



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:

- ASHBA supports state actions that promote a growing and diversified private sector in Alaska, and an expanded economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources. ASHBA supports a public messaging campaign communicating the economic impact of new housing across the state and the value it brings to the economy.
- ASHBA supports continuing initiatives to reduce the cost of housing, including the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's New Home Construction Rebate Program.
- ASHBA supports continued state funding for the AHFC Weatherization Program to increase the energy efficiency of existing and newly constructed homes.
- Support Cold Climate Housing Research Center to make housing more efficient, healthy, and affordable.
- ASHBA supports the state investing in high quality technical and vocational training opportunities, including trade training opportunities in high school to support Alaska's high-demand careers.
- ASHBA supports homes being built to a minimum standard residential building code as adopted by AHFC.
- ASHBA opposes the Department of Environmental Conservation's new regulation's in Section 18 AAC 50.081 requiring all residential building owners in the Fairbanks North Star Borough non-attainment area to have an energy rating completed by an energy rater before listing the building or property for sale.

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.

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