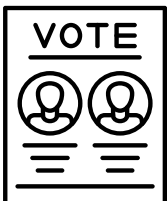


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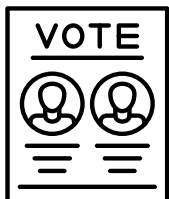
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1. H.R. 21 — Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 21 — Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act
- Vote/Action: Yea — passage
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich voted Yea.
- Date: January 23, 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich's official congressional office lists the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act among legislation he co-sponsored and explains that it requires health-care practitioners to provide the same care to infants born alive after an attempted abortion as to other newborns. <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: Begich supported the measure as a protection for infants born alive following an attempted abortion.
- Source: U.S. House Clerk; Nick Begich's official congressional office.
- Direct Source: U.S. House Clerk — H.R. 21 Roll Call 27 CClerk of the House: <https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2025/roll027?utm>
- Vote result: 217 Yea, 204 Nay. Begich appears in the official Yea list. <https://clerk.house.gov/evs/2025/roll027?utm>

2. S. 5 — Laken Riley Act

- Bill/Measure: S. 5 — Laken Riley Act
- Vote/Action: Yea — passage
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich voted Yea.
- Date: January 22, 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich's office identified border security and immigration enforcement as part of his first-term legislative priorities. <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: Begich supported increased immigration enforcement and border security.
- Source: U.S. House Clerk; Nick Begich official congressional office.
- Direct Source: Nick Begich — Official Votes and Legislation page: <https://begich.house.gov/about/votes-and-legislation?utm>
- Vote source: U.S. House Clerk, 119th Congress, January 22, 2025.

3. H.R. 27 — HALT Fentanyl Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 27 — HALT Fentanyl Act
- Vote/Action: Yea — passage
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich voted Yea.
- Date: February 6, 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich's official office identifies the HALT Fentanyl Act as legislation that "classifies fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs and increases penalties for trafficking." <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: To strengthen federal controls and penalties involving fentanyl-related substances.
- Source: U.S. House Clerk; Nick Begich official office.

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- Direct Source: Nick Begich — First 100 Days / Legislation: <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Vote source: U.S. House Clerk, February 6, 2025.

4. H.R. 22 — SAVE Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 22 — Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act
- Vote/Action: Yea — final passage
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich voted Yea on final passage.
- Date: April 10, 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich's congressional positions include support for election-integrity measures.
- Reason Given: The legislation sought to require documentary proof of U.S. citizenship for federal voter registration.
- Source: U.S. House Clerk; Begich official congressional record.
- Direct Source: Nick Begich — Votes and Legislation: <https://begich.house.gov/about/votes-and-legislation?utm>
- Important correction: Begich voted Nay on a separate motion to recommit, but that was not the final passage vote. Therefore, the correct statement is:

Begich voted Yea on final passage of the SAVE Act.

5. H.R. 1 — One Big Beautiful Bill Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 1 — One Big Beautiful Bill Act
- Vote/Action: Yea
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich voted Yea on the House vote to concur in the Senate amendment.
- Date: July 3, 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich's official first-100-days statement describes his agenda as including economic growth, resource development, and other priorities associated with the Republican majority. <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: Begich supported the legislation as part of the Republican majority's economic, tax, spending, and energy agenda.
- Source: U.S. House Clerk; Begich official office.
- Direct Source: Nick Begich — Official congressional record: <https://begich.house.gov/about/votes-and-legislation?utm>

6. S. 1582 — GENIUS Act

- Bill/Measure: S. 1582 — GENIUS Act
- Vote/Action: Yea — passage
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich voted Yea.
- Date: July 17, 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich has separately advocated for digital-asset legislation, stating: "America cannot afford to fall behind in this financial revolution." <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-and-senator-lummis-introduce-landmark-bitcoin-act?utm>

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- Reason Given: Begich supports establishing a federal framework for digital assets and maintaining U.S. leadership in financial technology.
- Source: U.S. House Clerk; Begich official office.
- Direct Source: U.S. House Clerk — S. 1582, Roll Call 200:
<https://clerk.house.gov/Votes/2025200?utm>
- Vote result: 308 Yea, 122 Nay. Begich is specifically listed as Yea.
<https://clerk.house.gov/Votes/2025200?utm>

BILLS NICK BEGICH SPONSORED OR INTRODUCED

These are different from votes. Being a sponsor means Begich introduced/led the legislation; it does not necessarily mean Congress passed it.

7. H.R. 42 — Alaska Native Settlement Trust Eligibility Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 42 — Alaska Native Settlement Trust Eligibility Act
- Vote/Action: Sponsored/introduced by Nick Begich
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich introduced the bill on his first day in Congress and worked to get it through Congress.
- Date: January 3, 2025; House passed February 4, 2025; Senate passed June 2025.
- Direct Quote: "These bills are about fairness and keeping the promises made to Alaska Natives." <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begichs-first-two-bills-119th-pass-house?utm>
- Reason Given: The bill prevents certain Alaska Native settlement-trust payments from being counted as income when determining eligibility for needs-based federal assistance.
- Source: Nick Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — H.R. 42 and H.R. 43 pass the House:
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begichs-first-two-bills-119th-pass-house?utm>
- Final-status source: Begich — H.R. 42 and H.R. 43 pass Congress:
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begichs-first-two-bills-pass-congress-headed-presidents-desk?utm>

8. H.R. 43 — Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 43 — Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2025
- Vote/Action: Sponsored/introduced by Nick Begich
- Nick Begich's individual action: Introduced the bill and advocated for its passage.
- Date: January 3, 2025; House passed February 4, 2025; Senate passed June 2025.
- Direct Quote: "Both bills restore self-determination, ensuring Alaska Natives—not government bureaucracy—decide how to use their own land."
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begichs-first-two-bills-119th-pass-house?utm>
- Reason Given: Eliminate an outdated requirement concerning the transfer of village-corporation land for future municipal uses and return control of the land to Native Village Corporations.

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- Source: Nick Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — Official H.R. 43 announcement:
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begichs-first-two-bills-119th-pass-house?utm>

9. H.R. 410 — Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans Land Allotment Extension Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 410
- Vote/Action: Sponsored/introduced by Nick Begich
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich introduced the legislation.
- Date: 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich's official first-100-days report describes the bill as extending the opportunity for eligible Native veterans to claim land promised to them decades ago.
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: Extend the opportunity for eligible Alaska Native Vietnam-era veterans to receive land allotments.
- Source: Nick Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — First 100 Days in Congress:
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>

10. H.R. 1368 — DOE and NASA Interagency Research Coordination Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 1368
- Vote/Action: Sponsored/introduced by Nick Begich; passed the House
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich introduced the legislation.
- Date: 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich's office said the bill would "foster collaboration between federal agencies and strengthen U.S. leadership in science and technology."
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: Increase coordination between DOE and NASA research.
- Source: Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — First 100 Days in Congress:
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>

11. H.R. 2032 — BITCOIN Act of 2025

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 2032 — BITCOIN Act of 2025
- Vote/Action: Introduced by Nick Begich
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich introduced the House legislation with Senator Cynthia Lummis.
- Date: March 11, 2025
- Direct Quote: "America cannot afford to fall behind in this financial revolution."
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-and-senator-lummis-introduce-landmark-bitcoin-act?utm>

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- Reason Given: Establish a U.S. Strategic Bitcoin Reserve and establish a federal policy framework for Bitcoin as a strategic asset.
- Source: Nick Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — BITCOIN Act announcement: <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-and-senator-lummis-introduce-landmark-bitcoin-act?utm>

Video source

- Video: Begich announcing the BITCOIN Act at the Bitcoin for America Summit.
- Date: March 11, 2025
- Direct Source: Bitcoin for America — Begich introduces the BITCOIN Act: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feFSR93NLdg&utm>

12. H.R. 2630 — Youth Suicide Prevention Research Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 2630 — Youth Suicide Prevention Research Act
- Vote/Action: Introduced by Nick Begich
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich introduced the legislation with Rep. Laura Gillen.
- Date: 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich's office said the legislation would "bolster federal research and expand resources aimed at preventing youth suicide." <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: Increase federal research and resources directed toward youth suicide prevention.
- Source: Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — First 100 Days in Congress: <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>

13. H.R. 2815 — Cape Fox Land Entitlement Finalization Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 2815 — Cape Fox Land Entitlement Finalization Act
- Vote/Action: Sponsored/introduced by Nick Begich; passed Congress and signed into law
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich introduced and led the House legislation.
- Date: 2025–May 2026
- Direct Quote: Begich's office described it as resolving a "long-standing Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) land entitlement issue." <https://begich.house.gov/media?utm>
- Reason Given: Resolve outstanding ANCSA land-entitlement issues involving Cape Fox Corporation and the Native Village of Saxman.
- Source: Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — Official legislation/news archive: <https://begich.house.gov/media?utm>
- Status: The President signed the legislation in May 2026. <https://begich.house.gov/media?utm>

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14. H.R. 3176 — National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System

- Bill/Measure: [H.R. 3176](#)
- Vote/Action: [Introduced by Nick Begich](#); passed the House
- Nick Begich's individual action: [Begich introduced the bill.](#)
- Date: [2025](#)
- Direct Quote: [Begich said the legislation would help "protect our infrastructure and air travel by strengthening vital warning systems for Alaska's active volcanoes."](#)
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/house-passes-congressman-begich-bills-advancing-alaska-priorities?utm>
- Reason Given: [Reauthorize and strengthen the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System.](#)
- Source: [Begich official House office.](#)
- Direct Source: [Begich — House passes Alaska-priority bills:](#)
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/house-passes-congressman-begich-bills-advancing-alaska-priorities?utm>

15. H.R. 3620 — Southcentral Foundation Land Transfer Act

- Bill/Measure: [H.R. 3620 — Southcentral Foundation Land Transfer Act](#)
- Vote/Action: [Introduced by Nick Begich](#); passed Congress
- Nick Begich's individual action: [Begich introduced and promoted the legislation.](#)
- Date: [2025–September 2026](#)
- Direct Quote: [Begich said the legislation advanced "critical priorities for Alaska and our communities."](#) <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/house-passes-congressman-begich-bills-advancing-alaska-priorities?utm>
- Reason Given: [Transfer federal land to Southcentral Foundation to support health-care, mental-health, and social-service facilities.](#)
- Source: [Begich official House office.](#)
- Direct Source: [Begich — House passes Alaska-priority bills:](#)
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/house-passes-congressman-begich-bills-advancing-alaska-priorities?utm>
- September 2026 source: [The Senate passed H.R. 3620 by unanimous consent and sent it to the President's desk.](#) <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases?utm>

