

Cordova Legislative Information Office A Government Resource for Alaskans

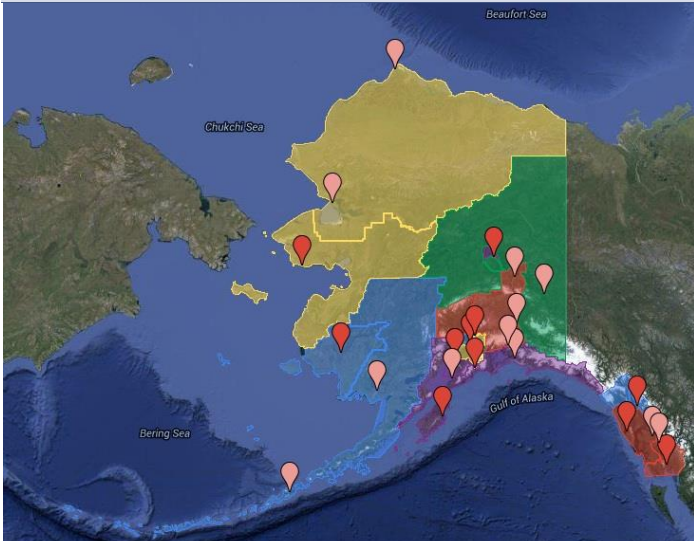


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Supporting Democracy
Assisting Concerned Citizens
Promoting Government Participation

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Welcome to the Cordova Legislative Information Office!



The Legislative Affairs Agency's Information & Teleconferencing Section is a network of 23 regional offices across Alaska.

Legislative Information Offices Can Help You:

- Understand how Alaska's government works
- Effectively navigate and use the Alaska State Legislature website
- Read and track bills
- Testify at, or watch a committee hearing
- Convey your message, or help to change a law
- Send Public Opinion Messages
- Be informed and proactive
- Communicate and interact with other State and Federal agencies
- Solve problems and create solutions
- Apply for Permanent Fund Dividend
- Register to Vote
- Make Alaska and your community a better place to live

Printed copies of the following Legislative publications are available from regional LIOs:

- Alaska Constitution
- Alaska Citizens Guide to the Constitution
- Bills, Resolutions, and Slip Laws
- Information & Teleconferencing Handouts
- Alaska Directory of State Officials
- Alaska State Legislature Directory
- Alaska Landlord & Tenant Act
- Legislative Process in Alaska
- Glossary of Legislative Terms
- Summary of Legislation
- Status of Bills and Resolutions
- Handbook on Alaska State Government
- Roster of Members
- Uniform Rules



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Our mission is to facilitate communication between the Legislature and the public.

Facilitating Communication Between You & Your Legislators:

"Alaska is such a large, diverse state that we need to have a means of connecting constituents with their Legislators. The LIOs provide that connection with friendly and attentive staff that can help the public to understand the legislative process, connect with lawmakers, and testify on legislation in real time."

-Senator Gary Stevens, District R

"The first time I visited Cordova's LIO office, I was so nervous, I didn't have a clue what to do. The staff was so educational and patient, and during my testimony I looked up to see this very warm, caring smile. What a great experience! That was over 12 years ago. Today I still look up to a warm comforting smile."

"The staff is very knowledgeable and willing to educate you on the legislative process; a resource I wish more Cordovans would access. I often receive e-mails from our LIO staff on important legislation that pertains to the issues I follow. What a wonderful personal touch. I now enjoy and look forward to visiting my Cordova LIO. The LIO gives Cordovan's the opportunity to have a voice."

-Nicole Songer, Executive Director, Cordova Family Resource Center



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Teleconferencing and Public Hearing Protocol

- Public hearing teleconferences are electronic extensions of the legislature committee process, and are usually limited to a specific subject or bill.
- The chair may request that the testimony be limited to a certain length of time, and will decide the order of participation in the teleconference.
- Before beginning your testimony, state your name and who you represent, if applicable.
- Remember to identify yourself each time you speak.
- Indicate to the chair when you have concluded your testimony.
- Hearing protocol is selected by the committee chairperson.
- Teleconference protocol during formal committee meetings shall be designed to serve the agenda of the committee and accommodate the conventions of a legislative hearing.

