



BALLOT MEASURE BASICS

Fairbanks Industry Update Forum
October 5, 2017

Ballot Initiatives Pending

- "The Alaska Government Accountability Act"
- "Quality Health Insurance for Alaskans Act of 2018"
- "Healthcare for Alaskans Act of 2018"
- "An Act providing for protection of wild salmon and fish and wildlife habitat."

Ballot Initiatives Requirements

- Backers need signatures equivalent to 10 percent of the previous general election tally. In 2016, 321,271 Alaskans voted. That means each ballot initiative needs 32,127 signatures.
- Those signatures have to be spread across the state: Signatures have to come from at least three-quarters of the state's 40 House districts, and in each of those districts, the signatures have to represent at least 7 percent of the people who voted in 2016.
- Deadline: before the legislature convenes in January.

The Alaska Government Accountability Act

Petition ID:	17AKGA
Petition Status:	Petition application under review
Petition Application Title:	"The Alaska Government Accountability Act"
Primary Sponsors:	Jason Grenn, Jonathan Kreiss-Tompkins and Bonnie L. Jack
Contact Sponsor:	Jason Grenn, 4611 Caravelle Dr, Anchorage AK 99502
Petition Application Filed:	August 29, 2017
Sponsors Proposed Bill Language:	" The Alaska Government Accountability Act "
Petition Application	October 30, 2017

The Alaska Government Accountability Act

- **Key Components:**
 - Ends legislative per diem if legislature doesn't pass budget in regular session
 - Prohibits legislators from accepting gifts and dinners from lobbyists
 - Strengthen conflict of interest rules for legislators
 - Prohibit foreign-owned companies from supporting legislative candidates
 - Alaskans for Integrity

Quality Health Insurance for Alaskans Act of 2018

Petition ID:	17QHIA
Petition Status:	Petition application under review
Petition Application Title:	"Quality Health Insurance for Alaskans Act of 2018"
Primary Sponsors:	Alan Gross, George Rhyneer and Megan LeMasters Soule
Contact Sponsor:	Alan Gross, PO Box 1828, Petersburg AK 99833
Petition Application Filed:	August 4, 2017
Sponsors Proposed Bill Language:	" Quality Health Insurance for Alaskans Act of 2018 "
Petition Application Review Deadline:	October 3, 2017

Quality Health Insurance for Alaskans Act of 2018

- **Key Components:**

- New Laws on Private Health Insurance – 4 sections
- First Section – adds a statement of findings and purpose to law
- Third Section – makes harmonizing amendments to Title 21 to achieve consistency with section 2
- Fourth Section – severability clause
- Provides that the state “has the responsibility to take necessary action to preserve its individual health insurance market and access to affordable coverage for people of all income levels, including the provision of income-based assistance that makes the cost of coverage affordable to middle and low-income residents.

Quality Health Insurance for Alaskans Act of 2018

- Second Section:
 - *New Chapter to Title 21 "Individual and Group Health Insurance Reforms"*
 - Guaranteeing Issuance of Coverage in the Individual and Group market
 - Guaranteeing Renewability of Coverage
 - Prohibiting preexisting condition exclusions or other discrimination based on health status
 - Providing dependent coverage for individuals to age 26
 - Requiring insurance plans to guarantee coverage for 10 types of essential benefits
 - Limits out-of-pocket expenses to those in effect in federal law 1/1/2-17
 - Prohibit lifetime limits on essential health benefits

Healthcare for Alaskans Act of 2018

Petition ID:	17HCAK
Petition Status:	Petition application under review
Petition Application Title:	"Healthcare for Alaskans Act of 2018"
Primary Sponsors:	Alan Gross, Graham Glass and George Rhyneer
Contact Sponsor:	Alan Gross, PO Box 1828, Petersburg AK 99833
Petition Application Filed:	August 1, 2017
Sponsors Proposed Bill Language:	" Healthcare for Alaskans Act of 2018 "
Petition Application Review Deadline:	October 2, 2017

Healthcare for Alaskans Act of 2018

- Key Components:
 - *Maintenance of Minimum Eligibility Standards for Medicaid and Denali KidCare*
 - Eligibility standards, methodologies and procedures for determining eligibility cant be more restrictive than those in effect on January 1, 2017
 - Nothing can restrict people with initiatives, the legislature by statutes or the department through rulemaking from expanding eligibility by being less restrictive
 - Payments to providers under Medicaid and Denali KidCare programs must be 100% or more of the payment rate that applied on January 1, 2017

Stand for Salmon

Petition ID:	17FSH2
Petition Status:	Petition Application Denied
Petition Application Title:	"An Act providing for protection of wild salmon and fish and wildlife habitat."
Primary Sponsors:	Mike Wood, Brian Kraft and Gayla Hoseth
Contact Sponsor:	Mike Wood, PO Box 773, Talkeetna AK 99676
Petition Application Filed:	July 14, 2017
Sponsors Proposed Bill Language:	" An Act providing for protection of wild salmon and fish and wildlife habitat."
Petition Application Review Deadline:	September 12, 2017
Petition Application Signature Verification:	Division of Elections Signature Memo Application Denied - September 12, 2017
Petition Application:	Attorney General Opinion

