

**Position Sought:** House District 39 Representative

**Name and Political Affiliation:** Neal W. Foster  
Registered Democrat

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### Biographical Information

**Age:** 52

**Place of Birth:** Nome, Alaska

**Occupation:** State Legislator

**Length of Residency in Alaska:** 52 years

**Alaskan Communities Lived in:**

Nome 1972-1994 and 1997-Current  
Anchorage 1994-1997

**Education:**

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, University of Alaska Anchorage  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Stanford University  
Legal & Political Philosophy, Study Abroad at Oxford University  
Nome-Beltz High School, Valedictorian

**Political and Government Positions:**

Alaska State Representative 2009-2024  
Nome City Council 2008-2009  
Alaska Workforce Investment Board 2003-2009

**Business and Professional Positions:**

Vice-President of Operations, Sitnasuak Native Corporation (President of Bonanza Fuel and Banner Wind) 1998-2009  
Economic Development Specialist, Kawerak 1997-1998  
Director, Sitnasuak Native Corporation 2003-2018  
Director, Bering Straits Native Corporation 2006-2018  
Director, Siu Alaska Corporation 2008-2017.

**Service Organization(s) Membership:**

Tribal Member, Nome Eskimo Community  
Pioneers of Alaska 2007-Current  
Director, RuralCap 2010-2012

## Position Statement

Rural districts are vastly outnumbered by urban districts in the legislature, and the only way to prevent being steam rolled is by working our way into key positions. It took me 10 years to build the relationships, experience, and seniority needed to become a co-chair of the powerful House Finance Committee.

When I first started, I was ranked #40 out of 40 representatives. That meant getting the least effective committee assignments and desperately fighting for leftover funding. We were lucky there was no harmful legislation in those first few years because as a new legislator it's difficult to stop anything.

Through a commitment to stick it out and a fire that energizes me, I've worked my way up to being ranked #2 out of 40 representatives. It means that I can effectively fight for state money and halt legislation damaging to our residents.

As the chair of the operating budget, I secured the largest PFD in state history. I've blocked efforts to eliminate rural Alaska's energy assistance program, which saved every rural household up to \$2,800 last year. And I've secured more than our fair share of community infrastructure and the jobs they bring.

I've seen many legislators come and go. Turnover causes those districts to go back to the bottom of the power structure. That hurts the constituents in those districts.

I intend to continue fighting for your interests over the long haul, and I'm much better equipped to do so. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

**Current Photo**



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