

HB141: Universal Changing Facilities in Public Buildings



What is a Universal Changing Facility?

A universal changing facility is a **large, adjustable changing table** that is safe for people of all ages and abilities. These tables:

- Go **up and down in height**
- Hold **at least 400 pounds**
- Are **large enough for teens and adults**
- Can be used for both child diapering **and adult personal care**

What is HB141?

HB 141 is a bill about **universal changing facilities in public buildings**. These are special changing tables that work for **children and adults** who need help with personal care.

HB 141 says that:

- When a **new public building** is built with a bathroom, or
- When a **public building is remodeled and the project costs \$30,000 or more**,

The building must have:

- **At least one public bathroom with a universal changing table**, or
- If bathrooms are separated by gender, **at least one men's and one women's bathroom** with a universal changing table.

Some buildings can be exempt if installation is not possible or would break accessibility rules.

Why are Universal Changing Facilities Needed?

Regular baby changing tables are too small for many people. Because of this, some Alaskans:

- Are changed on **bathroom floors**
- Are changed in **unsafe or unsanitary spaces**
- Must leave events early or stay home completely

This hurts:

- People with disabilities
- People with medical needs
- Older adults
- Families and caregivers

Without safe changing spaces, many people are **left out of public life**.

Why This Matters for Alaska

When everyone can use public restrooms safely:

- Families can **stay out in the community longer**
- People can **go to events, travel, and work**
- Caregivers get **support**
- Communities become more **welcoming and inclusive**

Universal changing facilities help people live with **dignity, safety, and independence**.

Senate Companion Bill

HB 141 does **not yet have a companion bill in the Senate**. The Council supports finding a **Senate sponsor**, so this bill has strong support in both the House and the Senate.

Ask

We respectfully ask lawmakers to:

- **Support and pass HB 141 in 2026**
- **Support universal changing facilities in public buildings across Alaska**
- **Support a Senate companion bill**

Why Support Universal Changing Facilities?

Because everyone deserves to be safe, included, and treated with dignity.