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## **Bill Introduced to Allow Firearms on University of Alaska Campuses**

*Senate Bill 176 allows law-abiding citizens to exercise their Second Amendment Rights*

JUNEAU-Today, Senator John Coghill (R-Fairbanks/North Pole) introduced [Senate Bill 176](#), with the urging of Legislative Intern Hans Rodvik from the University of Alaska Anchorage, to ensure that law-abiding Alaskans are able to exercise their individual, constitutional right to keep and bear arms at University of Alaska campuses.

Article 1, Section 19 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska guarantees the individual right to keep and bear arms. The right shall not be infringed or denied by the State or a political subdivision of the State. Current state law does not prohibit law abiding citizens from carrying concealed firearms on UA Campuses.

However, since 1995, University of Alaska administrative policy has prohibited the otherwise lawful concealed carry of a handgun on or in university offices, classrooms, buildings, and at university sponsored events not on university property.

“The Alaska Constitution affords us many rights, including the right to carry a firearm,” said Senator Coghill. “Individuals do not lose the right to bear a concealed firearm simply because they enter a public university.”

“With Senate Bill 176, we aim to continue defending the liberties of Alaskans,” Senator Coghill continued.

SB 176 is now headed to the Senate Judiciary Committee for further consideration.

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