

# House District 2 Representative

## Rebecca Himschoot, Nonpartisan



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**AGE:** 56

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Virginia

**OCCUPATION:** Retired educator

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 28 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**

Sitka 1988-1994, 2004-present  
Sand Point 1994-5  
King Salmon 2002-3

**EDUCATION:**

Western Washington University, BA  
University of Alaska Southeast, BA  
Gonzaga University, MA

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**

Alaska State Board of Education  
Sitka Assembly  
Representative, HD 2, 33rd Legislature

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

Elementary Teacher, Sitka School District

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**

National Education Association- Alaska Board of Directors  
National Association of State Boards of Education, Editorial Advisor  
Host, AFS International Exchange

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**

Kayaking, bicycling, hiking, baking, German language

**OTHER:**

As an educator with 30 years of experience, I have been fortunate to work in both formal and informal education settings: as a National Parks Education Specialist at Katmai National Park in Southwest Alaska, as a science center education trainer, and as a public-school elementary teacher in Sand Point for 1 year and Sitka for 19 years. It has been a tremendous honor to work for the people of House District 2 over the past two years!

**STATEMENT:**

It has been an honor to serve as the Representative for the 21 communities in House District 2. In my first term I supported balanced budgets that did not require a draw on savings, advocated to stabilize the Alaska Marine Highway System and worked across party lines to ensure that all forms of public schools are supported. There is much more work to do.

As a member of the House Education Committee, I will continue to advocate for stable and predictable funding for public schools.

Serving on the House Fisheries Committee, I was especially proud to sponsor a resolution supporting the troll fleet against a misguided lawsuit. I am committed to maintaining Alaska's seafood industry and the working waterfronts that sustain our coastal communities.

On the Community and Regional Affairs Committee, I worked to maintain local control and ease the burdens on the rural municipalities I am so honored to represent. This year I will visit all 21 House District 2 communities again, meeting with leaders and learning about local issues.

Running as a non-partisan independent, I am committed to working across the aisle toward goals we can all support, like educating the next generation of Alaskans, growing our economy, and protecting our fishermen from outside threats. I am committed to Alaska's tradition of coalition leadership, and I will fight to ensure Southeast Alaska's concerns are brought to light in the legislature. I believe in the Alaskan values of hard work, grit and service above self.

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