



ASHBA TOP PRIORITIES

The Alaska State Home Building Association is a statewide organization. Its mission is to provide an organization wherein homebuilding contractors and persons engaged in a trade, industry or profession related to housing may meet to discuss various problems of common interest, particularly those related to labor, production and finance. To maintain high standards in the building industry, to support building contractors in efforts to rectify conditions of an unsatisfactory nature, to encourage those methods of contracting work which reduce the building contractors risks and to encourage sound business methods. AHSBA is an aggressive, service oriented association run by and for the membership.

The most important focus of ASHBA is to monitor statutes, regulations and budgets in the state that impact the homebuilding industry while advocating on behalf of our member firms. Issues of importance include:

- Adoption of a statewide building code
- Support Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) for \$1m in the 2023 state budget
- Support workforce development funding and initiatives
- Support Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) weatherization program funding

ASHBA employs a full-time state lobbyist on behalf of the six local associations and the lobbyist performs the following tasks:

- Identification and notification to ASHBA in a timely manner regarding any state legislative, budget and regulatory proposals.
- Attend legislative committee meetings, briefings and hearings concerning legislative matters.
- Provide periodic verbal and written reporting on the status of ASHBA's policy and legislative priorities during any period that the Legislature is in session.
- Advise ASHBA in developing positions and strategy with regard to relevant legislation and regulations, and the state's budget(s).
- Engagement with members of the Alaska Legislature and Administration, and effective communication and advocacy for ASHBA's policy priorities and positions.
- Consult with ASHBA regarding any legislative or executive matter - and take appropriate action as directed by ASHBA.
- Secure sponsors for bills, resolutions, amendments, etc.
- Meeting coordination with key public officials.

Alaska contractors that build homes must carry a residential endorsement for their contractor's license; ASHBA provides continuing education each year that is required to renew their license and endorsement.