

# HOUSE BILL 217

## ALASKA GROWN

REPRESENTATIVE GERAN TARR



- First state to pass policy was Wyoming in 2015
  - *"Wyoming has had roaring success[,] and we continue to capitalize on those aspects," Lindholm tells me, "in fact the Agriculture committee for the State of Wyoming will spend the summer studying ways to expand on the Food Freedom Act."* (Wyoming State Rep. Tyler Lindholm (R))
- Bills have been considered in Utah, Maine, Colorado, Virginia
  - *"Food Freedom means more small farms."* (Virginia Food Freedom)
- Alaska Farm Bureau \$5 Alaska Challenge could raise \$180 million for Alaska economy

A FOOD  
FREEDOM  
MOVEMENT  
IS GROWING  
ACROSS THE  
UNITED  
STATES  
AND  
LOCALLY

# SUPPORTING ALASKA GROWN PRODUCTS

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1

Increase direct  
producer to  
consumer sales

2

Support  
entrepreneurs

3

Create more  
opportunities for  
small scale  
producers

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Strengthen our  
local food systems

5

Grow our local  
economies

# HOUSE BILL 217 DOES THREE THINGS

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- Gives farmers freedom from some civil liability for farm tours
- Gives DNR receipt authority for Alaska Grown logo
- Gives state, school districts and municipalities more flexibility to purchase Alaska grown produce - 15% procurement differential





# ALASKA FARMERS MARKET SALES

\$1.25 MILLION FAIRBANKS  
\$500,000 HOMER  
\$100,000 KODIAK  
\$19,000 MT. VIEW





## INVITED TESTIMONY

ALASKA FARM BUREAU  
HOMER FARMERS MARKET