



# Representative Gary Knopp District 30

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## Legislation Passes the House

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As the legislative session continues on, we are working hard at reviewing proposed legislation for the better good of Alaskans. A couple that I have supported and that have passed are HB 16 and HB 80.

HB 16 provides Alaskans who have disabilities to be given the chance to better communicate and prevent any negative outcomes that might occur when interacting with peace officers. By improving training for officers, updating the DMV's driving manual, and allowing Alaskans to put a designated emblem on their licenses, those with non-apparent disabilities can be recognized and receive appropriate

assistance. This bill passed the House unanimously, and now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

HB 80 establishes a uniform process that local governments would follow to create Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing. This bill incentivizes energy efficiency improvements to commercial buildings by allowing use of the existing property tax collection mechanism as a means of servicing loans for energy efficient improvements and alternative energy installation on commercial property

To search other Bills & Laws, click [here](#). Or to Track Bills,

click [here](#), for the option to sign up and track where each bill is in the legislative process.

### Legislation to Watch

Representative DeLena Johnson is urging fellow lawmakers to focus on bills related to the state's fiscal crisis rather than frivolous Bills. HCR6 was introduced Feb. 15, 2017 on the House Floor.

HCR6 is a resolution restricting committee meetings of the House to subjects related to the budget or revenue until an operating budget is passed.

## Joint Sessions



Alaska Supreme Court  
Chief Justice Craig Stowers

On February 8th we welcomed Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Craig Stowers to address the annual State of Judiciary. As we continue to find effective and fair solutions to our financial situation, Chief Justice Stowers addresses the budget cuts he expects to see in the judiciary system and how the 3.5 % cut he proposes, "is doable and will not inflict long-term damage or disruption to court's core functions." To

read the whole State of Judiciary, click [here](#).

We will also be holding joint sessions to welcome Senator Lisa Murkowski, coming February 22nd, and Senator Dan Sullivan, coming February 24th, to give their annual address in the House Chambers.

# February Events Calendar



2017 Kenai Visitor & Relocation Guide

**Feb. 16:** -Soldotna Lions Club, 6pm at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant, Soldotna, AK

**Feb. 17:** -Alliance Kenai Chapter Luncheon, 12pm at Kenai Visitor Center, Kenai, AK

**Feb. 19:** -Soldotna Pancare Breakfast, 12pm at VFW 134 Birch St., Soldotna, AK

**Feb. 21:** -Kenai Rotary Luncheon, 12pm at Iditarod Café, Kenai, AK  
-Soldotna Chamber Luncheon, 12pm at Regional Sports Complex, Soldotna, AK

**Feb. 22:** -FREEzing Winter, 12pm at AK SeaLife Center, Seward

**Feb. 24/25:** -13th Annual WOW Ride, at Freddie's Roadhouse Mile 16 Caribou Hills, Kenai Peninsula

**-Feb. 28:** -Kenai Rotary Luncheon, 12pm at Iditarod Café, Kenai, AK

-Kenai River Rotary Meeting, 6:30pm at Nikko Gardens Restaurant, Soldotna, AK

-Soldotna Chamber Luncheon, 12pm at Froso's Family Dining, Soldotna, AK

## Town Hall Meeting

Don't forget to check out my Facebook at [facebook.com/Rep.Knopp](https://www.facebook.com/Rep.Knopp)

Come join me, along with Representative Mike Chenault and Senator Peter Micciche for refreshments at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Chambers as we discuss what has come thus far this legislative session. We will be answering any questions,

listening to concerns, and taking any suggestions on Saturday, February 25th from 10am to 12pm.

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