



AML Principles

- Support the Alaska Constitution's mandate "to provide for maximum local self-government."
- Support policies that reduce tax burdens on local government and reimburse for State-mandated exemptions.
- Support State revenue-sharing as an investment in and support for municipal governance.
- Support adequate State funding for basic public services and infrastructure, such as: education, public safety, health, emergency services, and transportation that is necessary for strong and vibrant municipalities.
- Oppose unfunded and underfunded State or Federal legislative and administrative mandates.
- Oppose any efforts to reduce local revenues and local revenue authorities.
- Oppose State or Federal policies that shift responsibilities to local governments without a negotiated agreement that includes adequate and full annual funding.

Draft AML 2019 State of Alaska Legislative Priorities

- Support the pursuit of additional State revenue options, including a broad-based tax
- Support PERS changes to include termination studies, periodic evaluation of and beneficial adjustment to the 2008 salary floor, and increased opportunity to leave PERS without penalty.
- Support additional investments into Community Assistance, including a long-term solution.

Draft AML 2019 Federal Congressional Priorities

- Support full funding for and recalculation of small community population caps for PILT payments to Alaska municipalities.
- Support federal PILT payments, timber receipts, funding for Safe and Secure Rural Schools, and infrastructure investments.
- Oppose underfunding of Federal Assistance Programs including Medicaid, transportation, CDBG, SNAP, Medicare, Head Start, Title 1 Grants, WIC, CHIP, etc.

Draft AML 2019 Legislative Position Statements

Municipal Governance (Title 29)

- Support increased capacity within and professionalization of State tax assessment.
- Support improvements to records retention, public records access, and public notice.
- Support issuance of a municipal impact fiscal note within proposed legislation.

Community Assistance and Revenue Sharing

- Support a baseline floor of \$60 million annually, and encourage a long-term, sustainable solution.
- Support a method to waive debt, forgive loans, or otherwise bolster "stressed" communities.

PERS/TRS Changes

- Support amendments to termination studies and penalties for leaving PERS/TRS.
- Support the development of a pathway to decrease overall unfunded liability.
- Oppose any cost shift of the State "on behalf" payment over 22%.

Fiscal Policy

- Support agency and programmatic efficiency and right-sizing, but oppose cost-shifting to municipalities and eliminating essential services.
- Support the development of a broad-based tax to increase state revenue.

Public Safety

- Increase officer recruitment and retention.
- Support and strengthen the VPSO program.
- Support state efforts to decrease access to and impacts from opioids.

Economic Development

- Support increased investment in diversification and small business development.
- Support increased investment in training and workforce development.
- Support state responsiveness to local economic development planning.

Education

- Support early childhood education, career and technical education, and preparing, attracting and retaining qualified educators.
- Support for accountability and assessment that meets federal requirements and maximizes local control.
- Oppose any reduction in school funding and support investment in infrastructure and deferred maintenance.

Fisheries

- Support for appropriately funded DF&G and increased investment in fisheries research and outreach.
- Support continued investment in port and harbor infrastructure.
- Support an active role in federal fisheries management, and clean water, as well as transboundary negotiations.

Energy

- Support for vetting of and investing in energy projects, processes and programs that decrease energy costs

Transportation

- Support the establishment of an Alaska Transportation Fund that can be used to match or supplement federal funding, and invest in multi-modal transportation infrastructure.

Minerals

- Support responsible resource development and the reduction of investment barriers alongside improved environmental risk management.
- Oppose additional state tax on mineral development and support robust local government property, or payment in lieu of, taxes.

Water, Wastewater and Sanitation

- Support increased State investment in maintenance and infrastructure upgrades.