



2025-26 Policy and Position Statement Guidelines

The Alaska Municipal League “Policy and Position Statement” is developed in collaboration with AML members, which includes AML board members, and the Legislative Committee, which appointed or elected officials from member municipalities who have expertise and a firm understanding of local government roles and responsibilities.

Policy and positions of AML should 1) be consistent with our principles; 2) be beneficial to local governments; 3) not negatively impact local governments; 4) be multi-jurisdictional or statewide in nature.

Scope of AML positions:

- AML Principles – these inform AML’s overall strategy and are not adjusted annually.
- AML Legislative Priorities – developed in draft form at the August Legislative Conference, approved by board of directors after the Annual Conference.
- AML Federal Priorities – developed in draft form at the August Legislative Conference, approved by the board of directors after the Annual Conference.
- AML Policy Statements – these are general statements of support or opposition based on issues that affect local governments and developed in draft form at the August Legislative Conference; approved by members at the Annual Conference.
- AML Legislative Position Statements – these will occur every two years in response to active legislation.

For changes to the Draft 2025-26 Policy and Position Statement to be considered, the Legislative Committee will take member input during the Summer Legislative Conference, editing for brevity and applicability. The Legislative Committee will review all recommended changes by September 20, 2024, after which the proposed 2025-26 Policy and Position Statement will be sent to members for their consideration.

Members may submit changes to the Draft 2025-26 Policy Statement by resolution of the governing body, no later than October 18, 2024. Changes will not be accepted after this date.

The Legislative Committee shall debate and act upon suggested changes during the Legislative Committee on December 11, 2024, for final recommendations to the membership. If the Legislative Committee does not accept the change, the member’s governing body may bring it to the floor at the Business Meeting on December 6, 2024, for reconsideration.

Changes accepted by the Legislative Committee shall be shared with members during the General Session on December 13, 2024. The amended Policy Statement shall be voted on by the full membership at the AML Business Meeting to be held on the morning of December 13, 2024.

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