Where is the best place for finding information on the Alaska Legislature?

• Alaska State Legislature: akleg.gov

• http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/index.php
Where Should I Start?

- Of Interest
  - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
  - Track Bills in BTMF
  - Legislative Abbreviations & Acronyms
- Popular
  - Legislators by District
  - Legislator Contact List
  - Tips for Using BASIS
  - Committees & Members
- Senate

- House

- Committees
Web Resources Continued

• Floor Calendar
• Daily Schedule
• Meetings
• Live Now

• 360 North – Gavel Alaska:
  https://www.360north.org/gavel-archives/?clientId=2147483647&id=122&listingPage=1&listingSortBy=descending&listingStart=2015-03-12&listingStop=2019-03-12
What Should I Say and Do?  
Legislator Tips!

“Tell a story ... be concise”  – U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

“Data and results” – U.S. Senator Mark Begich

“Be prepared ... be on time.”  – Speaker of the House, Representative Mike Chenault

“Pay attention to legislative staff...” – Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Mike Navarre, former legislator
Legislator tips: AVOID...

“I am most frustrated when they are not prepared to articulate what they want me to know and do. ...not helpful to just offer problems.”
– U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski

“Stopped in the hallway or out of the office to discuss issues or projects...”
– Speaker of the House, Representative Mike Chenault

Don’t be put off or take offense if you don’t get the response you’d like or expect...”
– Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Mike Navarre, former legislator
When Testifying

• Try to have written prepared remarks stating your position
• Address the Chair
• Name, Position, Representing
• I’m testifying in favor of or in opposition to HB 232
• Why? Put a District face on it! This is what it does to us.
• Be flexible and read the committee. If you are the 32\textsuperscript{nd} person to testify and what you are going to say has been said 31 times, summarize and shorten. Perhaps respond to a previous question that wasn’t answered or you can expand on.
• Offer solutions!
• Thank You For Allowing Me to Testify Today!
• Please let me know if you have future question or concerns, I would like to help.
• Submit the written prepared remarks for the record.
Working With Your Legislator is a Year Round responsibility!

- In Session in Juneau now, so face to face is limited
- If they come home for a Town Hall meeting, be there!
- Know their staff and their staff’s areas of responsibility
- After session and pre-session contacts very important
- Get them in your schools when students are there!
- Then you will be able to tell them how different the picture will be as a result of a bill.
- Be a year round resource!