16. H.R. 3903 — Chugach Alaska Corporation Land Exchange

- Bill/Measure: [H.R. 3903 — Chugach Alaska Corporation land exchange legislation](#)
- Vote/Action: [Introduced by Nick Begich](#)
- Nick Begich's individual action: [Begich introduced the bill.](#)
- Date: [June 11, 2025](#)
- Direct Quote: [The official congressional bill text records: "Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill."](#) <https://www.congress.gov/119/bills/hr3903/BILLS-119hr3903rh.pdf?utm>
- Reason Given: [Exchange certain Chugach Alaska Corporation lands for federal lands in the Chugach region.](#)
- Source: [Official congressional bill text.](#)
- Direct Source: [Official Congressional bill text — H.R. 3903:](#)
<https://www.congress.gov/119/bills/hr3903/BILLS-119hr3903rh.pdf?utm>

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17. H.R. 41 — Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act

- Bill/Measure: **H.R. 41**
- Vote/Action: **Sponsored/introduced by Nick Begich; passed the House**
- Nick Begich's individual action: **Begich introduced and advocated for the legislation.**
- Date: **June 2, 2026**
- Direct Quote: **"When ANCSA became law, five Southeast Alaska Native communities were left out through no fault of their own."**
- Reason Given: **Address the exclusion of five Southeast Alaska communities from the original ANCSA settlement framework.**
- Source: **Nick Begich official House office.**
- Direct Source: **Begich — H.R. 41 announcement: <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/house-passes-hr-41-advancing-recognition-five-southeast-alaska-native?utm>**

18. American Reserve Modernization Act of 2026

- Bill/Measure: **American Reserve Modernization Act of 2026 (ARMA)**
- Vote/Action: **Introduced/co-led by Nick Begich**
- Nick Begich's individual action: **Begich introduced the legislation with Rep. Jared Golden.**
- Date: **May 21, 2026**
- Direct Quote: **"The American Reserve Modernization Act positions the United States to lead confidently in the digital age while protecting taxpayer interests, strengthening financial sovereignty, and reinforcing the principles of transparency and sound stewardship."** <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-leads-legislation-establish-strategic-bitcoin-reserve?utm>
- Reason Given: **Establish a Strategic Bitcoin Reserve and modernize federal management of digital reserve assets.**
- Source: **Nick Begich official House office.**
- Direct Source: **Begich — American Reserve Modernization Act: <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-leads-legislation-establish-strategic-bitcoin-reserve?utm>**

BILLS/LEGISLATION BEGICH SUPPORTED OR CO-SPONSORED

19. H.R. 30 — Preventing Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act

- Bill/Measure: **H.R. 30**
- Vote/Action: **Co-sponsored**
- Nick Begich's individual action: **Begich publicly announced that he was a co-sponsor.**
- Date: **January 16, 2025**
- Direct Quote: **"Securing our borders is both a matter of national security and a matter of protecting those closest to us—family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and indeed all Americans."** <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-co-sponsors-hr-30-strengthen-border-security-and?utm>

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- Reason Given: Begich said foreign nationals who commit domestic violence, stalking, child abuse, child neglect, or child abandonment should be held accountable and that law enforcement needs additional tools.
- Source: Nick Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — H.R. 30 statement: <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-co-sponsors-hr-30-strengthen-border-security-and?utm>

20. H.R. 38 — Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act

- Bill/Measure: H.R. 38 — Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act
- Vote/Action: Original co-sponsor
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich became an original co-sponsor and urged House members to support it.
- Date: January 8, 2025
- Direct Quote: "For the majority of Americans, especially my home state of Alaska, firearms are a fundamental part of life." <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-statement-constitutional-concealed-carry-reciprocity?utm>
- Reason Given: Begich argued that lawful concealed-carry rights should not disappear when a person crosses a state line.
- Source: Nick Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — H.R. 38 statement: <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-statement-constitutional-concealed-carry-reciprocity?utm>

21. No Iranian Energy Act

- Bill/Measure: No Iranian Energy Act
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich joined House Republicans in supporting the legislation.
- Date: April 1–2, 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich joined Republicans in a maximum-pressure initiative against Iran and co-sponsored the No Iranian Energy Act. <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/icymi-congressman-nick-begich-joins-house-republicans-reinforce-maximum?utm>
- Reason Given: Strengthen sanctions against Iran's energy sector and increase economic pressure on the Iranian government.
- Source: Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — Maximum Pressure on Iran / No Iranian Energy Act: <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/icymi-congressman-nick-begich-joins-house-republicans-reinforce-maximum?utm>

22. Protecting American Energy Production Act

- Bill/Measure: Protecting American Energy Production Act
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich co-sponsored the legislation.
- Date: 2025

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- Direct Quote: Begich's official legislative summary says the bill prevents the federal government from banning hydraulic fracturing without congressional authorization.
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: Protect domestic energy production and limit federal restrictions on hydraulic fracturing.
- Source: Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — First 100 Days legislation list:
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>

23. Fix Our Forests Act

- Bill/Measure: Fix Our Forests Act
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich co-sponsored the legislation.
- Date: 2025
- Direct Quote: Begich's office described the bill as establishing requirements for managing federal forests, reducing wildfire threats, and expediting forest-management projects.
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: Reduce wildfire risk and speed up federal forest-management projects.
- Source: Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — First 100 Days legislation list:
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>

24. Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025

- Bill/Measure: Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025
- Vote/Action: Co-sponsored
- Nick Begich's individual action: Begich co-sponsored the legislation.
- Date: 2025
- Direct Quote: His office described it as legislation that improves veterans' access to health care by expanding eligibility, reducing wait times, and increasing service availability.
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>
- Reason Given: Improve veterans' access to health care.
- Source: Begich official House office.
- Direct Source: Begich — First 100 Days legislation list:
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>

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BEGICH'S 2024 CAMPAIGN POSITIONS AND VIDEOS

Begich was not in Congress in 2022–2024, these are campaign positions, not congressional votes.

25. 2024 – Abortion / Federal Ban

- Bill/Measure: No specific bill – campaign position
- Vote/Action: Public position
- Nick Begich's individual action: Said he would not support either a federal abortion ban or a federal guarantee of abortion rights.
- Date: 2024
- Direct Quote: "I would not support a federal ban or a federal guarantee."
<https://www.pbs.org/video/debate-for-the-state-2024-us-house-race-s3kex5/?utm>
- Reason Given: Begich said the issue should be decided by individual states rather than Washington.
- Source: PBS 2024 Alaska U.S. House debate.
- Direct Source: PBS – 2024 U.S. House Debate: <https://www.pbs.org/video/debate-for-the-state-2024-us-house-race-s3kex5/?utm>

26. 2024 – Second Amendment / Red Flag Laws

- Bill/Measure: No specific bill – campaign position
- Vote/Action: Public opposition to red-flag laws
- Nick Begich's individual action: Said he opposed red-flag laws and opposed creating databases of gun owners.
- Date: 2024
- Direct Quote: "I don't support red flag laws." <https://www.pbs.org/video/debate-for-the-state-2024-us-house-race-s3kex5/?utm>
- Reason Given: Begich argued that firearm-owner databases could lead to erosion of Second Amendment rights.
- Source: PBS 2024 U.S. House debate.
- Direct Source: PBS – 2024 U.S. House Debate: <https://www.pbs.org/video/debate-for-the-state-2024-us-house-race-s3kex5/?utm>

27. 2024 – Social Security

- Bill/Measure: No specific bill – campaign position
- Vote/Action: Public support for Social Security
- Nick Begich's individual action: Said he supported maintaining Social Security.
- Date: 2024
- Direct Quote: "I am a 100% full supporter of Social Security."
<https://www.pbs.org/video/debate-for-the-state-2024-us-house-race-s3kex5/?utm>
- Reason Given: Begich said the federal government had used Social Security trust-fund resources for current expenditures and argued that the system needed stronger protection.
- Source: PBS 2024 U.S. House debate.
- Direct Source: PBS – 2024 U.S. House Debate: <https://www.pbs.org/video/debate-for-the-state-2024-us-house-race-s3kex5/?utm>

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28. 2024 — Resource Development

- Bill/Measure: No specific bill — campaign position
- Vote/Action: Public support for resource development
- Nick Begich's individual action: Campaign position supporting increased resource development and reduced regulation.
- Date: June 2024
- Direct Quote: Begich's campaign position statement says: "Alaska's vast natural resources are a cornerstone of our economy."
https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/oep/2024/Begich%2C%20Nick_US%20Rep_Eng_06.24.24-PWeb.pdf?utm
- Reason Given: Begich argued that resource development could create jobs and strengthen Alaska's economy while being conducted responsibly.
- Source: Alaska Division of Elections candidate position statement.
- Direct Source: Alaska Division of Elections — Nick Begich 2024 Candidate Position Statement:
https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/oep/2024/Begich%2C%20Nick_US%20Rep_Eng_06.24.24-PWeb.pdf?utm

29. 2024 — America First

- Bill/Measure: No specific bill — campaign position
- Vote/Action: Public campaign position
- Nick Begich's individual action: Described himself as an America-First candidate.
- Date: June 2024
- Direct Quote: "I'm an America-First candidate." <https://mustreadalaska.com/unseating-peltola-nick-begich-talks-about-his-congressional-run-on-the-stand-podcast/?utm>
- Reason Given: Begich argued that Alaska and American interests should be prioritized by federal policymakers.
- Source: STAND podcast interview.
- Direct Source: Must Read Alaska — Nick Begich STAND interview:
<https://mustreadalaska.com/unseating-peltola-nick-begich-talks-about-his-congressional-run-on-the-stand-podcast/?utm>
- Video source: The underlying interview is identified as the June 23, 2024 STAND podcast.

