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## **AOGA HIRES BRANDON BREFCZYNSKI AS NEW EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER**

**ANCHORAGE** – December 27, 2017- The Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) is pleased to announce that Brandon Brefczynski will join AOGA as its new external affairs manager. He replaces Sarah Erkmann Ward, who recently announced plans to launch her own company, Blueprint Alaska.

Raised in Fairbanks, Brefczynski is a seasoned professional with years of experience in the state legislature, most recently as Finance Committee aide for Rep. Steve Thompson of Fairbanks. Brandon has worked for Rep. Tammie Wilson of North Pole; former Rep. Doug Issacson of North Pole; and former Sen. Bill Stoltze of Chugiak. Brefczynski also served at the Department of Environmental Conservation as Commissioner Larry Hartig's Legislative Liaison.

As AOGA's external affairs manager, Brefczynski will be responsible for legislative affairs, policy development, and strategic communication.

“Brandon brings a wealth of experience to our team,” said AOGA Executive Director Kara Moriarty. “We are confident he will be a leader for AOGA as we continue to advocate for the long-term viability of the oil and gas industry.”

Brefczynski graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with a degree in political science.

AOGA is a professional trade association whose mission is to foster the long-term viability of the oil and gas industry in Alaska for the benefit of all Alaskans. More information about the organization can be found at [www.aoga.org](http://www.aoga.org), on Facebook (AlaskaOilAndGas), or twitter (@AOGA).

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