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Anchorage Assembly Urges Alaska State Legislature to Pass Age of Consent Bill HB101

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During last night's Regular Assembly Meeting, the Anchorage Assembly unanimously approved [AR 2026-98, As Amended](#), a resolution urging the Alaska State Legislature to pass HB101 to raise the age of consent from 16 years old to 18 years old in the State of Alaska.

"Alaska has some of the highest rates of sexual violence in the country," said **Assembly Member Jared Goecker**, who co-sponsored the resolution with Assembly Member Yarrow Silvers. "[HB101] passed the House unanimously: 39 to 0. And yet, it's been sitting in the Senate for nearly a year. That is unacceptable. Every day this bill sits, more kids are put at risk."

"One of the biggest issues I see with the state and federal governments is often an unwillingness to simply do the right thing and pass laws based on merit," noted co-sponsor **Assembly Member Yarrow Silvers**. "It's time to do the right thing and pass this now, as stand alone legislation that's ready to go, and if Senator Claman won't move it out of committee, then the Senate has the power and responsibility to go around him on a committee vote or a discharge vote on the floor. Anything less is to be complicit in the continued victimization of Alaska's youth."

AR 2026-98, As Amended, was signed by Assembly Chair Constant and distributed to members of the Alaska State Legislature today. For more information about the Assembly's advocacy to the Alaska State Legislature, including a history of passed legislation for this legislative session, visit www.muni.org/akleg.

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