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Aging Adults: Is There Room for Us in Alaska? Representative Cissna hosts Legislative hearing on Friday, Oct. 29

ANCHORAGE -- Representative Sharon Cissna will host a nonpartisan, statewide teleconference hearing on Friday, October 29, from 1 to 4 p.m., to highlight Alaska's social and economic relationship to seniors. This hearing, cosponsored by Representative Lesil McGuire, Senator Johnny Ellis, and other legislators, will be an exploration of a subject pivotal to the long-term planning for both the state and so many Alaskans.

Seniors, community members, academia, service providers and policy makers will discuss incentives, disincentives, and economics of aging in Alaska. Existing and future policy decisions necessary to ensure realistic responses to aging and diverse population will also be addressed (agenda attached).

The hearings will be coordinated with video and audio connections throughout the state. The public is encouraged to participate at Legislative Information Offices in Barrow, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Kotzebue, Mat-Su, Nome, Sitka, and Wrangell. Those affialiated with the University of Alaska are encouraged to participate from the campuses of UAA (Business Education Bldg., Room 117) and UAF (Rasumson Library, Room 341).

The hearing will also be available online at Gavel to Gavel: http://www.ktoo.org/gavel

For information on how to connect to the hearing, please contact Kathie D. Neu at Representative Cissna's office: (907) 269-0190 or Kathie Neu@legis.state.ak.us

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Sen. Bettye Davis, Sen. Johnny Ellis, Sen. Kim Elton, Sen. Lyman Hoffman, Sen. Hollis French, Sen. Gretchen Guess, Sen. Georgianna Lincoln, Sen. Donny Olson, Rep. Ethan Berkowitz, Rep. Sharon Cissna, Rep. Harry Crawford, Rep. Eric Croft, Rep. Les Gara, Rep. Max Gruenberg, Rep. David Guttenberg, Rep. Reggie Joule, Rep. Mary Kapsner, Rep. Beth Kerttula, Rep. Albert Kookesh, Rep. Carl Moses