

The background of the image is a photograph of the Alaska State Capitol building. The building is a grand, multi-story structure with a classical architectural style, featuring a prominent portico with several tall, fluted columns. The facade is made of light-colored stone or brick. Numerous windows are visible, some with dark frames. The text "ALASKA STATE CAPITOL" is faintly visible above the columns. The entire image is overlaid with a dark, semi-transparent rectangular frame.

# LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Art Delaune-Chair**

# Committee Members

- Art DeLaune
- Corey Gilmore
- Duane Mayes
- Travis Noah
- Dave Fleurant
- Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich
- Meghan Clark
- Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
- Sydney Krebsbach
- Alex Gimarc
- Heidi Kelly
- Charlene Tautfest
- Jena Crafton

## Staff:

- Kristin Vandagriff
- Ric Nelson
- Anne Applegate



## Spring Virtual Council Meeting Dates

- Council meeting will virtual on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021
- Legislative visits will be virtual on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# Virtual Legislative Visits Meeting Plan

- 2021 Legislative visits will be virtual via Zoom
- The meetings will be conducted over a few days (Feb. 4-5)
- A staff member will attend each meeting to assist
- Each meeting will have at least 3-4 council members but all who are not in other meetings are encouraged to join in
- Council staff will provide an electronic document packet to the Legislators
- Each meeting will be recorded for debrief reference purposes

# Telework Statement

- Executive Committee issued a Telework statement as part of cost saving efforts
- Telework can benefit organizations by
  - Saving money by promoting management efficiencies and turnover and absenteeism costs
  - Making organizations more resilient in response to emergencies
  - Reducing real estate and energy costs, transit costs, and environmental impact
  - Improving the quality of employee work life
  - Increasing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities

# Federal Items

- COVID-19 relief for DD population
  - Stimulus payments for families with adult dependents
- Continued importance of Home and Community Based Services
  - Home and Community-Based Services are central to living meaningful lives and quality of life
  - Home and Community-Based Services decrease chances of contracting COVID-19 and dying (individuals with DD are often in the “high risk” category)
  - Home and Community-Based Services are cost saving for Alaska and the federal government when compared to institutional care
- Appropriations bill funding the DD network



## Dates to Remember

- Governor's budget is released
  - December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Legislative session begins
  - January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Pre-file bills come out
  - Beginning of January 2021
- Council meeting to prepare (virtual)
  - February 1-2, 2021
- Virtual Legislative Visits
  - Feb. 4-5, 2021

QUESTIONS?

