

Alaska Senate

THE ISSUES



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<p>ABORTION Ban or legal?</p>	<p>Legal. Women are “losing control over their reproductive health.” Will “fight for the rights of women to get the medical care they need, including abortion.” “We must codify Roe v. Wade in federal law and prohibit diminishment of reproductive rights by overzealous state laws.”</p>	<p>Legal. Congress must “restore a woman’s freedom to make her own reproductive health care decisions” without government interference. Is working on a bill to protect a woman’s right to choose, as established by Roe v. Wade... while also protecting religious freedoms.</p>	<p>Ban. “While we mourn the tens of millions of innocent persons who were killed under Roe v. Wade,” its overturn is “a victory for millions of pre-born Americans to come.” Will direct taxpayer funds from abortion providers to local providers who do not perform abortions.</p>
<p>CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority? Tax or limit the output of greenhouse gases, or support renewable energy?</p>	<p>Yes. With “catastrophic effects on coastal areas, salmon, ecosystems, and the Alaskan lifestyle due to climate change,” we should “look for and fund renewable energy strategies.” Must “wean ourselves away from dependence on the oil industry.”</p>	<p>Mixed. Says climate change “is real” and hurting Alaska. Supported a bill to help develop advanced nuclear, carbon capture, and microgrids. But “Alaska should be able to responsibly produce” oil, gas, coal, and timber, “as long as the world needs” them.</p>	<p>No. Opposes “Biden’s climate change agenda” and carbon taxes, preferring carbon sequestration. The choice should not be “either renewables, or oil and gas... Nevertheless, Biden has required that by 2030, half of all new vehicles sold in the U.S. be electric vehicles.”</p>
<p>ECONOMY Decrease or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?</p>	<p>Increase. Negotiate better drug prices and support child care and early-childhood education. New federal Infrastructure Act offers opportunities to “develop much needed ferries, airports, resilient energy grids, and broadband.”</p>	<p>Mixed. Supports increasing federal spending only when truly needed, such as in legacy infrastructure. Helped broker the 2021 Infrastructure Act. Played a key role in Energy Act, including \$35 billion for new energy tech.</p>	<p>Decrease. “The federal government must stop runaway spending... We must reduce excessive regulation of businesses and entrepreneurs so they can help grow our economy.”</p>
<p>ELECTIONS Did Joe Biden legitimately win the 2020 election?</p>	<p>Yes. “Joe Biden won the 2020 election.”</p>	<p>Yes. Congratulated President Biden and Vice President Harris on their victory.</p>	<p>No. In 2020 cited “eyewitness testimony of voting impropriety, fraud, tampering.” Says “legitimate questions still exist.”</p>
<p>ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?</p>	<p>Tighten. “It is vital to oversee the removal of toxic remnants of industrial or military activities on our lands.” Will reject potentially dangerous projects, such as Pebble Mine or Palmer Project.</p>	<p>Mixed. Opposes Pebble Mine. Wrote part of a law opening a “non-wilderness” part of the Arctic Wildlife Refuge to development. Opposing federal barriers to a new gas pipeline.</p>	<p>Loosen. Supports “more innovation, less regulation.” Wants AK in an offshore revenue sharing agreement, more oil and gas leases on public land and giving federal land to Alaska.</p>

ISSUES	CHESBRO (D)	MURKOWSKI (R)	TSHIBAKA (R)
GUN RULES Pass less or more restrictive legislation on guns?	More. “Curb the epidemic of gun violence” with a waiting time for gun purchases , “well-constructed red-flag laws,” and bans on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.	Mixed. Voted for 2022 gun safety law, with enhanced background checks for minors. Is “committed to... enabling lawful firearms owners to exercise their Second Amendment rights.”	Less. “Red-flag laws... are easily abused to... deny lawful gun ownership.” Without guns, “people are powerless against the weaponized government,” paving “the path to tyranny.”
HEALTH CARE Increase government role in health care, such as expanding Medicaid, limiting drug prices, or promoting COVID safety?	Increase. Make health care “available to all, especially preventative care.” Make providers show costs so patients can be responsible consumers.	Mixed. Was one of three Republicans to vote against repealing Obamacare. Must find “solutions that go beyond insurance coverage to address the true cost of care, regardless of who pays for it.”	Decrease. “Americans have experienced a loss of trust in our government because of the heavy-handed way in which it handled COVID-19.”
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration? Support a path to citizenship for “DACA” participants brought to the US as children?	“We are a nation of immigrants. We need to understand why so many are fleeing their homelands and implement policies that make their lives better in their home countries.” No position found on DACA.	Border security must be a top priority. “We need a functional immigration system” to avoid “worker shortages.” Supports a path to citizenship for DACA participants through military service or higher education.	Stop encouraging illegal immigration with “deportation moratoriums, free healthcare, work permits, and amnesty.” Will eliminate “sanctuary cities.” Give border patrol the resources they need. No position found on DACA
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize?	Easier. “I value all workers and will fight to protect their right to organize as Labor Unions.”	No position found. Has a 59% rating from the AFL-CIO for 2021, with a 39% lifetime score.	No position found.
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Will “protect...LGBTQ+ rights.” Will join with the marginalized, “no matter... their LGBTQ+ identities” to make the world more inclusive.	Expand. “Has supported marriage equality for years.” Says “there should be no discrimination toward anyone.”	Likely limit. Says marriage is between a man and a woman. Says that since the Supreme Court has ruled that “the 14th Amendment protects same-sex marriages,” no bill for gay marriage is needed.
MARIJUANA Ban or legal?	Legal. Says marijuana should be legalized federally.	Legal. Cosponsored a bill to give states more control over legalization. Says it should be legalized federally.	No position found.
TAXES Should corporations and wealthier individuals pay less or more taxes?	More. “Those that are blessed with great wealth have a responsibility to help others. I will fight to eliminate the disparity in economic opportunity for all Americans.”	Less. Supported 2017 tax cuts on wealthy and corporations. Opposed Inflation Reduction Act, which raised taxes on them, saying “given the state of our economy, these tax hikes couldn’t come at a worse time.”	Less. “I will faithfully implement conservative fiscal principles by voting to reduce taxes, regulations, and stimulus spending.”
VOTING RULES Support tightened restrictions on such voting rules as absentee and early voting, and voter ID?	No. Congress must pass Voting Rights Act “to ensure safe and accessible voting.” Make voting day a holiday. Advertise elections and provide unbiased information on candidates and issues.”	Mostly no. Cosponsored the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to prevent practices that would reduce voting rights. Voted against the Freedom to Vote Act. Does not support making Election Day a federal holiday.	Yes. Supports “voter ID requirements and signature matching.” Opposes ranked choice voting.

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