



**District 37**

**Legislative Update**

We have been in Juneau for almost two weeks and we are working hard. Our House Finance Committee is working through the operating budget and subcommittees looking into individual department budgets are meeting.

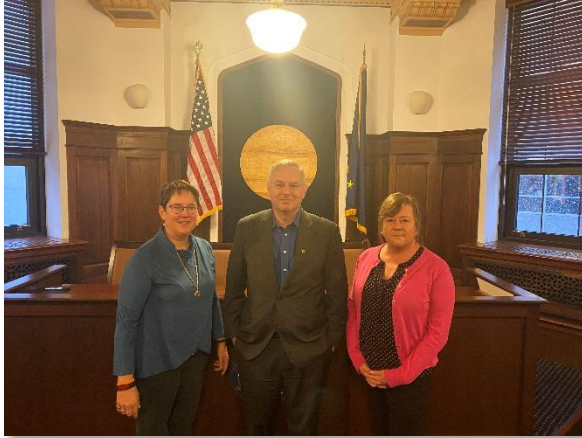
Here are a few items I'm currently working on:

- We met with the Senate in Joint Session last Friday to vote on two items the governor vetoed in the prior year. The vote was 37-19, not enough to overcome the governor's veto of marine highway funding and school bond debt reimbursement. You can watch that floor session [here](#).



*Senator Giessel and I presiding over the Joint Session to override vetoes*

- I am reviewing the bill filed by Senator Tom Begich, SB 6, to help improve reading scores of our third and fourth graders. You can read more about the bill [here](#).
- As a member of the Village Public Safety Officer Working Group, I'm happy to announce we've released a host of recommendations for how to improve the program. I look forward to those recommendations being filed in a bill so we can get to work on prioritizing rural public safety. You can read those recommendations [here](#).



*Meeting with constituents from back home remains the best part of the job*

- The House Transportation Committee is digging into the recently released report from the administration entitled “Reshaping the Alaska Marine Highway.” There is much to absorb, and I look forward to the committee’s recommendations on the report. You can read it for yourself [here](#).
- The Senate Education Committee is just beginning to take up a bill that would allow for the state to compact with tribes to deliver education. I am happy to see this conversation beginning and will report back as I learn more. You can follow the bill’s progress [here](#).

One of the House’s longest serving members, Tammie Wilson, resigned last week. While we may not have always agreed politically, I will always admire her tenacity and willingness to fight for her constituents every day. I wish her well in her future work.



*Rep. Wilson giving her farewell on the floor of the House*

Please expect to see my newsletters more often once again. I work for you and am always available to chat.

**On Deck Next Week...**

Next week House Finance is scheduled to meet  
Monday – Friday 1:30 PM

The committee's main focus will be on [HB 205](#) (Operating Budget) and [HB 206](#) (Mental Health Budget)

**Monday, February 3**

House Resources – 1:00 PM

[HR 12](#) – House Special Committee on Climate Change

**Tuesday, February 4**

House Finance Dept of Admin Budget Subcommittee – 8 AM

-Real ID by Jenna Wamsganz, Acting Director, Public Communications

Senate Education – 9:00 AM

[SB 6](#) – Pre-k/Elementary Education Programs/Funding; Reading

House Fisheries – 11:00 AM

[HB 203](#) – Transportation of Live Crab

[HB 185](#) – Registration of Boats: Exemption

House State Affairs – 3:00 PM

[HB 198](#) – Aggravating Factors at Sentencing

[HB 182](#) – Sexual Assault Examination Kits: Testing

**Wednesday, February 5**

House Resources – 1:00 PM

[HB 197](#) – Extend Seismic Hazards Safety Commission

[HB 230](#) – Intensive Management Surcharge/Repeal Term Date

House Judiciary – 1:45 PM

[HJR 15](#) – Constitutional Amendment: Votes Needed for Veto Override

[HB 133](#) – Juveniles: Justice, Facilities, Treatment

House Labor & Commerce – 3:15

Presentation: Regulations proposed by the Dept of Labor & Workforce Development

**Thursday, February 6**

House Fisheries – 11 AM

[HB 185](#) – Registration of Boats: Exemption

[HB 218](#) – Saltwater Fishing: Operators/Guides

House Transportation – 1:30 PM

[HB 186](#) – Naming Irene Webber Bridge

[HB 208](#) – Renaming College Road as Alan Boraas Road

House State Affairs – 3:00 PM

[HB 198](#) – Aggravating Factors at Sentencing

[HB 182](#) – Sexual Assault Examination Kits: Testing

**Friday, February 7**

House Resources – 1:00 PM

[HB 197](#) – Extend Seismic Hazards Safety Commission

[HB 230](#) – Intensive Management Surcharge/Repeal Term Date

House Judiciary – 1:45 PM

[HJR 15](#) – Constitutional Amendment: Votes Needed for Veto Override

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House Misc. Meeting – 12:00 PM

Lunch & Learn:

2017 Alaska Infrastructure Report Card by the American Society of Civil Engineers