

House District 29

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OCCUPATION: General Contractor

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 35 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:

Anchorage 1979 - 1980
Sterling 1980 - 1995
Kenai 1995 - current

EDUCATION:

Flathead High School - Kalispell, MT;
Miscellaneous college courses at Flathead Valley
Community College, Kenai Peninsula College &
University of Fairbanks

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly - Oct 2006 to
Oct 2012
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly - President
Oct 2010 to Oct 2012
Alaska Municipal League - Board of Directors
2010-2011

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Civil Air Patrol

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Aviation (flying), Diving, Hunting, Golfing

STATEMENT:

Our Governor has rightly taken a strong stance against federal agencies and their heavy-handedness on issues affecting our State.

Our State departments in some cases are just as bad. Laws passed in Juneau are fair and reasonable. It is in the implementation and administration of those laws that places hardships on our citizens and business owners. Regulations are adopted administratively with little or no oversight from the Legislature or in some cases, regulations are adopted administratively that would not pass in the legislative process. Regulations adopted by departments certainly are not subject to the same public vetting process as they would be in the Legislature. It would be my intent to work with the Governor and members of the Legislature to address these issues.

Oil tax legislation:

It is my intent to fully read and understand all oil tax legislation in its entirety. This issue needs to be resolved. This issue consumed most of the legislative process last year and doesn't allow the Legislature to move forward with other important issues.

State Budget:

Unsustainable at the current level. Budget ten years ago was 3 billion dollars. Ninety two percent of the state budget comes from taxes on the oil industry. It is an issue that rightly deserves to be looked at. If we are blessed with high revenues they should be spent on infrastructure that moves this State forward, not on building bureaucracy in state government. This year's capital budget was 3 billion and 9 billion for operation budget.

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