

Legislative Process & Context 2017

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Advocates for Alaska's Youth

New Leadership in House

- First House Speaker of Native heritage
- First Democrat in post in 24 years
- Graduate of Dillingham High School and UAA (Business Administration)



House Speaker Bryce Edgmon
D-Dillingham



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**Rep. Paul Seaton, R-Homer
Co-chair House Finance**

- 15 years in Alaska Legislature
- Former chair of House Education Committee



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- Graduate Nome-Beltz High School
- Stanford University (Political Science)
- UAA (Business Administration)



**Rep. Neal Foster, D-Nome
Co-chair, House Finance**



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New Leadership in House

- Three-term Anchorage School Board member
- Graduate of Cornell University
- Elected to third term in House



Rep. Harriet Drummond, D-Anchorage, Chair Education Committee



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Rep. Dan Ortiz, I-Ketchikan
Chair, Education Finance Subcommittee

- Public School teacher
- Elected to second term in House



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Key Votes in House Coalition



**Rep. Gabriel LeDoux,
R-Anchorage**



**Rep. Louise Stutes,
R-Kodiak**



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House Minority

- Graduate of Dimond High School
- Serving 6th term in House
- 18-member minority in 40-member House



**Rep. Charisse Millett, R-
Anchorage Minority Leader**



Senate Majority



**Senate President Pete Kelly
R-Fairbanks**

- Graduate of Lathrop High School
- Liberty University (Management)
- 12 years in House & Senate



Senate Majority

- Graduate Service High School
- Studied Finance at UAA & UAF
- Eight years in House & Senate



**Sen. Anna McKinnon, R-Anchorage
Co-chair, Senate Finance**



Senate Majority



**Sen. Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel
Co-chair Senate Finance**

- Graduate of Bethel High School
- University of Alaska (Business Administration)
- 32 years in Alaska Legislature



Senate Majority

- Graduate UAA
(English)
- Two terms in House,
1st term in Senate



**Sen. Shelly Hughes, R-Palmer
Chair, Senate Education**



Senate Majority



Sen. Mike Dunleavy, R-Wasilla
Chair Education Finance
Subcommittee

- School teacher, principal, superintendent
- School Board member (Mat-Su)
- Serving second term in Senate



Senate Minority

- Graduate of U-Cal Riverside (Psychology)
- Serving 12th year in Legislature
- Five-member minority in 20-member Senate



**Sen. Berta Gardner, D-
Anchorage Minority Leader**



Governor Walker

- Graduate of Valdez High School
- University of Puget Sound (Law Degree)
- Serving 1st term as Governor



Gov. Bill Walker



Commissioner Johnson



Michael Johnson
Department of Education &
Early Development

- Teacher, principal, superintendent (Copper River SD)
- PhD in Education & Intercultural Studies (UAF)
- Appointed to cabinet in July 2016

