

Donald C. “Donny” Olson—Senate District T—Democrat

Residence Address:

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Age:

63

Place of Birth:

Nome, Alaska

Spouse’s Name:

Willow Olson

Children’s Names:

Martin, Donald Jr., Maggie & Solomon

Occupation:

Medical Doctor, Pilot, Reindeer owner & herder, Businessman, Senator

Length of Residency in Alaska:

Lifelong, born in Nome, Alaska

Alaskan Communities Lived in:

Golovin, Nome, Unalakleet, Barrow, Kotzebue, White Mountain

Education:

Various flight schools to achieve: Airline Transport Pilot Licenses; Airplanes and Helicopters. Airframe & Power Plant Mechanics License, Inspector Authorization. Seattle Pacific University, University of Minnesota, Duluth; B.A. Chemistry, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, University of North Dakota School of Medicine, Oral Roberts University School of Medicine; Medical Doctor. University of Colorado School of Law, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England.

Political and Government Positions:

Alaska State Senate: 2001-present, Alaska State Medical Board 1995-2001

Business and Professional Positions:

President, Olson Air Service, Inc., Missionary Aviation Repair Center, board member.

Special Interests:

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Family, reindeer herding, polar exploration, flying, aviation history, wood turning, reading.

Statement:

As a physician, Sen. Olson has passed bills relating to the practice of medicine in Alaska, including genetic privacy, good Samaritan civil liability, reforming the state medical board, senior benefits, anti-tobacco marketing, created the Alaska Healthcare Commission, worked on incentives for rural medical providers, worked to ban the availability of synthetic drugs and worked hard to make Medicaid expansion a reality.

As a Rural Alaskan, I have pushed for the passage of legislation and worked on many issues including subsistence, coastal management, bulk fuel revolving loan funds, oil spill response, strengthening & protecting Power Cost Equalization and the PFD, climate change issues, VPSO, Alcohol licensing issues, & declining salmon runs. I have fought for rural airports safety and for the federal Bypass Mail and Essential Air Service, and successfully secured matching funding for safe travel to Diomedede.

As a Senator who values education, I have worked on increasing broadband availability for rural Alaska, sought & supported equality measures between urban & rural students, pushed for the popular library grant program, sought & supported funding for school maintenance & construction in rural Alaska. Our future lies with our children and it is important that they be given the best education possible.

In the last two years significant changes have occurred in our great state. I am working hard to assure that cuts don't put an undue burden on rural Alaska.

Moving forward I will continue working towards a better and brighter Alaska. I thank you in advance for your continued support.



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