30. 2024 — Support for resource development and smaller government

- Bill/Measure: No specific bill — campaign position
- Vote/Action: Public campaign position
- Nick Begich's individual action: Advocated smaller government, less regulation and increased oil production.
- Date: February 2024
- Direct Quote: The Must Read Alaska Show described Begich's campaign platform as commitment to "smaller government, less regulation, and increased oil production."
<https://mustreadalaska.com/listen-to-nick-begich-as-he-talks-about-electing-the-right-team-must-read-alaska-show/?utm>

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- Reason Given: Begich argued that Alaska's economy depended heavily on resource development and that excessive federal regulation limited economic growth.
- Source: Must Read Alaska Show interview.
- Direct Source: Must Read Alaska – Nick Begich interview:
<https://mustreadalaska.com/listen-to-nick-begich-as-he-talks-about-electing-the-right-team-must-read-alaska-show/?utm>

31. 2024 – Vivek Ramaswamy / America First

- Bill/Measure: No specific bill – political endorsement/statement
- Vote/Action: **Public support**
- Nick Begich's individual action: Expressed strong support for Vivek Ramaswamy's political message.
- **Date:** June 3, 2024
- **Direct Quote:** Begich said: "What I really love about Vivek's message is A) he's extraordinarily articulate ... and his message is focused on America first."
<https://dccc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Nick-Begich-III-Research-Book-FINAL.pdf?utm>
- Reason Given: Begich said he respected Ramaswamy's America-First approach, particularly his criticism of extensive U.S. foreign aid.
- **Source:** Video interview identified in the DCCC research compilation.
- **Direct Source:** DCCC research document identifying the video and timestamp:
<https://dccc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Nick-Begich-III-Research-Book-FINAL.pdf?utm>

32. 2024 – Campaign "Alaska First" Advertisement

- Bill/Measure: No bill – campaign advertisement
- Vote/Action: **Campaign message**
- Nick Begich's individual action: His campaign was promoted as aligned with an "Alaska First" agenda and Donald Trump's platform.
- **Date:** November 1, 2024
- **Direct Quote:** The advertisement states: "**Trump and Begich will put Alaska first.**"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agyX-hb_DK8&utm
- Reason Given: The advertisement presented Begich as a candidate who would align with Trump's policies and prioritize Alaska.
- Source: CLFSuperPAC YouTube advertisement.
- **Direct Source:** YouTube – "Vote for Nick Begich: Alaska First"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agyX-hb_DK8&utm

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HOMELESSNESS / HOUSING FIRST

- Direct Quote: "We want to make sure they have the ability to get housing in their own community."
- Date: September 24, 2025
- Context: Begich was discussing the housing shortage in rural Alaska, particularly the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. He explained that H.R. 43 returned certain lands held in municipal land trusts to Alaska Native village corporations, potentially making land available for housing and community development.
- Reason Given: Begich said rural housing programs often require communities to combine multiple grants and loans with different requirements, creating barriers that can make it difficult to construct even a single house.
- Source: KYUK, Rep. Nick Begich III visits Bethel and upriver Kuskokwim villages
- Direct Source: KYUK — Rep. Nick Begich III visits Bethel and upriver Kuskokwim villages KKYUK: <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2025-09-24/rep-nick-begich-iii-visits-bethel-and-upriver-kuskokwim-villages?utm>
- Additional Direct Quote: "It makes it very difficult for them to even get a single house built."
- Context: Begich was describing the difficulties created by federal housing programs that have separate requirements and funding structures.

GOVERNMENT / RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / HOUSING / ENERGY

- Direct Quote: "We need to develop all of the energy resources of our state."
- Date: October 10, 2024
- Context: Begich was discussing Alaska's energy costs, resource development, and the need for infrastructure during a KUAC congressional candidate forum.
- Reason Given: He argued that Alaska needs to use its energy resources to create economic opportunity and address high energy costs.
- Source: KUAC, Forum for Alaska's congressional seat — recording and transcript
- Direct Source: KUAC — Forum for Alaska's congressional seat, <https://fm.kuac.org/2024-10-10/forum-for-alaskas-congressional-seat-features-business-outlook?utm>
- Additional Direct Quote: "I want to see more entrepreneurship in our state. I want to see more innovation in our state."
- Context: Begich connected entrepreneurship, economic opportunity, and Alaska's declining population.
- Reason Given: He said young people were leaving Alaska because they did not see the same opportunities in the state that they saw in the Lower 48.
- Direct Quote: "I want to see Alaska prosper, and grow, and be successful."
- Source: KUAC candidate forum. KKYUK.org

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- Direct Quote: "Alaska is ready to provide the resources the world needs."
- Date: June 5, 2025

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- Context: In an official congressional op-ed, Begich argued that Alaska's energy resources could serve both economic and national-security objectives. He specifically discussed LNG, critical minerals, and Alaska LNG.
- Reason Given: Begich said energy development could create jobs, strengthen U.S. energy security, and reduce allied dependence on authoritarian regimes.
- Source: Congressman Nick Begich, *Alaska's Energy Is America's Leverage*
- Direct Source: [Rep. Nick Begich — Alaska's Energy Is America's Leverage](https://begich.house.gov/media/op-eds/alaskas-energy-americas-leverage?utm), <https://begich.house.gov/media/op-eds/alaskas-energy-americas-leverage?utm>
- Additional Direct Quote: "When Alaska is empowered to responsibly develop its resources, America is stronger, our economy is more secure, and our communities — from the North Slope to the Interior — have the opportunity to thrive."
- Date: December 11, 2025
- Context: Begich was discussing the signing of H.J. Res. 131 and H.J. Res. 106, which he described as measures reversing federal restrictions on Alaska lands and resource development.
- Source: Congressman Nick Begich, official congressional statement.
- Direct Source: [Rep. Nick Begich — Alaska's Resource Future](https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-celebrates-presidential-signing-hj-res-131-and-hj-res-106?utm), <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begich-celebrates-presidential-signing-hj-res-131-and-hj-res-106?utm>

SUBSISTENCE / FISHERIES

- Direct Quote: "I think there should be a rural subsistence priority."
- Date: September 24, 2025
- Context: KYUK asked Begich specifically about Alaska's rural subsistence priority and the state's litigation concerning subsistence on the Kuskokwim River.
- Reason Given: Begich said communities that are not connected to the road system have substantially different food-access circumstances from communities elsewhere in the United States. He argued that rural communities should have priority for the food resources necessary to survive.
- Source: KYUK, Rep. Nick Begich III visits Bethel and upriver Kuskokwim villages
- Direct Source: [KYUK — Rep. Nick Begich III visits Bethel and upriver Kuskokwim villages](https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2025-09-24/rep-nick-begich-iii-visits-bethel-and-upriver-kuskokwim-villages?utm), <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2025-09-24/rep-nick-begich-iii-visits-bethel-and-upriver-kuskokwim-villages?utm>

SUBSISTENCE / FISHERIES — BYCATCH

- Direct Quote: "I do think the goal should be zero."
- Date: September 14, 2026
- Context: During an Alaska U.S. House candidate debate in Kodiak, Begich was asked about bycatch in Alaska fisheries. He supported an aggressive approach to reducing bycatch.
- Reason Given: Begich said bycatch affects subsistence, sport, small commercial, and large commercial fisheries and that every fishery has a responsibility to address it.
- Additional Direct Quote: "We need transparency — more transparency for folks who may have conflicts of interest that currently serve on the NPFMC."

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- Source: Alaska Beacon, Leading candidates in Alaska U.S. House race endorse bycatch limits in fisheries debate
- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — Fisheries debate](https://alaskabeacon.com/2026/09/14/leading-candidates-in-alaska-us-house-race-endorse-bycatch-limits-in-fisheries-debate/?utm)
<https://alaskabeacon.com/2026/09/14/leading-candidates-in-alaska-us-house-race-endorse-bycatch-limits-in-fisheries-debate/?utm>

ELECTION SECURITY

- Direct Quote: "For years, there have been questions levied, on both sides of the aisle, about the integrity of elections."
- Date: February 13, 2026
- Context: Begich was discussing the SAVE America Act, which would require proof of citizenship for voter registration and photo identification to receive a ballot.
- Reason Given: Begich said he believed these measures would address concerns about election integrity and restore public trust.
- Additional Direct Quote: "We can't have that. That's not healthy for our democratic republic to be questioning the nature of elections."
- Source: Alaska Public Media, Alaska delegation split on bill requiring voters to prove citizenship at registration
- Direct Source: [Alaska Public Media — Alaska delegation split on voter-citizenship bill](https://alaskapublic.org/news/politics/washington-d-c./2026-02-13/alaska-delegation-split-on-bill-requiring-voters-to-prove-citizenship-at-registration?utm),
<https://alaskapublic.org/news/politics/washington-d-c./2026-02-13/alaska-delegation-split-on-bill-requiring-voters-to-prove-citizenship-at-registration?utm>

ELECTION DAY / BALLOT COUNTING

- Direct Quote: "We need to allow for time for ballots to come in from the rural parts of our state."
- Date: March 2026
- Context: Begich was discussing federal proposals concerning the deadline for receiving mail ballots. The issue is especially significant in Alaska because ballots from remote communities may require air or other transportation after Election Day.
- Reason Given: Begich said ballots properly cast on or before Election Day should have enough time to reach election officials from rural Alaska.
- Source: The Washington Post, Cast a ballot and wait for the plane. In Alaska, a grace period for ballots is seen as a necessity
- Direct Source: [Washington Post — Alaska ballot-counting and rural ballot deadlines](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2026/03/22/election-day-mail-ballots-supreme-court-alaska/26a3c8e8-25e4-11f1-a0f2-3ba4c9fe08ac_story.html?utm)
https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2026/03/22/election-day-mail-ballots-supreme-court-alaska/26a3c8e8-25e4-11f1-a0f2-3ba4c9fe08ac_story.html?utm

LAND / POPULATION / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Direct Quote: "Twelve years of declining population. Year over year, we see more people leave."
- Date: October 10, 2024
- Context: During the KUAC congressional forum, Begich was discussing Alaska's population decline and the state's economic prospects.
- Reason Given: He argued that young Alaskans were leaving because they did not see sufficient economic opportunities in Alaska compared with the Lower 48.

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- Additional Direct Quote: "I want to see Alaska prosper, and grow, and be successful."
- Source: KUAC, Forum for Alaska's congressional seat
- Direct Source: [KUAC — Forum for Alaska's congressional seat](https://fm.kuac.org/2024-10-10/forum-for-alaskas-congressional-seat-features-business-outlook?utm)
<https://fm.kuac.org/2024-10-10/forum-for-alaskas-congressional-seat-features-business-outlook?utm>

LAND / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / ALASKA NATIVE VILLAGES

- Direct Quote: "Both bills restore self-determination, ensuring Alaska Natives—not government bureaucracy—decide how to use their own land."
- Date: February 4, 2025
- Context: Begich was discussing his first two bills in Congress, H.R. 42 and H.R. 43. H.R. 43 addressed lands held in municipal trust and sought to return those lands to Alaska Native village corporations.
- Reason Given: Begich said the legislation was intended to remove outdated restrictions, allow local control of land, and create opportunities for economic development.
- Source: Congressman Nick Begich, official congressional press release
- Direct Source: [Rep. Nick Begich — First Two Bills of the 119th Congress](https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begichs-first-two-bills-119th-pass-house?utm)
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begichs-first-two-bills-119th-pass-house?utm>

GOVERNMENT

- Direct Quote: "We do need the federal government, absolutely, and the federal government should not shut down."
- Date: October 10, 2024
- Context: Begich was discussing the role of the federal government in Alaska and the effects of federal spending and government shutdowns.
- Reason Given: He said Alaska's economy and way of life depend on federal functions, while also arguing that Congress should scrutinize federal spending.
- Additional Direct Quote: "Should we put this on the national credit card? Should we make future generations pay for the decisions of today?"
- Source: KUAC, Forum for Alaska's congressional seat
- Direct Source: [KUAC — Forum for Alaska's congressional seat](https://fm.kuac.org/2024-10-10/forum-for-alaskas-congressional-seat-features-business-outlook?utm)
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GOVERNMENT / FEDERAL SPENDING / ALASKA

- Direct Quote: "We do need the federal government, absolutely."
- Date: October 10, 2024
- Context: Begich distinguished between Alaska's need for federal programs and his concern about federal spending levels. He argued that Alaska needs federal government functions while Congress should examine whether spending decisions are sustainable.
- Reason Given: His stated concern was balancing Alaska's dependence on federal programs with federal fiscal responsibility.

