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Sullivan touts more energy production to lower costs, but keeps backing price-raising Iran war

Alaska senator has also proposed shorter-term fixes to the high cost of living, but they have limited reach.

Alex DeMarban
Anchorage Daily News

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Super PACs are spending fortunes on attack ads in Alaska's closely watched U.S. Senate race, looking to smear candidates over issues involving transgender surgery and self-dealing schemes. But the tight race between Republican Sen. Dan Sullivan and Democrat Mary Peltola, an Alaska

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'This is not right': Murkowski slams high energy costs in AFN speech, **A3**

Native and former U.S. representative, may come down to the economy.
Soaring energy prices and bills are voters' top concern, polls show, leaving Sullivan — who is seeking his third term — potentially vulnerable as the incumbent.
The toss-up race has seen record levels of spending, with Democrats eyeing the seat as one of four they hope to pick up to regain

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Paulette Moreno greets Sen. Dan Sullivan after he gave remarks at the 60th annual Alaska Federation of Natives convention at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage on Thursday.

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Peltola, Democrats move to stop DOJ lawsuit

Peltola's campaign calls Trump attempt to block Alaska election results a "nationwide attack on free elections."

Alex DeMarban
Anchorage Daily News

Mary Peltola and national Democrats filed a legal motion Friday to stop the Trump administration from blocking the results of Alaska's upcoming general election if Republican U.S. Sen. Dan Sullivan loses.
"Alaskans, apparently, must elect Senator Dan S. Sullivan or the President will not let them elect anyone at all," says the motion, filed by the Alaskans for Mary campaign and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.
Polls show Peltola, the Democratic challenger and a former U.S. representative, locked in a tight race against Sullivan.

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Campaigns, attorneys weigh in on Trump's DOJ suit to block election results if Sen. Sullivan loses, **A11**

Barbara Franks won the Hannah Paul Solomon Woman of Courage Award, one of the President's Awards, at the Alaska Federation of Natives annual convention in Anchorage on Friday.



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RURAL ALASKA

Bethel-based journalist, Aleutian and Pribilof region leader honored with AFN awards

About a dozen individuals were honored for contributions to their communities, Alaska Native causes.

Zachariah Hughes and Bella Biondini
Anchorage Daily News

During its 60th convention in Anchorage, the Alaska Federation of Natives awarded one of its highest honors to Katie Baldwin Basile, a Bethel-based journalist

whose work focuses on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, climate change and rural issues.
"This is truly the honor of a lifetime, quyana," Basile said upon receiving the award, supported on stage by her husband, two sons, parents and numerous leaders from the Y-K region.
The annual convention, which brings thousands of people together from across Alaska, bestows a number of awards to

individuals and leaders who have made exemplary contributions to their communities and Alaska Native causes.
Basile, a photographer and multimedia journalist, received AFN's Denali Award, which "recognizes the contributions of a non-Native person who has demonstrated strong commitment, dedication, and service to the Alaska Native community and

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Alaska Native leaders work to boost voting turnout

Rural villages continue to face long-standing challenges.

Iris Samuels
Anchorage Daily News

More than 31,000 Alaskans had cast early ballots as of Friday morning, according to data from the state Division of Elections. But following a well-worn pattern, early turnout is lagging in regions of the state that are rural and predominantly Alaska Native.
In the district covering the Capitol in Juneau, nearly 1,400 Alaskans cast ballots in the first three days after early voting began, representing more than 9% of eligible voters. In

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Oscar Olsen Jr. exits the voting booth at Anchorage City Hall after early voting on Thursday. Olsen, from Koliganek, was in Anchorage to attend the Alaska Federation of Natives annual convention.

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Photo by **STEPHANIE BURGOON**
South High's Ethan Yarrington breaks through the line during the state Division I championship game against West High on Friday at Colony High in Palmer.

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