

34th Legislature Pre-filed Bills

Context: This is a list of pre-filed bills potentially relevant to the Municipality and our priorities. The list is meant for discussion at the Legislative Committee and potential tracking this session; the MOA has not taken a position on any named legislation for this coming session but has adopted our broad priorities in the Legislative Program and our Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) for MOA FY25 (State FY26).

Bill #	Topic	Title (Short Version)	Sponsor (H, S)	Brief Description	Date Filed
SB 46	Education	Education funding	Claman (S)	Related to education funding formula.	1/17/25
HB 42	Education, Taxation	School grants and bond debt reimbursement	Allard (H)	Limits school bond debt reimbursement to DEED-committee approved projects.	1/17/25
HB 5	Elected Officials	Insurance discrimination elected officials	McCabe (H)	Prevents insurance companies denying claims, etc. because of elected official status.	1/10/25
SB 32	Energy	Allowed costs in electric co-op rates	Giessel (S)	Allows building costs for battery energy storage into utility rates	1/10/25
HB 36	Health	Foster children psychiatric treatment	Gray (H)	More legal protections for youth in state custody acute residential facilities (e.g., API).	1/10/25
SB 45	Health	Medicaid mental health parity	Dunbar (S)	Requires Medicaid to cover behavioral health services equivalent to medical services.	1/17/25
SB 50	Housing	Municipal Comprehensive Plans: Housing	Dunbar (S)	Requires housing plans as an element of a comprehensive plan.	1/17/25
SB 14	Housing	Aidea finance workforce housing develop.	Dunbar (S)	Allows AIDEA to finance housing development of 5+ units.	1/10/25
SB 47	Land Management	Chugach State Park easements	Giessel (S)	Allows for right of way easements in Chugach State Park.	1/17/25

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HB 3	Leg. Session	Hold legislative sessions in Anchorage	Rauscher (H)	Shifts location of regular session to Anchorage; conforming changes to campaign and lobbying rules related to restrictions during session.	1/10/25
HB 13	Local Gov; Taxation; Housing	Municipal property tax exemptions	Gray (H)	Creates optional property tax exemption for long-term rental properties; mobile home parks; housing for low-income households.	1/10/25
HB 7	Port	Port of Southcentral Alaska; Port Authority	McCabe (H)	Establishes port authority for Anchorage and Mat-Su; requires transfer of POA and MSB land.	1/10/25
SB 7	Public Safety	Chokehold ban	Gray Jackson (S)	Prohibits chokeholds as part of use of force for all peace officers.	1/10/25
SB 31	Public Safety	Address confidentiality program	Kiehl (S)	Allows more categories of people to have confidential addresses.	1/10/25
SB 42	Public Safety	Law enforcement registry; use of force	Gray Jackson (S)	Related to use of force, including by municipal officers.	1/17/25
SB 9	Public Safety; Health	Surrender of infants; inf. safety device	Myers (S)	Requires infant surrender safety devices at hospitals, fire and police depts., etc.	1/10/25
SB 24	Taxation; Health	Tobacco/nicotine/e-cig age; e-cig tax	Stevens (S)	Raises tobacco purchase age to 21; includes penalties for loopholes for selling to minors.	1/10/25
HB 26	Transportation	Statewide public & community transit plan	Mina (H)	Requires DOT to develop a statewide transit plan, work with communities on local planning. <i>Does not impact urban communities?</i>	1/10/25
SB 16	Utilities	Refuse utility regulations	Myers (S)	Regulates refuse (solid waste) utilities by RCA.	1/10/25
SB 27	Workforce	Teachers & public employee retirement plans	Kiehl (S)	Defined benefit option for teachers and public employees, option to choose between plans.	1/10/25

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HB 44	Workforce	Workers' comp death benefits	Josephson (H)	Clarifies how workers' comp payments are made to families.	1/17/25
SB 28	Workforce	Retirement systems; defined benefit option	Giessel (S)	Defined benefit option for teachers and public employees, option to choose between plans.	1/10/25
HB29 / SB 5	Workforce, Education	School/university employee health insurance	Vance (H) Hughes (S)	Allows school districts to self-insure; appears to set spending limits and cost-share additional costs from state to other units of government.	1/10/25
HB 38	Workforce, Education	Teachers & supplemental employee benefits	Saddler (H)	Changes language related to teachers' ability to participate in supplemental insurance.	1/17/25

Other bills on Municipality-related topics:

Bill #	Topic	Title (Short Version)	Sponsor (H, S)	Brief Description	Date Filed
SB 33	Elections	Synthetic media; liability; elections	Cronk (S)	Prohibits "deepfake" AI communications in elections.	1/10/25
HB 16	Elections	Campaign finance, contribution limits	Schrage (H)	Sets annual campaign contribution limits with updates every 10 years.	1/10/25
HB 19	Elections	Elections: reverse ballot measure 2	Rauscher (H)	Reverses rank choice voting at state level, other changes related to state elections <i>Does not directly impact local elections?</i>	1/10/25
HB 21	Elections	Voter preregistration for minors	Story (H)	Allows 16-17 year olds to pre-register to vote when they turn 18.	1/10/25

HB 43	Elections	Elections, Voting, Ballots	Schrage (H)	Several reforms to election law, likely similar to prior bills but analysis TBD.	1/17/25
HB 9	Education	Schools: funding; disability services	Carrick (H)	Requires districts to share funding with charter schools; medical service access at schools.	1/10/25
HB 12	Education	Free breakfast & lunch in public schools	Dibert (H)	Requires providing state funding for meal service in schools for all students.	1/10/25
SB 8	Education	Education for deaf & hearing impaired	Gray Jackson (S)	Requirements for public schools providing services for deaf students.	1/10/25
SB 18	Education	Communication devices in public schools	Wielechowski (S)	Requires schools to have policy for restricting cell phone use during school hours.	1/10/25
SB 20	Education	CPR curriculum	Gray Jackson (S)	Requires teaching CPR in public schools.	1/10/25
SB 23	Education	Civics education	Stevens (S)	Requires civics and government curriculum.	1/10/25
SB 41	Education, Health	Public schools mental health education	Gray Jackson (S)	Requires mental health education curriculum for public schools.	1/17/25