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The second session of the 33rd Legislature concluded on May 15th. The budget was approved by both bodies and now awaits the Governor's signature. The Governor reserves the authority to line-item veto budget items and has until June 28th to decide. This year's capital budget largely focused on school maintenance, roads, renewable energy investments, and housing projects. The PFD amount is below along with projects I was able to secure for my district.

- A \$1,360 PFD was approved, plus \$295 for energy relief.
- \$330,000 for the Midtown Park Chalet project at Cuddy Park.
- \$1,000,000 to complete the Northern Lights Sound Barrier project.
- \$2 million for 76th Ave. resurface- Taku Lake to Old Seward project.

Personal Bills - Success during this Session

- I'm happy to share that <u>Senate Bill 22</u> which establishes Juneteenth as a state paid holiday passed!
- <u>Senate Resolution 3</u> also passed this session. This resolution recognizes that kidney disease remains a significant public health crisis, especially in underserved communities.
- Additionally, <u>Senate Bill 147</u> passed, which included the Alaska State Workers' Rehabilitation Stay at Work, Return-to-Work (SAW/RTW) Program (SB206) I introduced this session.

Elections

- The voter registration deadline for this year's primary election is July 21st, and the primary will be held August 20th.
- Alaskans will be voting for our federal representative as well as 10 state senators and all 40 state representatives.
- Thank you for voting!

It was an honor to be part of the Senate Majority working together on behalf of the citizens of Alaska. I enjoyed being part of the Leadership Team in the Senate and Chairing the Legislative Council Committee which oversees the Legislative

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Affairs Agency. I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf during the next Legislative Session.

Always feel free to reach out to me during the Session and the Interim. I'm here for you. Enjoy the Summer!!

Always representing your interests!

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