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In 1961, the Second Alaska State Legislature established the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) as part of the University of Alaska, soon after Alaska became a state.


ISER's mission from the beginning has been to study the population and economy of Alaska and to help government, the private sector, and the people of Alaska better understand social and economic change and more effectively deal with the problems and opportunities the state faces.


ISER's multidisciplinary faculty and staff have studied every major public policy issue in Alaska since statehood, carrying out thousands of research projects. They have ensured that all Alaskans benefit from that work, by writing reports and broadly disseminating their findings; by making presentations to public and private organizations throughout Alaska; by teaching and involving students in research; by responding to questions from the press and the general public; and by taking part in many public service activities.

ISER's research has examined the evolving structure of the Alaska economy, including the role of oil; the value of the state's natural resources and ecosystems; employment and human resources development; state fiscal policy; the changing Alaska seafood industry; migration to, from, and within Alaska; energy policy and potential new energy sources; the state's past and current education system; health policy and finance; local and regional governance; transportation and other infrastructure; and numerous other topics.

ISER has fulfilled its legislative charge for half a century: it has contributed to the state's development; it has served the people of Alaska; and it has brought credit to the University of Alaska. The Twenty-seventh Alaska State Legislature salutes the Institute of Social and Economic Research for these accomplishments and looks forward to its continuing work.




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