

Alaska Hotel and Lodging Association

Hearing	Bill No.	Short Title	Prime Sponsor	Cmte Refs	Status	Status Date	Last Action	Bill Summary
(H)CRA Tues. Feb.16 8:00a	HB 208	Cruise Ship Gambling Taxes	Crawford	CRA, L&C, FIN	(H)CRA	3/27/09	Intro'd 3/27/09	Repeals the gambling tax aboard commercial vessels passed by ballot initiative #2 in 2006.
(H)FIN Tues. Feb.16 1:30p	HB 312	Advisory Vote on In-State Gas Pipeline	Chenault	RES,FIN	(H)RES	1/25/10	Intro'd 1/25/10	Authorizes an advisory vote on the use of Alaska permanent fund earnings for an in-state natural gas pipeline at the next state primary or general election.
(H)ENE Tues. Feb.16 3:00p	HB 303	Small Business Energy Efficiency Grants	Olson	ENE, L&C, FIN	(H)ENE	1/19/10	Intro'd 1/19/10	Establishes the Alaska energy efficiency small business grant fund program under the AK Housing Finance Corp. for retrofitting or new construction on structures valued at up to \$1MM; AHFC to adopt criteria for administering the program.
(S)CRA Tues. Feb.16 3:30p	SJR 1	Limiting Terms of State Legislators	Menard	CRA, STA, JUD	(S)CRA	1/21/09	Prefile released 1/9/09	Limits state representatives to four, two-year terms, and state senators to two, four-year terms.
(S)STA Thurs. Feb.18 9:00a	SB 261	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Members	Olson	STA, L&C	(S)STA	2/5/10	Intro'd 2/5/10	Requires that at least one of the five members of the ABC Board be a resident of rural Alaska.
	HB 240	Tip Credit	Johnson	L&C, JUD	(H)L&C	4/18/09	Intro'd 4/18/09	Allows employers to apply tip credit to the state's minimum wage; the tip credit "floor" is set at \$7.25/hr (tip credit = \$0.50 = \$7.75-\$7.25) and the employee must average at least \$7.25/hr before the tip credit can apply.
	HB 36	Initiatives: Contributions/Procedures	Johansen	STA, JUD	(H)FIN	4/16/09	Passed (H)JUD	Prohibits initiatives that are substantially similar to those that failed within the previous two years; requires initiative committees - those in support or opposition to an initiative - to report contributions in excess of \$500.
	HB 167	Tax Credit for State Tourism Program	Coghill	L&C, FIN	(H)FIN	4/8/09	Passed (H)L&C	Establishes a tourism marketing tax credit for tourism-related businesses; creates a sustainable funding source to grow Alaska's tourism marketing program.
	HB 211	Seafood Marketing Contracts	Austerman	FSH, RES, FIN	(H)FSH	4/1/09	Intro'd 4/1/09	Requires the Commerce Department to contract with a qualified marketing organization to develop a plan to market Alaska seafood; a 30% match is required against state money, which cannot exceed \$9MM.
	HJR 3	Constitutional Amendment: No Gaming Without Voter Approval	Crawford	STA, JUD, FIN	(H)FIN	3/27/09	Passed (H)JUD	Requires an affirmative statewide vote and approval in a local election (where the gambling may occur) before any form of gambling for profit can be authorized.

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	SB 86	Paid Sick Leave	Ellis	L&C, FIN	(S)FIN	3/25/09	Passed (S)L&C	Requires employers of non-union workers to provide at least one hour of paid sick leave for every 40 hours worked; unused sick leave could be carried into future years.
	SB 138	Tax Credit for State Tourism Program	Meyer	L&C, FIN	(S)FIN	3/20/09	Passed (S)L&C	Establishes a tourism marketing tax credit for tourism-related businesses; creates a sustainable funding source to grow Alaska's tourism marketing program.
	SB 61	Mandatory Universal Health Insurance	French	HSS, L&C, FIN	(S)L&C	3/16/09	Passed (S)HSS	Requires all Alaska residents to participate in the Alaska health care program; establishes a board to manage the program; dictates the minimum coverage all health plans must offer; levies a tax against employers who do not offer health coverage; establishes the Alaska health care fund to administer the program.
	HB 29	Alaska Minimum Wage	Olson	L&C, FIN	(H)FIN	3/12/09	Passed (H)L&C	Sets the minimum hourly wage at the greater of (i) \$7.15/hour, or \$0.50/hour more than the federal minimum wage.
	HB 176	Nursing Mothers in Workplace	Cissna	HSS, L&C	(H)HSS	3/9/09	Intro'd 3/9/09	Requires employers to provide reasonable unpaid break time each day to an employee who is the nursing mother of a child.
	SB 131	Net Energy Metering	McGuire	ENE, L&C	(S)ENE	2/27/09	Intro'd 2/27/09	Allows home and business owners who install renewable energy equipment to receive a credit for their excess energy generation; reduces customers' electrical bill in subsequent months.
	HR 5	Opposing Federal Employee Free Choice Act	Johnson	L&C	(H)RLS	2/18/09	Passed (H)L&C	Resolution opposing any federal legislation that seeks to eliminate the private election phase of union recognition campaigns or that seeks to impose compulsory and binding arbitration on employers.
	HB 125	Alaska Minimum Wage	Petersen	L&C, FIN	(H)L&C	2/11/09	Intro'd 2/11/09	Increases the minimum wage to \$7.85 for the calendar year 2010; after 2010, increases the minimum wage to the greater of (i) \$1 more than the federal minimum wage, or (ii) \$8.60 for calendar year 2011 and \$9.45 for calendar year 2012, and adjusted for inflation annually after that.

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	SB 107	Workers Comp. Medical Treatment Fees	(S)L&C	L&C	(S)L&C	2/11/09	Intro'd 2/11/09	Allows additional time to adopt permanent methods for establishing medical fees. Extends the time period for adjusting workers' compensation fees for medical treatment and services until 1/31/2010 using the medical care component of the CPI.
	SB 20	Workers' Comp Medical/Rehab Records	French	L&C, JUD	(S)L&C	1/21/09	Prefile released 1/9/09	Limits the release of employee medical and rehabilitation records held or maintained by the state for purposes of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act.
	SB 22	Plastic Bag Fee; Establish Litter Fund	Elton	RES, FIN	(S)RES	1/21/09	Prefile released 1/9/09	Establishes a \$0.15 fee for disposable plastic bags distributed by retail sellers of goods or services; establishes the Alaska litter and marine debris reduction and recycling fund.
	SB 42	Nursing Mothers in Workplace	Ellis	L&C, HSS	(S)L&C	1/21/09	Prefile released 1/9/09	Requires employers to provide reasonable unpaid break time each day to employees who are nursing a child, and provide a private and sanitary room where the employee can express milk or breastfeed a child.
	HB 37	Right to Work	Gatto	L&C, JUD	(H)L&C	1/20/09	Prefile released 1/9/09	Prohibits collective bargaining contracts that require employees to join a labor or employee organization;
	HB 66	Net Energy Metering	Seaton	ENE, L&C	(H)ENE	1/20/09	Intro'd 1/20/09	Allows home and business owners who install renewable energy equipment to receive a credit for their excess energy generation; reduces customers' electrical bill in subsequent months.