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- Source: KUAC candidate forum.
- Direct Source: KUAC – Candidate forum transcript: <https://fm.kuac.org/2024-10-10/forum-for-alaskas-congressional-seat-features-business-outlook?utm>

ELECTION INTEGRITY

- Direct Quote: "Is this what we expect in a free and fair election? And I think the answer is a clear no."
- Date: October 10, 2024
- Context: During a debate with Mary Peltola, Begich questioned the fairness of election procedures and raised allegations concerning election rules and events surrounding the 2020 election.
- Reason Given: Begich said Americans should be able to question whether election procedures meet the standard of a free and fair election.
- Important sourcing note: The underlying allegations Begich referenced regarding the 2020 election were his claims, not independently established facts in the source. They should therefore be attributed to Begich rather than presented as factual findings.
- Source: Alaska Public Media/KTOO, Peltola, Begich face off in amiable Debate for the State
- Direct Source: KTOO – Peltola, Begich debate: <https://www.ktoo.org/2024/10/11/peltola-begich-face-off-in-amiable-debate-for-the-state/?utm>

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

- Direct Quote: "From advancing Alaska Native sovereignty to championing digital innovation and standing up for resource development, our team is working every angle to deliver for Alaskans."
- Date: April 13, 2025
- Context: Begich was summarizing his first 100 days in Congress and specifically identified Alaska Native sovereignty as one of his areas of work.
- Reason Given: He connected sovereignty with federal legislative work affecting Alaska Native communities and Alaska's resource-development interests.
- Source: Congressman Nick Begich, official congressional statement
- Direct Source: Rep. Nick Begich – First 100 Days in Congress: <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-begich-highlights-first-100-days-congress?utm>

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY / LOCAL DECISION-MAKING

- Direct Quote: "These bills were about local decision-making and empowering communities to build their futures."
- Date: June 20, 2025
- Context: Begich was discussing congressional passage of H.R. 42 and H.R. 43, including legislation returning approximately 11,500 acres to Alaska Native village corporations.
- Reason Given: Begich said the legislation would remove federal restrictions affecting Alaska Native communities and allow village corporations to make decisions

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- concerning land, housing, infrastructure and economic development.
- Source: Congressman Nick Begich, official congressional press release
- Direct Source: Rep. Nick Begich — H.R. 42 and H.R. 43 pass Congress
<https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begichs-first-two-bills-pass-congress-headed-presidents-desk?utm>

PARTICULARLY RELEVANT COMBINED QUOTE — RURAL ALASKA

- Direct Quote: "So we have to think differently and be treated differently up here."
- Date: September 24, 2025
- Context: Begich was explaining why federal policies designed around the Lower 48 do not always work for Alaska's remote communities. He specifically discussed communities that are not connected to the road system, subsistence, food access, and housing.
- Reason Given: Begich argued that Alaska's geography and lack of road access create circumstances fundamentally different from those assumed by many federal programs.
- Source: KYUK, interview with Nick Begich
- Direct Source: KYUK — Rep. Nick Begich III visits Bethel and upriver Kuskokwim villages
<https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2025-09-24/rep-nick-begich-iii-visits-bethel-and-upriver-kuskokwim-villages?utm>

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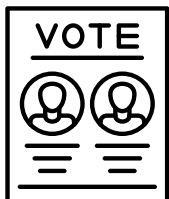
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Important record note:

Eric Hafner has not served in Congress or the Alaska Legislature during this period. Therefore, Hafner has no congressional roll-call votes, sponsored bills, or cosponsored bills to report. The official U.S. House election records identify him as a candidate, not a House member.

1. Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Act — S. 3429

- Bill/Measure: S. 3429 — Alaska Salmon Research Task Force Act
- Vote/Action: No vote by Eric Hafner. Hafner was not a member of Congress. Sen. Dan Sullivan and Sen. Lisa Murkowski introduced the bill, and the Senate passed it unanimously in December 2022. <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/BILLS-117s3429is?utm>
- Eric Hafner's individual action: In his 2026 candidate questionnaire, Hafner expressed support for the work associated with the Alaska Salmon Research Task Force and specifically referenced the legislation favorably.
- Date: 2026 candidate questionnaire; underlying legislation passed December 2022.
- Direct Quote: "Senator Dan Sullivan's current & continuing efforts are bringing this concern into focus. The Bycatch Reduction Act and the Alaska Salmon Research Taskforce Act have been a long effort now seeing fruition. There remains ongoing work to be completed but this is in the right direction-I support working together on these issues and finding solutions benefitting all Alaskans." <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Reason Given: He said the effort was moving Alaska fisheries in the right direction and emphasized cooperation and solutions benefiting Alaskans.
- Source: Alaska Beacon/Tanana Chiefs Conference 2026 candidate questionnaires. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Direct Source: U.S. Government Publishing Office — S. 3429: <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/BILLS-117s3429is?utm>
- Sponsor: Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK), with Sen. Lisa Murkowski as cosponsor. GGovInfo

2. Bycatch Reduction Act

- Bill/Measure: Bycatch Reduction Act, introduced by Sen. Dan Sullivan in 2026.
- Vote/Action: No vote by Hafner. He was not a member of Congress.
- Eric Hafner's individual action: Publicly stated support for the effort and specifically named the Bycatch Reduction Act as moving in the right direction.
- Date: 2026.
- Direct Quote: "The Bycatch Reduction Act and the Alaska Salmon Research Taskforce Act have been a long effort now seeing fruition." <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Reason Given: Hafner said he supported working together on fisheries issues and finding solutions that benefit Alaskans.
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2026 U.S. House candidate questionnaire. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Direct Source: Sen. Dan Sullivan — Bycatch Reduction Act: <https://www.sullivan.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sullivan-introduces-bycatch-reduction-act/?utm>

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- Sponsor: **Sen. Dan Sullivan.**
- Important qualification: The 2026 bill was not Hafner's bill, and he did not vote on it. Sen. Sullivan's official record says the legislation was introduced June 25, 2026.
<https://www.sullivan.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/sullivan-introduces-bycatch-reduction-act/?utm>

3. Green New Deal

- Bill/Measure: **Green New Deal** — policy proposal rather than a single enacted bill.
- Vote/Action: **No vote** by Hafner.
- Eric Hafner's individual action: Explicitly stated that he supports implementing the Green New Deal.
- Date: 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- Direct Quote: "I support implementing 'The Green New Deal'" <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Reason Given: His broader answers emphasize environmental regulation, opposition to fossil-fuel development on federal lands, and taxing polluters.
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2026 U.S. House voter guide. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Direct Source: Alaska Beacon — 2026 U.S. House Candidate Questionnaire Assessment: Explicitly supported. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>

4. Federal Marijuana/Cannabis Legalization

- Bill/Measure: Federal legalization/reform of marijuana; Hafner did not identify a particular bill number in the 2026 questionnaire.
- Vote/Action: **No congressional vote** by Hafner.
- Eric Hafner's individual action: He said he previously worked to support cannabis legalization and continues to support reform because marijuana remains federally illegal.
- Date: 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- Direct Quote: "I did extensive groundwork in support of legalization of cannabis prior to its current status." <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Additional Direct Quote: "I promoted the medical positives of marijuana..." <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Reason Given: He argued that the federal War on Drugs has contributed to incarceration and disproportionately harmed minority communities and families.
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2026 candidate questionnaire. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Direct Source: Alaska Beacon — Eric Hafner candidate responses: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>

5. Israel Military Aid / Weapons — 2024 position

- Bill/Measure: U.S. military assistance and weapons transfers to Israel; no specific bill was identified as a Hafner-sponsored measure.

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- Vote/Action: **No vote by Hafner.**
- Eric Hafner's individual action: **Opposed U.S. arms assistance to Israel and called for an immediate cease-fire.**
- Date: **July 25, 2024** candidate questionnaire.
- Direct Quote: **"I don't think America should have started supplying arms."**
<https://alaskabeacon.com/race-details/u-s-house-of-representatives-candidates-election-2024/?utm>
- Direct Quote: **"Call for an immediate cease fire."** <https://butwhatcanyoudo.org/c/ak1-hafner/?utm>
- Reason Given: Hafner said Israel was capable of defending itself and expressed concern about civilian deaths, particularly children.
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2024 U.S. House candidate questionnaire.
<https://alaskabeacon.com/race-details/u-s-house-of-representatives-candidates-election-2024/?utm>
- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — 2024 U.S. House Candidate Guide:](https://alaskabeacon.com/race-details/u-s-house-of-representatives-candidates-election-2024/?utm)
<https://alaskabeacon.com/race-details/u-s-house-of-representatives-candidates-election-2024/?utm>

6. Israel Military Aid — 2026 position

- Bill/Measure: **U.S. military aid to Israel.**
- Vote/Action: **No vote by Hafner.**
- Eric Hafner's individual action: **In the 2026 Alaska candidate questionnaire, he answered that U.S. military aid to Israel should be eliminated.**
- Date: **2026.**
- Direct Quote: **"abolished"** <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>
- Reason Given: His 2024 answer gives the fuller explanation: opposition to U.S. arms transfers, concern over civilian casualties, and support for an immediate cease-fire.
<https://butwhatcanyoudo.org/c/ak1-hafner/?utm>
- Source: Alaska Beacon's 2026 candidate questionnaire; 2024 Alaska Beacon questionnaire.
- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — 2026 U.S. House Candidate Guide:](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm)
<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>

7. U.S. Military Aid to Ukraine

- Bill/Measure: **U.S. military aid to Ukraine.**
- Vote/Action: **No vote by Hafner.**
- Eric Hafner's individual action: **Supported ending U.S. military aid to Ukraine.**
- Date: **2026.**
- Direct Quote: **"ended"** <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>
- Reason Given: The questionnaire records his position but does not provide a longer explanation for that particular answer.
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2026 U.S. House candidate questionnaire.
<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>

