



# Representative Ivy Spohnholz

## House Labor & Commerce Committee Chair

### Topics and Questions for House Labor and Commerce Committee

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1. How have the public health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 impacted your business and others in your community/sector?
  - a. Have they impacted the number of employees you have on payroll?
2. How have businesses been responding to the easing of restrictions on public activity?
  - a. If you had to lay-off employees, are you going to be able to rehire them soon? If so, how many and what are the metrics you are using to make that decision?
3. Have businesses in your sector been able to access CARES Act programs like the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) or Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)?
  - a. Can you describe any challenges with these programs for your sector?
4. What additional funding gaps remain that the State of Alaska should address?
  - a. What form should those funds take and which organization or entity would be qualified to efficiently and effectively distribute those funds?
  - b. Should those funds come in the form of grants or loans, or both? What parameters do you envision for either grant or loan programs?
  - c. The Administration has proposed AIDEA be the agency responsible for administering those funds. Is AIDEA the right organization for the job or do you have another suggestion?
  - d. Are there any local entities that might be trusted to disburse funds appropriately to businesses in your community?