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House Democrats Pick Leadership

ANCHORAGE – House Democrats met today and announced minority leadership and committee assignments for the 23rd Alaska Legislature. Representative Ethan Berkowitz (D-Anchorage) continues as Minority Leader for the caucus.

Representative Beth Kerttula (D-Juneau) is Minority Whip. Representatives Eric Croft (D-Anchorage), Reggie Joule (D-Kotzebue) and Carl Moses (D-Unalaska) were selected to serve on the House Finance committee.

“Alaskans come first,” said Rep. Berkowitz. “We will work for real jobs with real opportunities, for quality education and a safe and healthy Alaska.”

Democrats also named picks for House standing committees:

Rules: Berkowitz, Kerttula

Committee on Committees: Berkowitz, Kerttula

HESS: Rep. Sharon Cissna (D-Anchorage), Rep. Mary Kapsner (D-Bethel)

Judiciary: Rep.-elect Les Gara (D-Anchorage), Rep.-elect Max Gruenberg (D-Anchorage)

Resources: Rep.-elect David Guttenberg (D-Fairbanks), Kerttula

State Affairs: Berkowitz, Gruenberg

Labor & Commerce: Rep. Harry Crawford (D-Anchorage), Guttenberg

Transportation: Kapsner, Rep. Albert Kookesh (D-Angoon)

C&RA: Cissna, Kookesh

Education: Gara, Kookesh

Oil & Gas: Crawford, Kerttula

Fish: Berkowitz, Guttenberg

Econ: Cissna, Crawford

MVA: Cissna, Gruenberg

Regulation Review: Gara

Leg. Council: Berkowitz

LB&A: Joule, Kerttula

Ethics: Kapsner, alternate: Kerttula

The first session of the 23rd Alaska Legislature begins January 21, 2003.

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