



**Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes
North Star Community Council
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Happy Women's History Month!

I want to take a moment and reflect on this month-long celebration of Women's History Month. This month celebrates the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

Capitol Happenings

I was honored to have my bill SB 7 "An Act requiring the Department of Public Safety to publish certain policies and procedures on the department's Internet website," pass from the Judicial Committee. Next step is to the Senate floor for a vote then over to the House for consideration.

I have recently signed on as a co-sponsor for the following bills:

- HB 198-Establishing September 10 as Alaska Community Health Aide Appreciation Day
- SCR 9-Proclaiming February as American Heart Month
- HJR 16-Hmong Veterans Military Rights
- SB 32-College Credit for High School Students
- SB 81-Requiring background investigations of village public safety officer applicants by the Department of Public Safety.
- SB 132-Exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database.

- SB 174-Relating to dress codes and allow natural hairstyles
- SB 216- Relating to dementia awareness
- **One-Time Energy Relief Check for Alaska**
- I was honored to have SB 222 “An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; and providing for an effective date,” heard in the Labor & Commerce committee on March 7th.

❖ The Alaska House Coalition unveiled its plan to pay Alaskans a one-time Energy Relief Check in addition to the annual Permanent Fund Dividend. The check will help supplement Alaskans who are hurting from rising fuel costs, record inflation, and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. \$1300.00 would be the amount.

❖ The first meeting of the Health and Social Services Finance Sub-Committees that I sit on is scheduled for its first tomorrow morning.

❖ Budget hearings are currently in process in the House.

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