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- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — 2026 U.S. House Candidate Guide](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm):
<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>

8. Abolishing ICE / Immigration

- Bill/Measure: Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- Vote/Action: No vote by Hafner.
- Eric Hafner's individual action: Supported abolishing ICE and legalizing undocumented immigrants.
- Date: 2026.
- Direct Quote: "I would abolish ICE and legalize all immigrants."
<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>
- Reason Given: His answer was categorical and did not provide additional reasoning in the questionnaire.
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2026 U.S. House candidate questionnaire.
<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>
- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — 2026 U.S. House Candidate Guide](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm):
<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>

9. Abortion and Contraception

- Bill/Measure: Federal abortion and contraception policy.
- Vote/Action: No vote by Hafner.
- Eric Hafner's individual action: Supported abortion access and reproductive healthcare.
- Date: 2024.
- Direct Quote: "Healthcare decisions are between a woman and her medical provider."
<https://alaskabeacon.com/race-details/u-s-house-of-representatives-candidates-election-2024/?utm>
- Reason Given: He argued that abortion should have been resolved federally and supported access to contraception and healthcare.
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2024 candidate questionnaire. <https://alaskabeacon.com/race-details/u-s-house-of-representatives-candidates-election-2024/?utm>
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10. Medicare for All / Free College

- Bill/Measure: Medicare for All; free college.
- Vote/Action: No vote by Hafner.
- Eric Hafner's individual action: Listed both as priorities.
- Date: 2026.
- Direct Quote: "Medicare for All, Free College, Abolishing ICE, Defending Abortion Access and Women's Health Rights..." <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>

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- Reason Given: His broader platform describes these as policies intended to expand access to healthcare and education.
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2026 candidate questionnaire. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>
- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — 2026 Alaska Congress Candidate Guide: https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm)

11. Federal Oil & Gas Development in Alaska

- Bill/Measure: Federal oil and gas development on federal lands in Alaska.
- Vote/Action: No vote by Hafner.
- Eric Hafner's individual action: Opposed federal oil and gas development.
- Date: 2026.
- Direct Position: "prohibited" <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Reason Given: His other answers emphasize environmental regulation and opposition to fossil-fuel industries.
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2026 candidate questionnaire. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — 2026 U.S. House Candidate Guide: https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm)

12. Data Center Construction

- Bill/Measure: Federal regulation/development of data centers.
- Vote/Action: No vote by Hafner.
- Eric Hafner's individual action: Called for an immediate pause on data-center construction.
- Date: 2026.
- Direct Quote: "PAUSE DATA CENTER CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY!" <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Reason Given: He said communities do not want data centers and that other needs should take priority because data centers could consume limited resources. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>
- Source: Alaska Beacon 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — 2026 U.S. House Candidate Guide: https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm)

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1. HOMELESSNESS / HOUSING FIRST

- Direct quote found: Hafner addressed Alaska's housing problem, although I did not find a specific statement endorsing or opposing the Housing First model.
- "The people of Alaska are in trouble. There are issues with jobs, housing. Indigenous rights have been ignored. Veterans have not been provided necessary services. You have a healthcare crisis. You have a mental health crisis, and I'm running to get all of these services to the people of Alaska."
- Date: September 9, 2024
- Context: Interview with Alaska's News Source from federal prison about his campaign. Source: <https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2024/09/10/federal-inmate-running-us-house-seat-speaks-with-alaskas-news-source-about-candidacy-ballot-lawsuit/?utm>
- Direct Source: [Alaska's News Source — Hafner interview: https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2024/09/10/federal-inmate-running-for-us-house-seat-speaks-with-alaskas-news-source-about-candidacy-ballot-lawsuit/?utm](https://www.alaskasnewssource.com/2024/09/10/federal-inmate-running-for-us-house-seat-speaks-with-alaskas-news-source-about-candidacy-ballot-lawsuit/?utm)

2. GOVERNMENT / RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / HOUSING / ENERGY

- Hafner's 2026 candidate questionnaire gives a direct answer on Alaska's high costs of energy, housing, and food:
 - "I would support subsidies for necessities for Alaskans, regulate big businesses and 'tax the rich' who should pay their fair share."
- He continued:
 - "The government PX system works well to assist eligible military families. Expanding the model would be a good starting point for all Alaskans who face much higher food costs due to simple geography."
- And specifically on energy policy:
 - "I support implementing 'The Green New Deal'"
- Date: 2026 Source: Alaska Beacon's 2026 U.S. House candidate questionnaire: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/>
- Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — 2026 U.S. House candidate guide: https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm)

3. SUBSISTENCE / FISHERIES

This is one of the clearest Alaska-specific positions Hafner has provided.

On improving Alaska's declining salmon runs, Hafner stated:

- "I support increasing environmental regulations to stop overfishing and pollution."

Date: 2026

Source: Tanana Chiefs Conference candidate questionnaire.

<https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm>

Direct Source: [Tanana Chiefs Conference — Get to Know Your Candidates: https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm](https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm)

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On federal regulation of trawling near Alaska, Hafner stated:

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- "Senator Dan Sullivan's current & continuing efforts are bringing this concern into focus."

He continued:

- "The Bycatch Reduction Act and the Alaska Salmon Research Taskforce Act have been a long effort now seeing fruition."

And:

- "There remains ongoing work to be completed but this is in the right direction-I support working together on these issues and finding solutions benefitting all Alaskans."

Date: 2026

Source: Tanana Chiefs Conference. <https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/>

Direct Source: [Tanana Chiefs Conference candidate questionnaire:](https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm)

<https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm>

4. ELECTION SECURITY

Hafner gave a direct answer to the question of what Congress should do regarding election security and voter eligibility:

- "Leave it to the individual states to determine security and eligibility to vote."

He added:

- "Alaska's geography makes mail in voting necessary."

And:

- "Arbitrary identification procedures do not fit all states."

Date: 2026

Source: Alaska Beacon 2026 U.S. House candidate questionnaire.

<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/>

Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon – Secure Elections question:](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm)

<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>

5. LAND / POPULATION / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In a 2024 interview with KRBD, Hafner specifically explained why he chose Alaska:

- "Alaska is a very unique place with the climate change issues, with the Indigenous issues that are in Alaska, but also the very vast opportunity for positive development and progress."

Date: 2024

Source: KRBD interview. <https://www.krbd.org/2024/09/03/eric-hafner-advances-to-the-ak-us-house-ballot-from-federal-prison/?utm>

Direct Source: [KRBD – Eric Hafner advances to Alaska U.S. House ballot:](https://www.krbd.org/2024/09/03/eric-hafner-advances-to-the-ak-us-house-ballot-from-federal-prison/?utm)

<https://www.krbd.org/2024/09/03/eric-hafner-advances-to-the-ak-us-house-ballot-from-federal-prison/?utm>

He also stated:

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He also stated:

- "My vision is for Alaska to be a place where arts, culture and higher education are the mainstay industries, in addition to fisheries."

Date: 2024

Source: KRBD. <https://www.krbd.org/2024/09/03/eric-hafner-advances-to-the-ak-us-house-ballot-from-federal-prison/?utm>

6. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / LAND / HOUSING / ENERGY

Hafner's 2026 climate answer is directly relevant to resource development:

- "Stop denying- embrace positive agenda to counter the more intense weather extremes Alaska experiences."

He specifically discussed vulnerable Alaska communities:

- "Relocating vulnerable Alaskan communities with their input is common sense."

And:

- "Alaska Native communities can lead the way working with nature via environmentally proven directions."

Date: 2026

Source: Alaska Beacon candidate questionnaire. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/>

Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — Climate Change response:](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm)

<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm>

He also stated in the same questionnaire:

- "Fine and tax the polluters, implement the Green New Deal & stand up to the fossil fuel industries."

Date: 2026

Source: Alaska Beacon. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>

Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — 2026 candidate responses:](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm)

<https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/?utm>

7. GOVERNMENT

Hafner was very direct about his view of the federal government's existing checks and balances:

- "Absolutely not! 1% of the population-wealthy-control our entire political system via money dumping hundreds of millions of dollars into selected political campaigns."

He continued:

- "Within our government branches, the check and balance system has been bypassed."

Date: 2026

Source: Alaska Beacon candidate questionnaire. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/>

Direct Source: [Alaska Beacon — Checks and Balances response:](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/)

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[HTTPS://ALASKABEACON.COM/VOTER-GUIDES/CONTESTS/2026-U-S-HOUSE/?UTM](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/?utm)

Hafner also described his broader governing philosophy in 2024:

- "I'm against special interest."

And:

- "I'm fighting for regular working-class families."

Date: September 9, 2024

Source: Alaska's News Source. <https://www.alaskasnewsresource.com/2024/09/10/federal-inmate-running-us-house-seat-speaks-with-alaskas-news-source-about-candidacy-ballot-lawsuit/?utm>

8. ELECTION INTEGRITY

The strongest direct statement I found is the same 2026 Secure Elections response:

- "Leave it to the individual states to determine security and eligibility to vote."
- "Alaska's geography makes mail in voting necessary."
- "Arbitrary identification procedures do not fit all states."

Date: 2026

Source: Alaska Beacon. <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-u-s-house/>

9. TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

This is another area where Hafner has a very clear direct statement.

In the 2026 Tanana Chiefs Conference questionnaire, he answered the question of how he would work with Alaska Native tribes:

- "I would expand the implementation of the United Nations Rights of Indigenous Peoples and respect Native Sovereignty."

Date: 2026

Source: Tanana Chiefs Conference. <https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm>

Direct Source: [Tanana Chiefs Conference — Alaska Native Tribe Relationships:](https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm)

<https://www.tananachiefs.org/elections-2026/get-to-know-your-candidates/?utm>

His 2024 Alaska Division of Elections candidate statement also describes his prior work involving Native sovereignty:

- "On Maui Hawaii Island promoted Native American sovereignty on criminal defense team successfully defended FULL ACQUITTAL Native Hawaiian Native American medical marijuana dispensary from corporate interests threatening Indigenous rights"

Date: Candidate statement filed July 1, 2024.

Direct Source: [Alaska Division of Elections — Eric Hafner official candidate statement:](https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/oep/2024/Hafner%20Eric_US%20Rep_Eng_07.01.24PWeb.pdf?utm)

https://www.elections.alaska.gov/doc/oep/2024/Hafner%20Eric_US%20Rep_Eng_07.01.24PWeb.pdf?utm

He also said in his 2024 Alaska Beacon questionnaire:

- "Native Indigenous peoples have considerable claim to areas. It's long overdue to respect these realities."

