



2017 **LEGISLATIVE** PRIORITIES

#1 PRIORITY: SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE, LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE FISCAL PLAN FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA

This plan needs to ensure the effective use of state resources by delivering essential programs as efficiently as possible and to make strategic investments that promote long-term economic growth. The Chamber encourages government leaders to build a fiscally responsible budget that aligns revenues with expenses. A consistent and predictable fiscal policy is integral to an overall plan and vision for business development and job growth in Alaska.

LOCAL PRIORITY: ADVOCATE FOR THE STATED GOALS OF THE INTERIOR ENERGY PROJECT

Provide affordable energy to Interior Alaska customers as soon as possible; assure long-term access to natural gas and propane for all Alaskans; use private-sector mechanisms as much as possible.

OUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS

- **Educate and Engage Members**
- **Foster Economic Growth and Jobs**
- **Encourage New and Robust Opportunities for Business**

We support businesses of all sizes, across all industries and we are fully engaged in the legislative process to ensure that our members' voices are heard. The Chamber consistently works with legislators, administrative officials and other key stakeholders and collaborates with appropriate associations and organizations.



Please see our website for more information on our advocacy
FairbanksChamber.org/Advocacy-Agenda

ADDITIONAL 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



- Balanced Budget
- Support the University of Alaska
- Business Retention and Expansion
- Arctic Opportunities
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Community Development and Revitalization
- Arts Engagement

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



- Career and Technical Education
- High Quality Education Systems
- Research and Development
- Internship Opportunities

ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT



- Energy Audits and Weatherization
- North Slope Natural Gas Project
- Support PM 2.5 Regulations
- Support Recycling
- Support Long-Term Policies to Increase Investment
- Development and Balanced management of Alaska's natural resources
- Support State and Federal Regulatory and Permitting Laws
- Support Legislation Prohibiting Severance Taxes on Metal Mines

HEALTHCARE



- Healthcare and Medicaid Reform
- Education and Awareness
- Workers' Compensation Reform
- Patient Protection and Affordable Healthcare Act

MILITARY AFFAIRS



- Tax Exemption for properties in a military facility zone
- Advance military operations on all interior military installations
- Military community-compatible land-use proposals
- Employment Opportunities
- Strengthen local and community partnerships
- Collaboration Between Interior Installations and Contractors; prepare for various construction projects

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE



- Reinstate FMATS funding
- Revenue for AK's Transportation Infrastructure.
- Fairbanks as Transportation Hub for Interior and Northern Alaska
- Ensure Priority Projects Receive Adequate Attention.
- Highway Trust Fund's Revenue Deficit and Recurrent Insolvency By 2020.

