

## Need to information on Legislation in Alaska?

### Trust Joint Advocacy Weekly Meetings

**Fridays 12:15-1:15pm** over Zoom until end of Legislative session.

Excerpt from Advocacy Coordinator email below:

- Meeting is non-partisan
- Intended as informational about bills and budget items that impact Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries--people with mental illness, substance use disorders, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, and traumatic brain injury.
- The meeting is an opportunity for beneficiaries, family members, providers of services, administrators, and agency staff, to track bills and ask questions about legislation and the legislative process. Please be respectful. Criticism of individuals or organizations is not accepted.

Contact Advocacy Coordinator at [advocacy.coordinator@mhtrust.org](mailto:advocacy.coordinator@mhtrust.org) to be added to the mailing list.

### Join Zoom Meeting

to be announced

Meeting ID: **To be announced**

Passcode: **To be announced**

### Alaska State Legislature page

<https://w3.akleg.gov/index.php>

AKleg.gov is the place to track bills, locate and contact your legislators, and access legislative information. If you

have questions, try the help wizard chat box at the bottom right side of your computer screen or call **907-465-4648**.

### **Link to Public Testimony opportunities**

<https://akleg.gov/pages/testify.php>

### **How to Testify Telephonically**

[https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/AKLEG\\_Testimony\\_Instructions.pdf](https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/AKLEG_Testimony_Instructions.pdf)

### **Public testimony phone numbers**

If calling from Anchorage area: **907-563-9085**

If calling from Juneau area: **907-586-9085**

Everywhere else: **844-586-9085**

### **Legislative Information Office Directory**

<https://akleg.gov/lios.php>

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

<https://akleg.gov/faq.php>

### **SMS Bill Tracking tool from BASIS**

(Bill Action & Status Inquiry System)

This tool allows you to keep up with the proposed bills throughout the legislative process by sending you up-to-date text alerts as hearings are scheduled and posted in BASIS, and bill status changes.

SMS Bill Tracking! Text a bill number (ex: HB1) to 559-245-2529 to enroll in text alerts. You will receive an enrollment confirmation and instructions on how to stop receiving the alerts.

### **Link to BASIS email alert sign up page**

[https://www.akleg.gov/basis/btmf\\_login.asp?session=32](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/btmf_login.asp?session=32)

### **Track bills in BTMF**

[https://www.akleg.gov/basis/btmf\\_login.asp?session=33](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/btmf_login.asp?session=33)

**To learn more about the steps in the passage of a bill**

<https://w3.akleg.gov/docs/pdf/passbill.pdf>

**To learn more about the Legislative Process**

<https://w3.akleg.gov/docs/pdf/legprocess.pdf>

**To learn how to read a bill history**

<https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/readbill.pdf>

**Abbreviations and Acronyms**

<https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/abbracro.pdf>