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Date: 2024

Source: Alaska Beacon. <https://alaskabeacon.com/race-details/u-s-house-of-representatives-candidates-election-2024/?utm>

And in his 2024 campaign video/profile, Hafner proposed:

- "One of my first things as Congressman, I will seek to officially designate Fairbanks, Alaska as the Indigenous Capital of the United States"

He proposed creating:

- "a National Indigenous Congress modeled after the United Nations."

He said the organization would give Indigenous peoples:

- "the ability to debate, discuss, brainstorm and present a unified voice on Indigenous policy."

Date: 2024

Source: KTVF/Webcenter Fairbanks candidate profile.

<https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/2024/11/03/candidate-profiles-four-contenders-compete-alaskas-us-house-seat/?utm>

Direct Source: Webcenter Fairbanks – Candidate Profiles: Four contenders compete for Alaska's U.S. House seat: <https://www.webcenterfairbanks.com/2024/11/03/candidate-profiles-four-contenders-compete-alaskas-us-house-seat/?utm>

He further said that the proposed Indigenous Congress would have an economic-development component:

- "Such a body would benefit Alaska economically by bringing people into Fairbanks to conduct Indigenous, bring attention to all the wonderful things Alaska has to offer the world, particularly Alaska Native arts, culture and heritage."

And:

- "The tourism/hospitality industries will see a new avenue to bring jobs and economic activity to Alaska."

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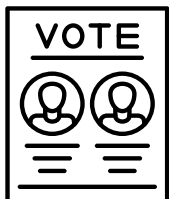
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BILL HILL — FOUR-YEAR RECORD

1. HB 65 — Increase Base Student Allocation

- Bill/Measure: HB 65 — Increase Base Student Allocation. The bill proposed increasing Alaska's Base Student Allocation (BSA) for public schools. The official bill record lists Rep. Ortiz as the sponsor, with additional House cosponsors. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=HB65&utm>
- Vote/Action: No vote by Bill Hill. Hill gave invited testimony supporting the bill.
- Bill Hill's individual action: Supported HB 65 and testified before the Alaska House Finance Committee.
- Date: April 24, 2023.
- Direct Quote: The official Senate Education transcript records Hill as “expressed gratitude for the opportunity to testify in support of a substantial increase in the BSA.” <https://www.akleg.gov/pdf/33/M/SEDC2023-04-241531.pdf?utm>
- Reason Given: Hill explained that inflation and post-COVID spending had reduced Bristol Bay Borough School District's fund balance. He projected the district would have only about \$74,000 in general-fund balance by the end of FY2024. <https://www.akleg.gov/pdf/33/M/SEDC2023-04-241531.pdf?utm>
- Source: Alaska State Legislature, House Finance Committee / Senate Education Committee.
- Direct Source: [Alaska Legislature — HB 65 official bill record and hearing/video archive: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=HB65&utm](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=HB65&utm)
- Direct Video/Audio Source: [April 24, 2023 House Finance hearing — official recording page: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HFIN+2023-04-24+13%3A30%3A00&utm](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HFIN+2023-04-24+13%3A30%3A00&utm)
- Sponsor: Rep. Ortiz was the primary sponsor; the official record lists Fields, Dibert, Carrick, Schrage, Armstrong, Himschoot, Groh, Story, Josephson, Gray, Hannan, Galvin, and Mina as additional sponsors/cosponsors. Hill was not a sponsor. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=HB65&utm>

2. SB 52 — Education Information / Increase Base Student Allocation

- Bill/Measure: SB 52 — Education Information; Increase Base Student Allocation. The bill included an increase to the BSA and other education provisions. The official record identifies the Senate Education Committee as sponsor. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=SB++52&utm>
- Vote/Action: No vote by Bill Hill. He spoke in support of SB 52.
- Bill Hill's individual action: Testified in support of SB 52 before the Senate Finance Committee.
- Date: April 18, 2023.
- Direct Quote: The official legislative record states: “BILL HILL, SUPERINTENDENT, BRISTOL BAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, JUNEAU, spoke in support of the bill.” <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail/?Bill=SB++52&Meeting=SFIN+2023-04-18+13%3A30%3A00&utm>
- Reason Given: During questioning, Hill explained that the district's remaining general-fund money was insufficient to cover its shortfall. The transcript records Hill saying that \$23,000 would not be enough to cover the shortfall. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail/?Bill=SB++52&Meeting=SFIN+2023-04-18+13%3A30%3A00&utm>
- Source: Alaska State Legislature, Senate Finance Committee.

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- Direct Source: Alaska Legislature – SB 52 official bill record: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=SB++52&utm>
- Direct Video/Audio Source: April 18, 2023 Senate Finance hearing – official audio/video record: <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail/?Bill=SB++52&Meeting=SFIN+2023-04-18+13%3A30%3A00&utm>
- Additional direct evidence: The Legislature's April 13 record also contains a document specifically titled "SB 52 support Hill.pdf," establishing that Hill submitted written support as well. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail/?Bill=SB++52&Meeting=SFIN+2023-04-13+13%3A00%3A00&utm>
- Sponsor: The official bill record identifies Senate Education as the sponsor. Hill was not a sponsor. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=SB++52&utm>

3. SB 88 – RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPTION

- Bill/Measure: SB 88 – Retirement Systems; Defined Benefit Option. It proposed allowing certain public employees and teachers another opportunity to choose a defined-benefit retirement plan. The official bill record lists Sen. Giessel and numerous Senate/House cosponsors. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=SB++88&utm>
- Vote/Action: No vote by Bill Hill. He submitted written testimony in support.
- Bill Hill's individual action: Submitted written testimony supporting SB 88.
- Date: 2023 legislative session; testimony submitted to Senate Finance.
- Direct Quote: Hill wrote: "I was asked to testify on behalf of SB 88" and explained that he supported restoring an opportunity for educators to earn a pension. https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=26870&session=33&utm
- Reason Given: Hill explained that he had left a substantially higher-paying pipe-laying job to become a teacher and that retirement benefits were an important part of making that career financially viable. He argued that restoring a pension option would help educators. https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=26870&session=33&utm
- Source: Bill Hill's official written testimony filed with the Alaska Senate Finance Committee.
- Direct Source: Bill Hill's SB 88 testimony – Alaska Legislature document: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=26870&session=33&utm
- Important: Hill did not attend the hearing personally. His written testimony says he was tied up with a food-service audit in the small district office. https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=26870&session=33&utm
- Sponsors: The official record lists Sen. Giessel, Kiehl, Kawasaki, Tobin, Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson, Dunbar, Claman, and Olson, along with numerous House cosponsors. Hill was not a sponsor. <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Bill/Detail/33?Root=SB++88&utm>

4. SB 140 – EDUCATION FUNDING / BSA

- Bill/Measure: SB 140, concerning education funding and the Base Student Allocation.
- Vote/Action: No vote by Bill Hill. He submitted written communication to the House Finance Committee supporting a substantial increase in education funding.
- Bill Hill's individual action: Sent written testimony/letter to House Finance advocating for a significant BSA increase.
- Date: May 16, 2023.
- Direct Quote: Hill wrote: "Please provide a significant increase to the BSA." https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=27083&session=33&utm

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- Reason Given: Hill said that without a significant and secure BSA increase, Alaska education would face substantial reductions in staffing and programs, larger class sizes, and reductions in activities such as sports, music, and art. https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=27083&session=33&utm
- Source: Alaska Legislature, Bill Hill correspondence filed with House Finance.
- Direct Source: [Bill Hill's May 16, 2023 House Finance letter – Alaska Legislature](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=27083&session=33&utm): https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?docid=27083&session=33&utm

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- These are not votes because Hill was a candidate rather than a member of Congress.

5. FISHERIES – MAGNUSON-STEVENSON ACT / TRAWLING

- Bill/Measure: Federal fisheries legislation, including changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Act concerning trawling and representation.
- Vote/Action: No vote. Candidate position.
- Bill Hill's individual action: Said he would support and advocate for changes to federal fisheries law, including addressing trawling and giving rural/subsistence Alaskans a greater role.
- Date: June 9, 2026 interview; also discussed at the 2026 fisheries debate.
- Direct Quote: "We need a tribal seat on the MSA, and I'll work towards that."
<https://alaskanews.com/transcript/aeaaec44-4845-4d36-b5e8-7fc4593f5b09?utm>
- Reason Given: Hill said subsistence users have been unable to access resources and argued that Alaska's different fishing communities need a meaningful role in federal fisheries decisions. <https://alaskanews.com/transcript/aeaaec44-4845-4d36-b5e8-7fc4593f5b09?utm>
- Source: Alaska News fisheries debate transcript; KCAW interview.
- Direct Source: [2026 Alaska Congressional Fisheries Debate – transcript](https://alaskanews.com/transcript/aeaaec44-4845-4d36-b5e8-7fc4593f5b09?utm): <https://alaskanews.com/transcript/aeaaec44-4845-4d36-b5e8-7fc4593f5b09?utm>
- Additional Direct Source: [KCAW – Bill Hill campaign interview](https://www.kcaw.org/2026/06/12/u-s-house-candidate-bill-hill-makes-campaign-stop-in-sitka/?utm): <https://www.kcaw.org/2026/06/12/u-s-house-candidate-bill-hill-makes-campaign-stop-in-sitka/?utm>

Legislation Hill specifically said he would promote

- KCAW reports that Hill would support updates to the Magnuson-Stevens Act to address trawling and described promoting legislation of that type as a priority.
<https://www.kcaw.org/2026/06/12/u-s-house-candidate-bill-hill-makes-campaign-stop-in-sitka/?utm>

6. CONGRESSIONAL STOCK TRADING BAN

- Bill/Measure: Federal legislation to ban congressional stock trading.
- Vote/Action: No vote. Candidate policy proposal.
- Bill Hill's individual action: Supports a complete ban on congressional stock trading.
- Date: 2026 campaign.
- Direct Quote: Hill said: "I'm for a complete ban on stock trading."
<https://www.krbd.org/2026/06/12/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-talks-cost-of-living-and-protecting-the-alaska-lifestyle-during-visit-to-ketchikan/?utm>

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- Reason Given: Hill says members of Congress should not be trading stocks while serving the public and connects the proposal to his broader anti-corruption platform.
- Source: KRBD interview; Hill campaign platform.
- Direct Source: KRBD — Bill Hill interview: <https://www.krbd.org/2026/06/12/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-talks-cost-of-living-and-protecting-the-alaska-lifestyle/?utm>
- Campaign Source: Bill Hill for Alaskans — official campaign site: <https://billhillforalaskans.com/?utm>

