glennallen LIO	822-5588	822-5591
Bethel LIO	543-3541	543-3542
Dillingham LIO	842-5319	842-5105
Anchorage LIO	258-8111	258-1261
Juneau LIO	465-4648	465-2864

- All legislators get mail during the legislative session at the following address:
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801
- A personal letter briefly explaining your point of view is one of the most powerful

ways to impact the legislative system. Most urban legislators don't know how their decisions will impact rural areas—so let's tell them.

• Get to know the names and faces of legislators who chair key committees. Write to them. Help them get to know you.

• Send a strong message to members of the budget subcommittees. The below list includes rural programs impacted by the decisions made in the budget subcommittee.

• Let these legislators know the importance of the programs to you and your community! Keep abreast of the news and let us know when you're interested in a particular issue or bill.

• Most committee chairs will work with us to schedule a teleconference when legislation is first heard in the committee.

Because committee schedules change weekly, communications are challenging for both our offices and those of you who are trying to follow legislation. We'll do the best we can to request a teleconference if you'll let us know of your interest.

Once a teleconference has been arranged, feel free to contact our offices—or the committee's aide, if you have questions or special needs (such as a time constraint). Be aware that all sorts of influences may cause changes in the hearing plans. Have your testimony ready and be prepared to summarize if time is short.

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE - BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEES

Budget Subcommittee	Chair	Members	Rural Programs Include:
Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs	Rep. Kelly	Rep. Ivan, Rokeberg, Toohey, Brice, Nicholia, Long	Div. of Energy - Power Cost Equalization-REDI Grants Employment Training/Rural Development - Head Start Child Care/Day Care Assistance - AK Legal Services, Muni./ Assist./Revenue Sharing
Dept. of Commerce & Economic Development	Rep. Kelly	Rep. Barnes, Green, Sanders, Toohey, Elton, Long	ARDOR's - Rural Tourism Fisheries Development - ASM/
Dept. of Transportation	Rep. Foster	Rep. Davis, Kott, Masek, Moses, Williams, Mackie, Long, Navarre	State highways and aviation maintenance/operation ISTEA
Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs	Rep. Foster	Rep. Davis, Ivan, Kubina, Willis	Emergency Services - Red Cross Grant Army National Guard
Dept. of Public Safety	Rep. Parnell	Rep. Austerman, James, Ogan, Mackie, Robinson	Alaska State Troopers - Fish & Wildlife Protection VPSO - Coun. on Domestic Violence
Dept. of Corrections	Rep. Mulder	Rep. Davis, Rokeberg, Brown, Navarre	Operation Hope (Pl. MacKenzie)
Dept. of Natural Resources	Rep. Theriault	Rep. Green, Ogan, Davies, Kubina	Fire Suppression-Trustees Coun. - Minini - Forestry
Dept. of Environmental Conservation	Rep. Theriault	Rep. Green, Sanders, Finkelstein, Brown	Village Safe Water Remote Maintenance Workers
Dept. of Fish & Game	Rep. Hanley	Rep. Bunde, Ivan, Moses, Ogan, Williams, Elton, Grussendorf, Nicholia	Boards of Game and Fish/Regional Coun.s Subsistence Div. - Commercial Fisheries
Dept. of Administration	Rep. Kohring	Rep. Austerman, Theriault, Brown, Willis	ARCS (formerly RATNet) - Public Broadcasting Senior Services - Pioneer Homes/Elders Residences Older Alaskans Commission - Longevity Bonus Public Defender - Office of Public Advocacy
University	Rep. Martin	Rep. Bunde, James, Davies, Elton	College of Rural Alaska - Marine Advisory Program UAF/School of Ag - Resource Mgmt. - Reindeer
Dept. of Education	Rep. Kohring	Rep. Bunde, Porter, B. Davis, Robinson	K - 12 program support - Post Secondary - Libraries Adult Basic Education - Voc Ed - Correspondence Kotzebue Tech - Specific Cultural Programs
Dept. of Health & Social Services	Rep. Hanley	Rep. Rokeberg, Toohey, Brice, B. Davis	Rural BRU's - Comm. Health Aide Training - Public Health Nurses - Infant Learning Prg. - Mental Health Services - Suicide Prev. - Alcohol & Drug Abuse Grants, AFDC and Adult Public Assistance

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE - BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEES

Budget Subcommittee	Chair	Members	Rural Programs Include:
Dept. of Community & Regional Affairs	Sen. Phillips	Sen. Torgerson, Adams	Div. of Energy - Power Cost Equalization-REDI Grants Employment Training/Rural Development - Head Start Child Care/Day Care Assistance - AK Legal Services Municipal Assistance/Revenue Sharing
Dept. of Commerce & Economic Development	Sen. Sharp	Sen. Miller, Donley	ARDOR's - Rural Tourism Fisheries Development - ASM/
Dept. of Transportation	Sen. Reiger	Sen. Sharp, Duncan	State highways and aviation maintenance/operation ISTEA
Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs	Sen. Phillips	Sen. Miller, Zharoff	Emergency Services - Red Cross Grant Army National Guard
Dept. of Public Safety	Sen. Reiger	Sen. Taylor, Salo	Alaska State Troopers - Fish & Wildlife Protection VPSO - Coun. on Domestic Violence
Dept. of Corrections	Sen. Frank	Sen. Leman, Lincoln	Operation Hope (Pl. MacKenzie)
Dept. of Natural Resources	Sen. Frank	Sen. Pearce, Lincoln	Fire Suppression - Trustees Coun. - Mining - Forestry
Dept. of Environmental Conservation	Sen. Frank	Sen. Kelly, Donley	Village Safe Water - Remote Maintenance Workers
Dept. of Fish & Game	Sen. Sharp	Sen. Taylor, Hoffman	Boards of Game and Fish/Regional Coun.s Subsistence Division - Commercial Fisheries
Dept. of Administration	Sen. Phillips	Sen. Kelly, Duncan	ARCS (formerly RATNet) - Public Broadcasting Senior Services - Pioneer Homes/Elders Residences Older Alaskans Commission - Longevity Bonus Public Defender - Office of Public Advocacy
University	Sen. Reiger	Committee of the Whole	College of Rural Alaska - Marine Advisory Program UAF/School of Ag - Resource Management - Reindeer
Dept. of Education	Sen. Frank	Sen. Green, Salo	K - 12 program support - Post Secondary - Libraries Adult Basic Education - Voc Ed - Correspondence
Dept. of Health & Social Services	Sen. Halford	Sen. Pearce, Ellis	Rural BRU's - Community Health Aide Training - Public Health Nurses - Infant Learning Program - Mental Health Services - Suicide Prevention - Alcohol & Drug Abuse Grants, AFDC and Adult Public Assistance