

*Alaska State Legislature*  
REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE STUTES



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

## Sponsor Statement HB 2002

Revised as of 6.24.21

House Bill 2002 implements the failed effective date clause in House Bill 69, the operating budget.

The operating budget passed both Bodies under final consideration, but the effective date clause failed to gain the necessary 27 votes in the House.

In the event that House Bill 69 is signed into law, this legislation will work in tandem to eliminate any doubt regarding the Administration's ability to keep government running on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fresh off a year of frustration and economic stagnation due to COVID-19, Alaskans and our economy can ill afford a government shutdown. This legislation would avert that and provide the certainty Alaskans desperately need during the peak of the tourism, construction, and fishing seasons.

Thank you for your support of this critical legislation.

Please contact my staff, Matt Gruening, at 465-3271 regarding any questions.