7. TARIFFS

- Bill/Measure: Federal tariff policy; no specific Hill-sponsored bill identified.
- Vote/Action: No vote. Candidate position.
- Bill Hill's individual action: Opposed what he described as “haphazard” tariffs.
- Date: May 28, 2026 interview; June 2026 interviews.
- Direct Quote: Hill said tariffs “can be a very good strategic tool” but argued that the way they were implemented became “a tax on the American people.” <https://knom.org/2026/05/28/bill-hill-recaps-visit-to-nome-kotzebue-ahead-of-u-s-house-election/?utm>
- Reason Given: He cited higher food, fuel, and commercial fishing costs.
- Source: KNOM interview.
- Direct Source: KNOM — Bill Hill full interview/report: <https://knom.org/2026/05/28/bill-hill-recaps-visit-to-nome-kotzebue-ahead-of-u-s-house-election/?utm>

8. HEALTHCARE / COST OF LIVING

- Bill/Measure: Federal healthcare and affordability legislation; no specific bill sponsored by Hill identified.
- Vote/Action: No vote. Candidate position.
- Bill Hill's individual action: Says reducing healthcare costs would be a congressional priority.
- Date: June 2026.
- Direct Quote: “We need people in Congress who are going to be focused on driving down costs, finding ways to reduce the cost of health care, and reducing the cost of fuels.” <https://www.krbd.org/2026/06/12/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-talks-cost-of-living-and-protecting-the-alaska-lifestyle-during-visit-to-ketchikan/?utm>
- Reason Given: Hill cited rising healthcare premiums and the cost of energy as major affordability problems for Alaska families.
- Source: KRBD interview.
- Direct Source: KRBD — Bill Hill interview: <https://www.krbd.org/2026/06/12/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-talks-cost-of-living-and-protecting-the-alaska-lifestyle/?utm>

9. PUBLIC RADIO / ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

- Bill/Measure: Federal funding for public radio and Alaska's Marine Highway System.
- Vote/Action: No vote. Candidate position.
- Bill Hill's individual action: Supports federal funding for public radio and federal support for Alaska's state ferry system.
- Date: June 9, 2026 interview.
- Direct Quote: Hill called the marine highway system “very important” and said it “needs to be supported.” <https://www.kcaw.org/2026/06/12/u-s-house-candidate-bill-hill-makes-campaign-stop-in-sitka/?utm>

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- Reason Given: He compared cutting ferry access to cutting off a major road and argued federal funds should help maintain service and restore access to ports.
- Source: KCAW/Sitka Sentinel interview.
- Direct Source: KCAW – Bill Hill interview: <https://www.kcaw.org/2026/06/12/u-s-house-candidate-bill-hill-makes-campaign-stop-in-sitka/?utm>

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1. HOMELESSNESS / HOUSING FIRST

The reviewed sources contained no verified direct quote specifically addressing homelessness or the Housing First model. Hill has discussed housing costs and veterans' access to housing, but that doesn't reflect an explicit position on Housing First.

- "I'll fight to bring new housing and energy projects to Alaska to bring those costs down, too."
 - <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>
- "Bring down everyday costs at the grocery store and the gas pump."
 - <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>
- "The greatest country in the world should not have former servicemembers going without a job, food, or housing."
 - <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

2. GOVERNMENT / RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / HOUSING / ENERGY

Hill discussed the federal government's role in rural communities, energy costs, and the benefits and risks of resource development.

- "I think the federal government has a huge role."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Asked about the federal government's role in disaster response and relocating communities that can no longer safely remain where they are.

- "We need to have an all of the above approach to energy, and some of those things are going to be really important in Bush Alaska."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Discussing rural energy costs and the effects of changes to renewable energy funding.

- "I am pro-development, because that's what Alaska is."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Hill explained that development can provide jobs, economic opportunities and revenue for communities, while emphasizing the need to assess individual projects.

- "I think that any project should first consider the people who live on the land."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Hill described considerations for proposed resource projects, including local benefits and potential environmental damage. <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

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3. SUBSISTENCE / FISHERIES

Source: KYUK interview, April 3, 2026; campaign platform.

Hill spoke directly about subsistence priorities, commercial fishing, and the proposed Pebble Mine.

Federal protection of subsistence:

- “And those of us who live in Bush Alaska know that the rural subsistence priority is an important thing for us, and we need to keep that.”
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Pebble Mine and fisheries:

- “And it's just ridiculous to think that we would trade the subsistence and the commercial fishery for the potential loss from this massive mine.”
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Hill was discussing the proposed Pebble Mine and its potential effects on Bristol Bay fisheries and subsistence activities.

Explicit position on Pebble Mine:

- “And so that's, I think, a project that should never be built.”
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Campaign platform on fisheries:

- “In Congress, I'll take on bycatch, and defend subsistence rights, and fairness for all user groups.”
 - Sources: [KYUK interview](#) and [campaign platform](#).
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>
 - <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

4. LAND / POPULATION / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Source: KYUK interview, April 3, 2026.

Hill discussed the economic realities of small villages, rural infrastructure and the effects of climate change on traditional travel routes.

Economic opportunities in small villages:

- “And so how do we make ends meet and how to make life work for people there?”
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Hill was discussing the limited number of regular-paycheck jobs available in some small Alaska villages.

Climate change and land access:

- “It's become very intermittent.”

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- <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Refers to the winter freezing of lakes and rivers that once served as major transportation routes in rural Alaska.

Federal responsibility for relocation:

- "I think the federal government played a role in where a lot of these communities are, and they should play a role in making sure that the communities are put back in place where people can live and feel comfortable and safe in where they're living."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Discussing communities facing relocation because of environmental hazards and historical federal involvement in establishing settlements.

Local economic development:

- "We wanted to keep some of the money and jobs in our home region."
 - <https://anchoragepress.com/a-q-a-with-alaska-congressional-candidate-bill-hill/>

Context: Hill was describing the business he and his wife established to manufacture marine textile products for the fishing industry.

Sources: [KYUK interview](#) and [Anchorage Press Q&A, April 26, 2026](#).

- <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>
- <https://anchoragepress.com/a-q-a-with-alaska-congressional-candidate-bill-hill/>

5. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / LAND / HOUSING / ENERGY

Source: KYUK interview, April 3, 2026; campaign platform.

Development with safeguards:

- "I'm pro-development, but I think we need to be, we need to be thoughtful about the process."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Potential natural-gas development:

- "You know, the proposed gas line, if that ever gets built, and if it can provide a steady resource of gas to communities along the route, and reduce the cost of gas and provide a lot of jobs for Alaskans, I think that would be positive as well."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

North Slope development:

- "I think there's a lot going on on the North Slope. I think, as always, we've got to be

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- careful when we look at projects, but yes, I'm pro-development"
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Energy policy in his platform:

- "I will go to bat for getting the most out of our oil and natural gas, and restore tax credits to bring online new renewable projects."
 - <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

Jobs and local benefits:

- "I'll use my position as Congressman to make sure as much benefit goes to Alaska workers as possible."
 - <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

Sources: [KYUK interview](#) and [campaign platform](#).

- <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>
- <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

6. GOVERNMENT

Source: KRBD interview, June 12, 2026; campaign platform.

Hill discussed government services, public funding, corruption, and the federal government's responsibility to Alaskans.

Government services and costs:

- "I think people are concerned about the cost of living. They're really worried about the services that our government should be providing"
 - <https://www.krbd.org/2026/06/12/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-talks-cost-of-living-and-protecting-the-alaska-lifestyle-during-visit-to-ketchikan/>

Government accountability:

- "Those are things that I hear repeatedly."
 - <https://www.krbd.org/2026/06/12/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-talks-cost-of-living-and-protecting-the-alaska-lifestyle-during-visit-to-ketchikan/>

Context: The interviewer asked about the biggest concerns Hill heard while campaigning. Hill identified cost of living, education, and corruption immediately before this statement.

Public safety and government's role:

- "Public safety is the number one job of government."
 - <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

Federal involvement in rural Alaska:

- "I mean, the federal delegation can help bring projects to Alaska, but the state manages a big part of that."

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- <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Hill was explaining how federal and state authorities share roles in managing Alaska's resources.

Sources: [KRBD interview](#) and [KYUK interview](#).

- <https://www.krbd.org/2026/06/12/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-talks-cost-of-living-and-protecting-the-alaska-lifestyle-during-visit-to-ketchikan/>
- <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

7. ELECTION INTEGRITY

Finding: The reviewed sources contain no verified direct quote specifically addressing election integrity measures such as voter-roll maintenance, voter identification, ballot verification, audits, or recounts.

Hill does make a direct statement about money and elections:

- "One in every six dollars spent in the 2024 election cycle came from the bank account of a billionaire."
 - <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

He follows it with:

- "We need to overturn Citizens United and take action to stop billionaires from buying elections."
 - <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

Source: [Bill Hill's campaign platform](#).

- <https://billhillforalaskans.com/bills-platform/>

Interpretation: These quotations show his stated concern about large donors' role in elections. They do not establish his position on the accuracy of Alaska's election results or on specific election-administration reforms.

8. TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Source: KYUK interview, April 3, 2026.

Hill discussed tribal sovereignty while responding to a question about the proposed Donlin Gold mine and differing views among tribal governments, villages, corporations, and other regional interests.

Direct statement on tribal sovereignty:

- "I talked to the Tanana Chiefs Conference this week and understand that the conflict that arises between tribal sovereignty and what tribes think might be good, and also the different take that corporations may take."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Considering the people who live on the land:

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- "I think that any project should first consider the people who live on the land."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Acknowledging different viewpoints:

- "So it's a tough question, and I'm still looking into it, and I'd love to learn more from the people here about Donlin and to learn about the different viewpoints."
 - <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

Context: Hill acknowledged tensions between tribal sovereignty, village interests, regional Native corporations and resource-development proposals. In this interview, he described himself as still learning about the Donlin Gold project; do not present the quotations as a blanket endorsement of any particular tribal position on that project.

Source: [KYUK interview, April 3, 2026](#).

- <https://www.kyuk.org/politics/2026-04-03/independent-us-house-candidate-bill-hill-says-he-brings-first-hand-understanding-of-bush-alaska>

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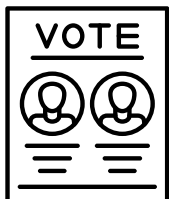
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Important clarification/disclosure: The entries below describe positions McDermott is attributed with in campaign materials. They are not verified personal roll-call votes or bill sponsorships. Do not represent a hypothetical statement about how he would vote as a vote he actually cast.