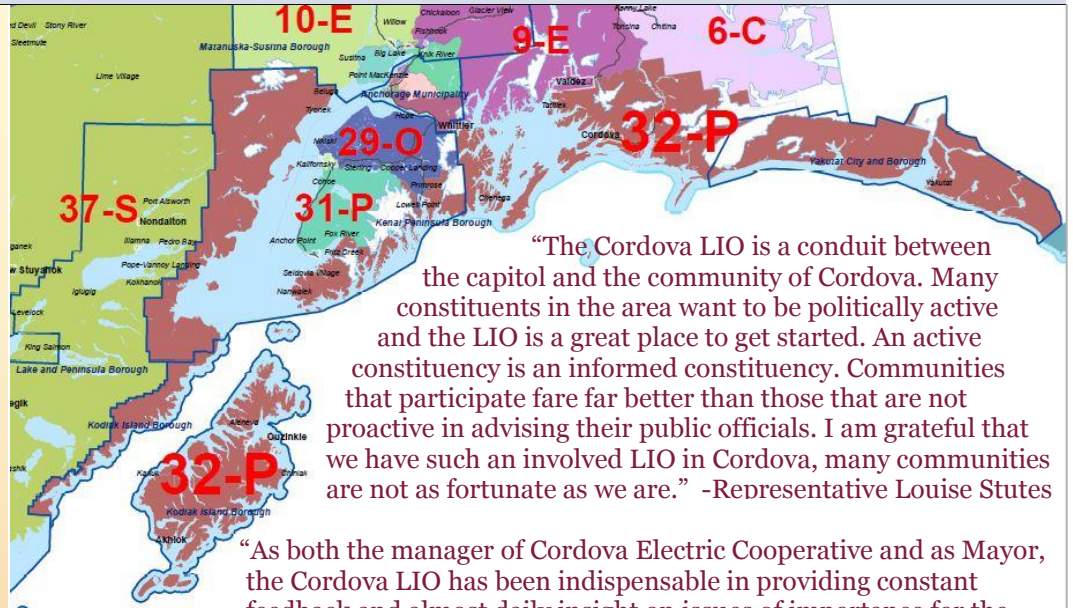


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The LIO is online at www.akleg.gov

This website is the place to track bills, locate and contact your Legislators and access committee information. The features of this website include:

- Contact information for Legislators and committees
- A daily calendar and schedule of committee meetings and legislative floor sessions
- Links to video and audio streaming footage of floor sessions and select committee meetings
- A bill tracking service that provides email updates whenever a bill is acted upon
- Online versions of legislative publications and the Alaska



“The Cordova LIO is a conduit between the capitol and the community of Cordova. Many constituents in the area want to be politically active and the LIO is a great place to get started. An active constituency is an informed constituency. Communities that participate fare far better than those that are not proactive in advising their public officials. I am grateful that we have such an involved LIO in Cordova, many communities are not as fortunate as we are.” -Representative Louise Stutes

“As both the manager of Cordova Electric Cooperative and as Mayor, the Cordova LIO has been indispensable in providing constant feedback and almost daily insight on issues of importance for the Alaskan electric utility industry and Cordova-specific items of interest. This allows me to understand developing legislation and strategically adapt to the challenges and opportunities that legislation provides. The Cordova LIO allows me to provide timely testimony and feedback to legislators and State leaders as they shape policy. Without the LIO, it would be very difficult to keep up with developing legislation or provide timely or relevant feedback to the legislative process. The friendly and informed staff at the Cordova LIO is a godsend.”

-Clay Koplín, Cordova Mayor and CEO of Cordova Electric Cooperative

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The Alaskan LIOs: Supporting Democracy to Shape Alaska’s Future

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