



Native Languages Working Group Agenda

Sunday, June 8, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Working Group Co-Chairs:

Joe Garcia, Head Councilman, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo

Jerry Isaac, President, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Ryan Wilson, President, National Alliance to Save Native Languages

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. History of the Formation of the Native Languages Working Group
4. Remarks by Senator Begich (*Invited*)
5. Native Language Panelist Discussions
 - a. Lance Twitchell, Assistant Professor of Alaska Native Languages, University of Alaska Southeast
 - b. Working Group Co-Chairs
6. Legislative Discussion:
 - a. S. 1948 Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act – Introduced by Sen. Tester (D – MT), January 16, 2014
 - b. S. 2299 the Native American Languages Reauthorization Act of 2014 – Introduced by Sen. Johnson (D-SD), May 7, 2014
 - c. Alaska State Bill 216, Official Languages of the State
 - d. Funding concerns under Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
 - e. FY 2015 Interior Appropriations Bill
 - f. BIE Immersion Demonstration Project
7. Technology and E-rate: how digital learning can benefit language preservation efforts
8. Discussion regarding upcoming Native Languages Summit
9. Closing Prayer