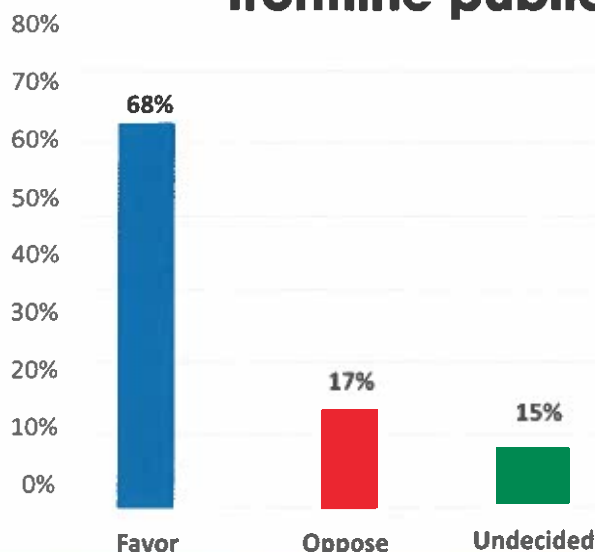


Alaskans favor creating a modest pension to address the frontline public employee shortage



Voters Overwhelmingly Support!

After a brief history outlining Alaska's public retirement system, voters provide overwhelming support for the creation of a modest pension plan to address a severe worker shortage in the public sector.¹ A solid majority (68%) favor the proposal, while only one-in-five (17%) are opposed. Another one-in-ten (15%) remain undecided. It's worth noting that a majority (57%) strongly favor a modest pension, indicating that support is both broad and deep.

Support is bipartisan

Democrats (77% net support)
No Party registrants (67% net support)
Undeclared registrants (71% net support)
Republicans (60% net support)

Support is garnered in every region of the State

Kenai Peninsula - 78% favor
MATSU - 60% favor
Anchorage - 67% favor
Fairbanks - 64% favor
Southeast - 68%
Interior - 76%

Methodology: Patinkin Research Strategies designed and administered this multi-modal survey. The survey reached n=600 likely voters, age 18 or older, who indicated they are likely to vote in the November 2024 General Election. The survey was conducted November 8-12, 2023, via live phones with trained operators and online via a link from a direct SMS.

Phone and SMS respondents were randomly selected from Catalist's enhanced voter file. 50% of respondents were reached on telephones (53% weighted). 67% of respondents who took the survey via phone were reached on a wireless phone (68% weighted). 50% of respondents were reached via SMS and took the survey online (47% weighted).

Quotas for live were assigned to reflect the demographic distribution of registered likely November 2024 voters in Alaska—these included gender, age, party registration, race, and region based on Borough. Additional quotas were set for phones and SMS based on Catalist Partisan Scores, and College Education scores. The survey was weighted based on self-reported age, self-reported gender, self-reported age, self-reported race, party registration, region, partisan and education modeling, and 2020 Presidential race recall.

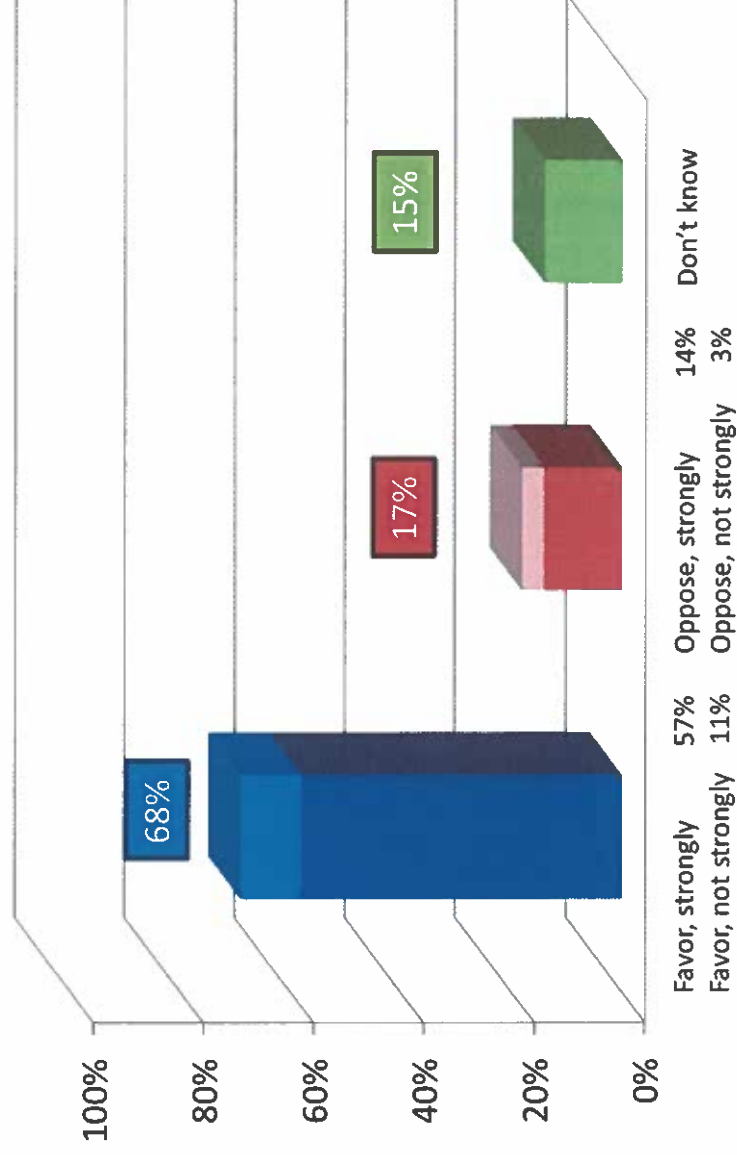
Percentage totals may not add up precisely due to rounding. The credibility interval (the theoretical margin of error for a blended methodology poll that relies partially on telephone-based probability sampling and partially on non-probability based online panel sampling) is +/-4.00%.

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Nearly seven-in-10 back pension reform after a brief explanation



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The pension proposal is extraordinarily popular across all major demographic groups



	Favor	Oppose	Undecided	Favor Margin
Men	64%	21%	15%	+43
Women	72%	13%	15%	+59
Under age 50	69%	16%	15%	+53
Over age 50	70%	16%	14%	+54
Over age 70	74%	15%	11%	+59
No college	65%	19%	16%	+46
College+	72%	14%	14%	+58
White	66%	17%	17%	+49
Alaskan Native	84%	7%	9%	+77
POC	65%	23%	12%	+42
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The proposal garners majorities in every region of the state—Mat-Su included



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Union HHs	83%	8%	9%	+75
Non-union HHs	64%	20%	16%	+44
Interior	76%	3%	21%	+73
Kenai	78%	13%	9%	+65
Southeast	68%	19%	12%	+49
Anchorage	67%	18%	15%	+49
Fairbanks	64%	22%	14%	+42
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Even majorities of Republicans are willing to support a “modest pension” for frontline public employees



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Democrat (reg.)	77%	9%	14%	+68
No Party (reg.)	67%	18%	15%	+49
Undeclared (reg.)	71%	15%	14%	+56
Republican (reg.)	60%	22%	18%	+38
Democrat (ID)	74%	11%	15%	+63
Independent (ID)	60%	21%	19%	+39
Republican (ID)	67%	20%	14%	+47
Trump voters	63%	22%	15%	+41
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