Stand for Salmon and HB 199

- Save our Salmon Key components:
 - *appropriates water and state owned land*
 - *not a mere regulation of water and land use*
 - *priorities and criteria for the use of water and state owned land conflict with the priorities and criteria set by the Alaska legislature.*
 - *appeals appropriations made to existing users of water and state land*

Stand for Salmon and HB 199

■ Key Impacts:

- *impacts many large projects, including mines, dams and pipelines [this isn't just about mining]*
- *the grandfather clause doesn't apply to permit renewals. For example, the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Integrated Water Management permits are granted for periods up to 5 years. As he writes, "Therefore, as described below, current hardrock mines in Alaska will be shut down" [under 17FSH2].*
- *impact for AKLNG and road projects*
- *would have precluded oil and gas development in Alaska, including on the Kenai Peninsula, the Dalton Hwy, and Prudhoe Bay.*
- *unable to permit larger hydro projects/dams.*
- *Donlin could not be developed*
- *impact to major hwy projects*
- *no offsite mitigation allowed.*

Why does the Alliance care?

- Alaska Government Accountability Act
- Quality Health Insurance Act for All Alaskans of 2018
- Healthcare for All Alaskans Act of 2018
- Stand for Salmon



2018 ELECTION UPDATES

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2018 Election Outlook

- Congress – Don Young’s Seat
- Governor
- Lt. Governor
- 10 Senators
- 40 House Members
- Ballot Initiatives
- Redistricting
- Democrat Lawsuit
- PFD Voter Registration
- Media

Congress – Don Young's Seat

Don Young – Republican

Dimitri Shein – Republican

Governor's Race

- Walker/Mallott
- Charlie Huggins – R
- Scott Hawkins – R
- Mike Chenault – R
- Michael Sheldon – R

Lite Governor

- Edie Grunwald – R
- Kevin Meyer – R
- Gary Stevens – R
- Lynn Gattis – R

Senate

- Senate A – **Pete Kelly vs. Scott Kawasaki**
- Senate C – Click Bishop
- Senate E – ? Rauscher/Eastman
- Senate G – Anna Mackinnon
- Senate I – Berta Gardner
- Senate K – Mia Costello
- Senate M – **Chris Birch**
- Senate O – Peter Micciche
- Senate Q – Dennis Egan
- Senate S – **Lyman Hoffman**

House

District 1 – **Kathryn Dodge**

District 2 – Steve Thompson

District 3 – Tammie Wilson

District 4 – **David Guttenberg**

District 5 – Adam Wool

District 6 – David Talerico

District 7 – Colleen Sullivan Leonard

District 8 – **Mark Neuman**

District 9 – George Rauscher

District 10 – David Eastman

District 11 – DeLana Johnson

District 12 – Cathy Tilton

District 13 – Dan Saddler

District 14 – Lora Reinbold

District 15 – Gabrielle LeDoux

District 16 – **Ivy Sponholz**

District 17 – Andy Josephson

District 18 – Harriet Drummond

District 19 – Geran Tarr

District 20 – Les Gara

House

District 21 – Matt Claman

District 22 – Jason Grenn

District 23 – Chris Tuck

District 24 – Chuck Kopp

District 25 – **Charisse Millette vs Pat Higgins**

District 26 – Chris Birch

District 27 – Lance Pruitt

District 28 – Jennifer Johnston

District 29 – Mike Chenault

District 30 – Gary Knopp

District 31 – **John Cox**

District 32 – Louise Stutes

District 33 – Sam Kito

District 34 – Justin Parish

District 35 – Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

District 36 – Dan Ortiz

District 37 – Bryce Edgmon

District 38 – Zach Fansler

District 39 – **Neal Foster**

District 40 – Dean Westlake

Redistricting

- 2020 is the next redistricting
- Governor appoints board
- Speaker of the House appoints board member
- President of the Senate appoints board member

Democratic Party Lawsuit

- Can the Alaska Democratic Party put independents on its primary election ballot?
 - *State said "no"*
 - *Democratic Party sued*
 - *Arguments heard last week*
 - *Decision any day now*
 - *Loser expect to appeal to Alaska Supreme Court*

PFD Voter Registration

		RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES						POLITICAL GROUPS								
STATE WIDE TOTALS	TOTAL	A	D	L	R	N	U	C	G	V	E	O	P	T	W	
TOTAL DISTRICT(441 PRECINCTS)	521655	17030	76319	7551	141490	84674	191265	397	1700	1123	9	0	28	34	35	
(Back to the quick search district numbers)																

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STATE WIDE TOTALS	TOTAL	A	D	L	R	N	U	C	G	V	E	T	W			
TOTAL DISTRICT(441 PRECINCTS)	528560	17339	78519	7554	143569	86151	192183	345	1706	1158	0	16	20			
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Media

- Significant changes at Alaska Dispatch News