

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Interim – May-December:
1500 W. Benson Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99503

907-269-0216
907-269-0218 (fax)



Session – January-April:
State Capitol, Rm. 216
Juneau, AK 99801

907-465-4998
907-465-4419 (fax)

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux

Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov

SPONSOR STATEMENT – House Bill 276

An Act relating to investigation and discrimination in the legislature

House Bill 276 establishes a personnel department for the Legislative Affairs Agency (LAA), provides for investigation and reports of harassment and discrimination claims, and establishes a mandatory Ethics Committee reporting system if violations of state law or legislative policy related to harassment are found to have occurred.

House Bill 276 presents a piece of the legislative solution to address sexual harassment and discrimination in the Alaska State Legislature. This bill establishes an additional line of reporting, and transfers the responsibility of punishment from the elected leadership of the legislative bodies to the less political Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. By reducing the potential for political decisions to determine the outcomes of sexual harassment and discrimination complaints, House Bill 276 aims to protect people working in the legislature, and ensure that violations are appropriately investigated, and proper punishments imposed.

I urge your swift passage of HB 276.