1. CIVIL LIBERTIES, PATRIOT ACT AND NDAA

- Bill/Measure: **USA PATRIOT Act and National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).**
- Vote/Action: **Publicly opposes certain surveillance and detention provisions and advocates repeal or substantial reform. No personal legislative vote was verified.**
- McDermott's individual action: **Expressed opposition to the relevant government powers in campaign materials; no recorded legislative action identified.**
- Date: **Campaign material available in 2026; original statement date not established.**
- Direct Quote: **"Jim believes these laws should be repealed or fundamentally reformed."** <https://jamesmcdermott.org/issues/>
- Reason Given: **Concerns about government surveillance, detention powers, and individual liberty.**
- Source: **Candidate's official campaign website.**
- Direct Source: **Campaign issues page:** <https://jamesmcdermott.org/issues/>

2. FEDERAL BUDGET AND NATIONAL DEBT

- Bill/Measure: **One Big Beautiful Budget Act (2025) and federal spending policy.**
- Vote/Action: **Campaign materials state that McDermott would have opposed the legislation. This is a hypothetical position, not a recorded vote.**
- McDermott's individual action: **Publicly stated opposition to increased federal debt and support for balanced budgets and zero-based budgeting.**
- Date: **2025 legislation; campaign position documented in 2026.**
- Direct Quote: **"Jim would have voted no on both."** <https://jamesmcdermott.org/issues/>
- Reason Given: **Concerns about federal debt and government spending.**
- Source: **Candidate's official campaign website.**
- Direct Source: **Campaign issues page:** <https://jamesmcdermott.org/issues/>

3. TARIFFS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- Bill/Measure: **Federal tariffs on Canada and other trading partners.**
- Vote/Action: **Publicly opposes tariffs; no personal congressional vote was verified.**
- McDermott's individual action: **Expressed opposition to tariffs in campaign materials.**
- Date: **Position documented in 2026; the original statement date was not established.**
- Direct Quote: **"Tariffs are a tax."** <https://jamesmcdermott.org/issues/>
- Reason Given: **He argues that tariffs increase costs for American consumers and businesses and can harm Alaska's trade.**
- Source: **Candidate's official campaign website.**
- Direct Source: **Campaign issues page:** <https://jamesmcdermott.org/issues/>

4. ALASKA PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND (PFD)

- Bill/Measure: **Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend statutory formula and related state budget policy.**

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- Vote/Action: Supports restoring the PFD to at least the statutory 50% formula. No bill sponsorship or legislative vote was verified.
- McDermott's individual action: Publicly endorsed restoring the statutory PFD formula.
- Date: Position documented in 2026 campaign materials.
- Direct Quote: "He supports restoring the PFD to at least the 50% statutory minimum."
- Reason Given: He argues that Alaskans should receive their share of Permanent Fund wealth under the statutory formula.
- Source: Candidate's official campaign biography and issues page.
- Direct Source: Campaign biography: <https://jamesmcdermott.org/about/>

5. CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS

- Bill/Measure: Congressional term limits.
- Vote/Action: Supports term limits and says he would not seek a third term. No legislative vote or bill sponsorship was verified.
- McDermott's individual action: Publicly committed to not seeking a third term, according to campaign materials.
- Date: Position documented in 2026 campaign materials.
- Direct Quote: "he would not seek a third term."
- Reason Given: Promoting accountability and preventing elected officials from becoming entrenched in office.
- Source: Candidate's official campaign biography.
- Direct Source: Campaign biography: <https://jamesmcdermott.org/about/>

6. DRUG POLICY AND PERSONAL LIBERTY

- Bill/Measure: Federal drug prohibition and substance regulation.
- Vote/Action: Supports a regulatory approach modeled on alcohol regulation. No specific bill sponsorship or personal legislative vote was verified.
- McDermott's individual action: Publicly advocated regulating substances rather than relying exclusively on prohibition.
- Date: Position documented in 2026 campaign materials.
- Direct Quote: "Jim supports regulating substances the way alcohol is regulated."
- Reason Given: He argues that prohibition creates black markets and criminal penalties for personal choices that do not harm others.
- Source: Candidate's official campaign website.
- Direct Source: Campaign issues page: <https://jamesmcdermott.org/about/>

7. IMMIGRATION AND WORK VISAS

- Bill/Measure: Federal immigration processing and work visa policy.
- Vote/Action: Supports expanding work visas and reducing processing backlogs while retaining vetting requirements. No specific bill sponsorship or personal legislative vote was verified.

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- McDermott's individual action: Publicly supported expanding and streamlining work visa availability.
- Date: Position documented in 2026 campaign materials.
- Direct Quote: "Jim supports work visa liberalization — expanding the number of visas available, reducing backlogs, and making the process more predictable for Alaska employers."
- Reason Given: Addressing workforce shortages and helping Alaska employers fill available jobs.
- Source: Candidate's official campaign website.
- Direct Source: Campaign issues page: <https://jamesmcdermott.org/about/>

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Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues

1. GOVERNMENT / RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / HOUSING / ENERGY

- Direct Quote: "Planning for emergencies worst and having policies ready to be employed in a moment's notice."
 - <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>
- McDermott's individual action: Proposed emergency preparedness, coordination with state and federal emergency management teams, and consultation with local community emergency leaders.
- Date: 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- Reason Given: His response focuses on preparedness and prioritizing resources according to communities' identified needs.
- Source: Alaska Beacon, 2026 Alaska U.S. House Voter Guide, environmental risks question.
- Direct Source: Read McDermott's response: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>

2. SUBSISTENCE / FISHERIES

- Direct Quote: "The one idea that jumps to my mind is to reduce the overfishing by individual sports fishing by men and women and also reduce the fishing industry from also overfishing the salmon."
 - <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>
- McDermott's individual action: Proposed reducing overfishing by both recreational anglers and commercial fishing operations, reviewing Alaska Department of Fish and Game policies, and working with community leaders.
- Date: 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- Reason Given: His response identifies overfishing as an issue affecting Alaska salmon runs.
- Source: Alaska Beacon, 2026 Alaska U.S. House Voter Guide, fishing question.
- Direct Source: Read McDermott's fisheries response: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>

4. ELECTION SECURITY

- Direct Quote: "I believe the idea of involving the Fed is because the voting logs at some state levels have way too many invalid voters on their voting rolls."
 - <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>
- McDermott's individual action: Expressed concern about voter-roll accuracy and the potential for voter fraud if rolls are not updated. His response discusses why federal involvement in voter data might be proposed; it does not establish his support for every form of federal involvement.
- Date: 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- Reason Given: He points to potentially outdated voter registration records as a concern.

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- Source: Alaska Beacon, 2026 Alaska U.S. House Voter Guide, question about the lieutenant governor's decision to send voter data to the federal government.
- Direct Source: Read the election-security response: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>

3. LAND / POPULATION / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Direct Quote: "Small businesses represent 97% of Alaska's economy."
 - <https://jamesmcdermott.org/issues/>
- Term Limits, Debt, Due Process
- McDermott's individual action: His campaign says he supports simplifying the tax code, reducing unnecessary federal reporting requirements and opposing new mandates that raise small-business operating costs.
- Date: Campaign website available in 2026; the original date of the statement was not established.
- Reason Given: His stated rationale is that regulatory and compliance costs can disproportionately burden small businesses.
- Source: Official campaign issues page, "Small Business & Alaska's Economy."
- Direct Source: McDermott's campaign issues: <https://jamesmcdermott.org/issues/>

4. ELECTION DAY / BALLOT COUNTING

- Direct Quote: "Okay, I am a big fan for keeping things simple. I like the idea of voting for the one candidate of my choice, and it also helps to keep the vote process simple. In my humble opinion."
 - <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>
- McDermott's individual action: Expressed a preference for a simpler voting process in response to a question about Alaska's nonpartisan primary and ranked-choice voting system.
- Date: 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- Reason Given: He values simplicity and voting for one candidate of choice.
- Source: Alaska Beacon, 2026 Alaska U.S. House Voter Guide, elections question.
- Direct Source: Alaska Beacon voter guide: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>

7. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / LAND / HOUSING / ENERGY

- **Direct Quote:** "I have been saying since 2012 that we (USA) ought to have a more liberal green card process for law abiding immigrants to work here in the US if they choose, as long as they pass a vetting process."
 - <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>
- **McDermott's individual action:** Advocated a more accessible green-card process for law-abiding immigrants who pass screening.
- **Date:** Statement reproduced in the 2026 candidate questionnaire; McDermott says he has held this position since 2012.

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- Reason Given: His stated position is to permit eligible immigrants to work in the United States and potentially become citizens after meeting the relevant requirements.
- Source: Alaska Beacon, 2026 Alaska U.S. House Voter Guide, immigration question.
- Direct Source: Alaska Beacon voter guide: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>

8. GOVERNMENT

- **Direct Quote:** "Having a government that is tech savvy and yes train them if we have to."
 - <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>
- **McDermott's individual action:** Advocated improving government employees' technology skills and prioritizing personal engagement with Alaskans.
- **Date:** 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- **Reason Given:** His response emphasizes direct communication with constituents and understanding their concerns through personal interaction.
- **Source:** Alaska Beacon, 2026 Alaska U.S. House Voter Guide, general-interest question about issues receiving too little attention.
- **Direct Source:** Read his government and constituent-engagement response: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>

9. ELECTION INTEGRITY

- **Direct Quote:** "The ballot harvesting, the secret vote counting's, ballots hidden under tables, and unguarded ballot collection points, to name a few, had several million American citizens questioning the validity of our voting processes, and we need to restore integrity back into our voting process."
 - <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>
- **McDermott's individual action:** Raised concerns about ballot collection, vote-counting transparency, and election administration.
- **Date:** 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- **Reason Given:** He argues that concerns about election procedures have undermined public confidence and that election integrity should be restored.
- **Source:** Alaska Beacon, 2026 Alaska U.S. House Voter Guide, question asking who was the rightful winner of the 2020 election.
- **Direct Source:** Read McDermott's election-integrity response: <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>

10. Tribal Sovereignty

- **Direct Quote:** "I'm a big fan of building strong relationships, and simply listening can be a great place to start."
 - <https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/>

Alaska Federation of Natives

Direct Quotes on Alaskan's Issues

- McDermott's individual action: Emphasized relationship-building and listening in response to a question about working with Alaska Native Tribes and organizations to shape federal policy.
- Date: 2026 candidate questionnaire.
- Reason Given: His response indicates that he sees communication and relationship-building as a starting point for working with Alaska Native communities.
- Source: Alaska Beacon, 2026 Alaska U.S. House Voter Guide, Alaska Native issues question.
- Direct Source: [Read his Alaska Native issues response:](https://alaskabeacon.com/voter-guides/contests/2026-alaska-congress-u-s-house/)
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