

Alaska US Senate 2026

THE ISSUES

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ABORTION Ban or legal?	Legal. “I will always protect the right to choose.” Opposes the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Supports Medicaid coverage of abortion services. Opposes a national abortion ban. In 2022 supported a 16-week abortion ban, then later said she misspoke: “politicians should not be discussing...viability.”	Ban. “I’m as pro-life as they come.” Supported the overturning of Roe v. Wade; said the issue belongs...“to the states.” Sponsored a bill to introduce criminal penalties for healthcare practitioners who fail to provide the required degree of care for an infant who survives an attempted abortion.
CLIMATE CHANGE Should climate change be a top priority?	Mostly yes. “I’m dedicated to fighting for” climate change solutions. Would “fight to restore federal tax credits for solar, wind, hydropower projects.” Voted against repealing Inflation Reduction Act clean energy provisions. Supports “oil and gas development.” Voted against repealing certain programs reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	No. Voted to end Biden-era clean energy tax credits. Supported repealing clean energy provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act. Voted against \$369 billion in clean energy investments. “We need to ...unleash Alaska’s extraordinary resource potential.”
CRIMINAL JUSTICE How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?	“We need ...more funding for local law enforcement.” Voted to develop de-escalation techniques for police facing people with mental health issues. “We’ve got to crack down on our [drug] dealers.” Introduced a bill for permanent “pro bono legal services for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault.”	Introduced a bill to make assaulting a public safety officer a federal crime. Says he introduces the bill every year. Introduced a bill to remove the statute of limitations for drug overdose-related crimes resulting in death. In 2020, sponsored a bill to use incentives for use of body cameras and diminish chokeholds, without requiring reforms.
ECONOMY Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy?	Increase. Would “fight for federal funding to help Alaskans grow and market our mariculture industry.” “ About 60 percent of [the Alaska] economy really is dependent on federal spending.” Supports funding public broadcasting because it is “the glue that holds our regions together.” Would “ restore funding for Bypass Mail to lower shipping costs.” Supports the right to repair one’s own equipment.	Mostly decrease. Opposes “reckless spending” by federal government. Voted to cut existing funding for public broadcasting. Supports investing in “a strong and prosperous maritime future in Blue Economy for America.” “The fastest way to slow an economy is to bury it in paperwork.”
ENVIRONMENT Loosen or tighten environmental regulations?	Mixed. Sponsored a bill to give mining companies more access to federal lands. Would ensure “Alaska fishermen aren’t...hit with...unnecessarily strict restrictions.” Voted against undoing expansion of which streams and wetlands are protected by the Clean Water Act. Introduced a bill to fund bycatch mitigation efforts. “We have to... continue to balance conservation and development.”	Mostly loosen. Supports repealing protection from logging for the Tongass National Forest. Sponsored a bill to undo controls on companies emitting seven major hazardous pollutants. Voted to undo expansion of which streams and wetlands are protected by the Clean Water Act. Introduced a bill to “ reduce bycatch” from fishing vessels. Introduced a bill to reduce marine debris.

ISSUES	PELTOLA (D)	SULLIVAN (R)
GUN LAWS Loosen or tighten gun laws?	Mixed. Voted to defund the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention. Would “stand up for Alaskans’ Second Amendment right to bear arms.” Voted to block regulation on pistols with stabilizing braces. Supports “secure storage laws” and “universal background checks.” Supports raising the age limit for some gun purchases.	Loosen. Voted against expanding background checks and encouraging states to pass red flag laws. Sponsored a bill to allow concealed carry of guns across state lines. “I will always fight to protect the rights of Alaska’s gun owners [and] defend our hunting heritage.”
HEALTHCARE Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?	Increase. “ Every Alaskan should be able to access and afford healthcare.” Says the Big Beautiful Bill, which cut Medicaid, “strip[ped] healthcare from the Alaskans who need it most.” “We can restore Medicaid and the [ACA] tax credits that ensure everyone can afford the care they need.”	Mixed. Voted for a bill that cut Medicaid. Negotiated additional funding for rural healthcare in the bill. Voted against capping Medicare out-of-pocket costs . Voted to extend the Affordable Care Act premium tax credits for 3 years. Would “taper down” healthcare subsidies.
IMMIGRATION How to handle immigration?	Voted against building 900 miles of border wall, limiting asylum, and requiring E-Verify for new employees. Voted to denounce the “Biden administration’s open-borders policies.” Sponsored a bill to improve border security and offer a path to legal status for certain immigrants, including Dreamers . Supports “increased Congressional oversight...for ICE.”	Sponsored a bill to build 900 miles of border wall, limit asylum, and require E-Verify for new employees. Says “the basis of being a sovereign nation” is “to get the criminals who are here illegally and send them home.” Voted to increase ICE funding by \$75 billion, then for \$70 billion more for DHS. “ I think ICE needs to revise its tactics and techniques.”
IRAN WAR Support the war in Iran?	No. “ This war in Iran is driving up our gas and diesel prices.” “ There is a need for the War Powers Act. I do not believe that any President should be making these kinds of substantive decisions unilaterally.”	Yes. Voted five times not to require Congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran. In 2025, “ I fully support the President and his national security team in these critical efforts.” “We should be supporting our troop’s mission, not undermining them.”
LABOR Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?	Easier. Sponsored a bill to expand and protect employees’ organizing and collective bargaining rights. Is “ready to go to bat with our unions.”	Likely easier. “ Teamsters play an essential role in Alaska.” “Our great trade unions are...supporting our workers and creating great career pathways.”
LGBTQ RIGHTS Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?	Expand. Voted for federal recognition of same-sex marriages. Supported prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment and housing. Voted against banning transgender students’ participation in federally funded female sports; called the ban “bullying.”	Mostly limit. Voted for federal recognition of same-sex marriages, citing the bill’s religious liberty protections. Opposed the Supreme Court’s 2015 legalization of same-sex marriage. Opposed transgender students’ participation in sports.
MINIMUM WAGE Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?	Likely yes. “The best wage is one that’s livable.” Would “push for real wage increases...by creating tax incentives for companies that pay fair wages.”	Likely no. In 2021, voted against raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2025. In 2014, opposed increasing the national minimum wage.
TAXES Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals?	Raise. Supports “raising taxes on millionaires and billionaires” to “eliminate federal income tax” for those making less than \$92,000/year. “ Enough is enough with these sweetheart deals for the billionaires.” Supports raising taxes on companies with “extreme executive compensation.”	Lower. Voted to extend the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included the largest one-time cut in the corporate tax rate. In 2021, voted against increasing taxes on corporations and the wealthy to pay for family services, health, and environmental programs.
VOTING RULES Make voting harder or easier?	Unclear. Supports ranked choice voting. Supports “voting rights...to protect our way of life.”	Harder. Supports requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote in federal elections. In 2021, voted against requiring certain states to get preapproval for changes in voting practices. In 2021, voted against a bill increasing voting access and ending congressional gerrymandering.

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