

## Assembly Legislative Committee: 2024-2025 Plan

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### Committee Description

The Assembly Legislative Committee provides guidance to the Assembly and the Administration and recommendations regarding the Municipality's federal, state, and local legislative priorities. The Committee prepares recommendations for the Municipality's six-year capital program and budget priorities, as well as potential statute changes, and collaborates with the Administration to create the Anchorage Legislative Program submitted annually to the State Legislature. The Committee also serves as a forum for review and deliberation of statute changes and other legislation and policies that impact the Municipality, and Anchorage as a whole. Individual members may work with the committee on communication of district-level priorities and engaging with other levels of government.

### 2024 Goals

*The committee's work directly contributes to achieving these 3 broader goals.*

1. Administration and Assembly work collaboratively to develop Legislative Program with shared priorities, and which are strategic and focused to our needs.
2. Approve 2025 Legislative Program at the November 19 or December 3, 2024, regular meeting. *Code requirements: Program must be introduced before the budget is passed, and must be passed by December 10 (AMC 2.10.075).*
3. Assembly and Mayor jointly host an event for the Anchorage Delegation in November or early December.

### 2024 Schedule and Legislative Program Timeline

*Includes work of the committee, and related Assembly efforts to inform the Legislative Program.*

| Month       | Meetings and Key Deadlines  |
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| Summer 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6/18: Legislative Committee meeting. Recap of 2024 State Legislative Session and presentation from MOA lobbyist, Legislative Consultants.</li><li>• Legislative Committee Chair and staff met with Representative Mears and Senator Kauffman.</li><li>• 8/16: Worksession re Assembly Capital Budget Priorities.</li><li>• 8/16: Update from federal lobbyist, BlankRome Group, on status of federal priorities.</li></ul>              |
| September   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9/6: Worksession on FY24 Budget 120-Day Memo; request for members' preliminary individual district priorities for Legislative program</li><li>• <b>9/18: Leg. Committee Meeting.</b> Introduce timeline and goals. Review last year's program and discuss preliminary draft of Leg. program – top priorities, citywide requests, district requests. Identify committees and members to lead drafting for specific priorities.</li></ul> |
| October     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>10/10: Leg. Committee Meeting.</b> Continue to refine Leg. program content, work collaboratively to refine district-level asks. <i>Tentative committee vote to endorse Leg. program, direct staff to prepare. Otherwise, will shift this to an early November committee meeting.</i></li><li>• 10/11: Worksession on FY24 Operating and Capital Budgets.</li></ul>   |

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|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/25: FY 2025 General Government Cont'd, Enterprise &amp; Utilities Operating &amp; Capital Budgets</li> </ul>  |
| November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11/6: Regular Assembly meeting. <u>Tentative</u> deadline for introducing of Legislative Program for approval on 11/19.<br/><i>Must be submitted by 10/24 for regular agenda, 11/1 for addendum. Must be introduced before budget is passed, which is planned for 11/19. Leg. Program AR does not require a public hearing.</i></li> <li><b>11/7: Leg. Committee Meeting.</b></li> <li>11/8: Proposed Budget Revisions and Tax Levies – Assembly Amendments</li> <li>11/19: Regular Assembly meeting. Deadline to introduce the Legislative Program. <u>Tentative</u> approval vote for Legislative Program.<br/><i>Must be submitted by 11/7 for regular agenda, 11/14 for addendum.</i></li> </ul>                                 |
| December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Date TBD:</b> Tentative early December event for the Anchorage Delegation, Mayor and Assembly.</li> <li>12/3: Regular meeting. Back-up deadline for Legislative Program approval vote.</li> <li>12/10: Deadline in code to adopt Legislative Program (AMC 2.10.075).</li> </ul>   |
| 2025     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monthly committee meetings for legislative updates, briefings on pending legislation, coordination about Assembly priorities and support or opposition of pending bills</li> <li>1/10 and 1/17: Prefile bills are released</li> <li>1/21: 34<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Regular Session</li> <li>Feb: AML Winter Conference in Juneau, with a Municipality-hosted event</li> <li>4/20: 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session, 90-day mark, possible adjournment</li> <li>5/21: 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session, 121<sup>st</sup> day of session, required adjournment</li> </ul> <p>Source: <a href="https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/2025-Session-Calendar.pdf">https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/2025-Session-Calendar.pdf</a></p> |