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## Greetings from Juneau

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**“It is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest.”**

**- Article 8, Section 1**

**The Constitution of the State of Alaska**

The second session of the 27<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature gaveled in on Tuesday this week. I'm looking forward to a productive session; one where the House and Senate can work with the Governor to get Alaska on track and open for business.

The Governor delivered his annual [State of the State](#) address to the legislature on Wednesday. I was encouraged by his comments to help small business owners in Alaska and his continued commitment to increasing oil production and exploration.

I always appreciate hearing from home and working on issues that are most important to you and your families. Please don't hesitate to contact my office if I can be of assistance.

You can always reach me through email at [Rep.Anna.Fairclough@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Rep.Anna.Fairclough@legis.state.ak.us).

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## Permanent Fund Dividend

Don't forget to file your permanent fund application. You have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to file.

Click [here](#) to apply.

New to the permanent fund for 2012, representatives of a deceased family member can apply on behalf of their loved one for the 2012 application period.

To find out more information click [here](#).

## Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

Please join your Chugiak-Eagle River Legislative Delegation for our next town hall meetings:

**Saturday, Feb. 18th at the Chugiak Senior Center from 2-4pm**

and

**Saturday, Mar. 17th at the Eagle River Town Center from 2-4pm.**

## Legislation

I will continue to work to get my two pieces of procurement legislation passed. [HB 204](#) - clarifies the Alaska business license requirements for competitive sealed bids and proposals, and qualification for the Alaska bidder preference. This should reduce the number of bids and proposals the state currently disqualifies on technical grounds. HB 204 would also allow for online filing of bids.

The second part of the procurement revision is [HB 205](#) - which makes application of the preferences uniform. Currently, preferences do not contain the same language so they must be applied differently. It also clarifies which preferences are cumulative and those that may not be combined. HB 205 would also consolidate the preferences outlined in the procurement code into one section of law. They are currently spread out in different statutes.

I believe HB 204 & 205 will streamline the procurement code to ensure consistent application of the law, resulting in a more understandable efficient procurement process for the state's business partners as well as employees who conduct procurements. These bills passed the house in 2011 and are currently in the Senate State Affairs Committee awaiting a hearing.

I had a constituent approach me, expressing concern over individuals who drive with certain medical conditions and could be placing others at risk when they get behind the wheel of a vehicle. [HB 149](#) - would provide immunity for a person who reports individuals who have a medical condition that may impair their ability to operate a motor vehicle. This bill provides for confidentiality for those that choose to report individuals to the Division of Motor Vehicles. This bill was heard and held in the House State Affairs Committee.

I am honored to serve on the Alaska Statewide Suicide Prevention Council. Last year, I introduced [HB 21](#) - which would add a member to the council. Unfortunately, suicide among our military service members is on the rise. This new member would have experience and knowledge working with our military men and women to help address the issues they face after returning from war, and bring a much needed perspective of the challenges our service members experience on a daily basis. The legislation would also allow the youth member of the council to serve past the high school level; currently, this member would be required to resign upon graduation from high school. This will provide more continuity in the position and to the board.

## An eye on Juneau

The legislature has video cameras in our committee rooms, giving you the opportunity to watch live meetings and track subjects that are important to you.

Click [here](#) to watch me live in action.

Track legislation through BASIS (Bill Action and Status Inquiry System). If you know the bill number you can enter it in or break it down by subject or committee.

Click [here](#) to start searching.



First day of session, back at work in the House Finance Committee. From left to right; Co-Chair Bill Thomas, Co-Chair Bill Stoltze, Vice-Chair Anna Fairclough, and Rep. Les Gara.

## Meet your district staff

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There have been a couple changes to my staff this year. They are all here to assist you and our community in anyway.

**Susan Wallen** is a wonderful addition to my staff. Many of you already know Susan from her work on the Chamber board and having worked in many local legislative offices over the last 15 years. Susan will be handling constituent matters and the capital budget. You can reach her at [Susan\\_Wallen@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Susan_Wallen@legis.state.ak.us).

**Tally Teal** is another great addition to my staff. Tally was born and raised in Juneau. She will be the front line in my office answering the phones, managing my schedule, and helping keep the office organized and operating smoothly. She can be reached at [Tally\\_Teal@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Tally_Teal@legis.state.ak.us).

**Laura Pierre** is back with me again this year. Laura is my finance aide and chief of staff. She will handle the operating budget, the Fiscal Policy Committee, and legislation. You can reach her at [Laura\\_Pierre@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Laura_Pierre@legis.state.ak.us)

## Community Involvement

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Mayor Dan Sullivan has asked 100 community and civic leaders for ideas about improving student performance. They came up with several preliminary scenarios for reform. The Mayor's Education Summit will be hosting six community conversations, with one taking place right here in Eagle River.

Come share your thoughts and ideas on how to improve the education system in our community.

**When:** Thursday, February 9th, 5:15pm check-in; starts promptly at 5:45pm

**Where:** Eagle River Lions Club, Mile 1.5 Eagle River Road

