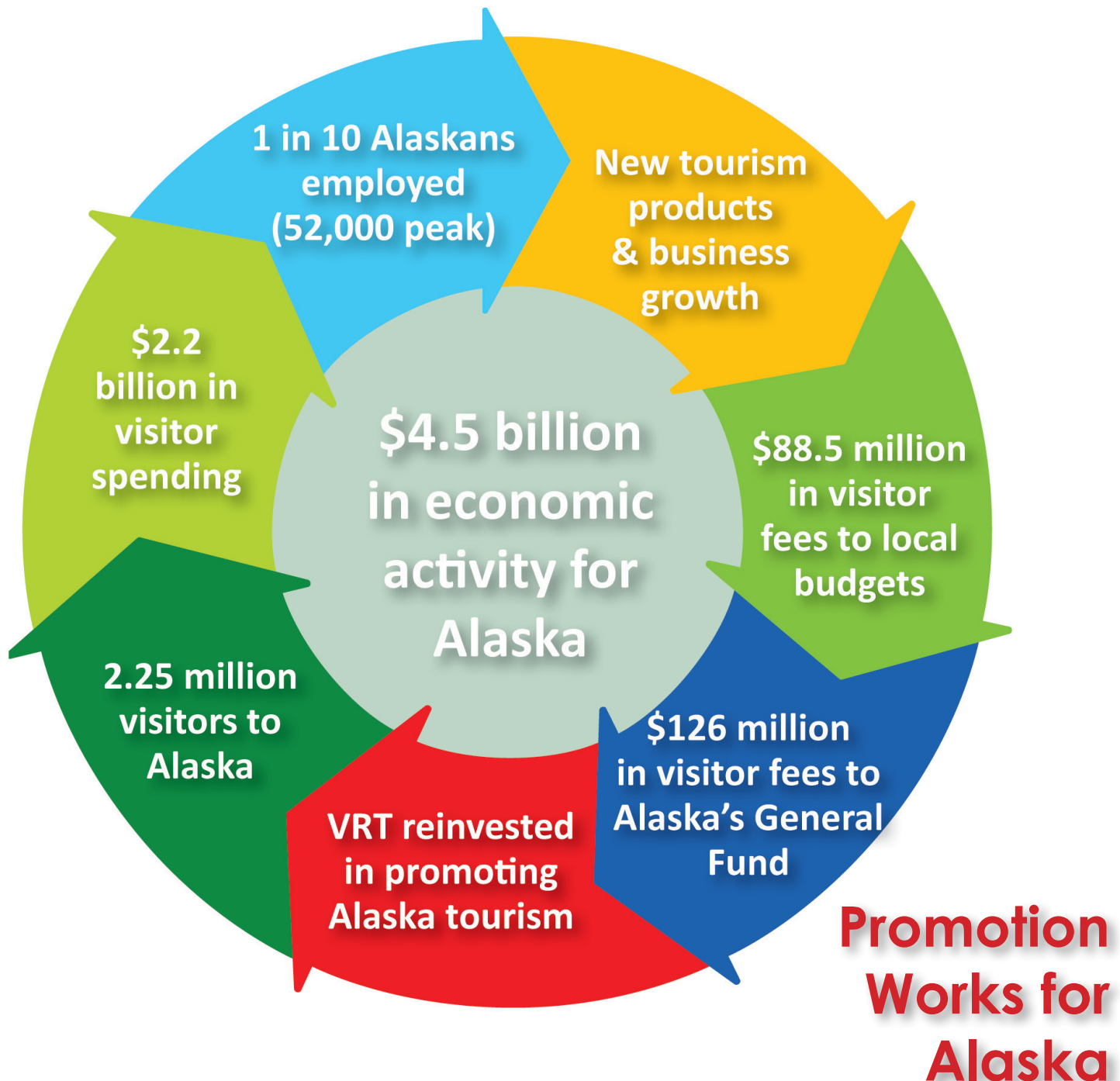


TOURISM WORKS FOR ALASKA



Why is tourism important?

Tourism creates Alaska jobs, supports Alaska communities, and generates general fund revenue for the state. By **REINVESTING** Vehicle Rental Tax (VRT) revenues* - generated by the travel industry - into tourism promotion, we can ensure Alaska's travel resource is developed for the maximum benefit of **all** Alaskans.



**Per statutory language, the Alaska Legislature may appropriate the balance in the vehicle rental tax account for tourism development and marketing.*

Sources: Alaska Visitor Volume Report Summer 2017 and Alaska Visitor Volume Report Fall/Winter 2015/16 to 2017/18, McDowell Group

Alaska's Tourism Industry = A Renewable Natural Resource

Tourism is a renewable natural resource that can only be expanded through destination marketing. Now is the time to **reinvest** in an industry that contributes millions of dollars to Alaska's economy. All Alaskans - not just those of us in the travel industry - depend on a robust state marketing program to bring visitors to Alaska.

Case Study: Paws for Adventure, Fairbanks



Fairbanks-based Paws for Adventure was started by Leslie Goodwin-Williams in 1998. Now, with more than 70 dogs, 2 tour sites, and some of the best guides in the business, Paws for Adventure offers one of the most authentic dog sled experiences in Alaska.

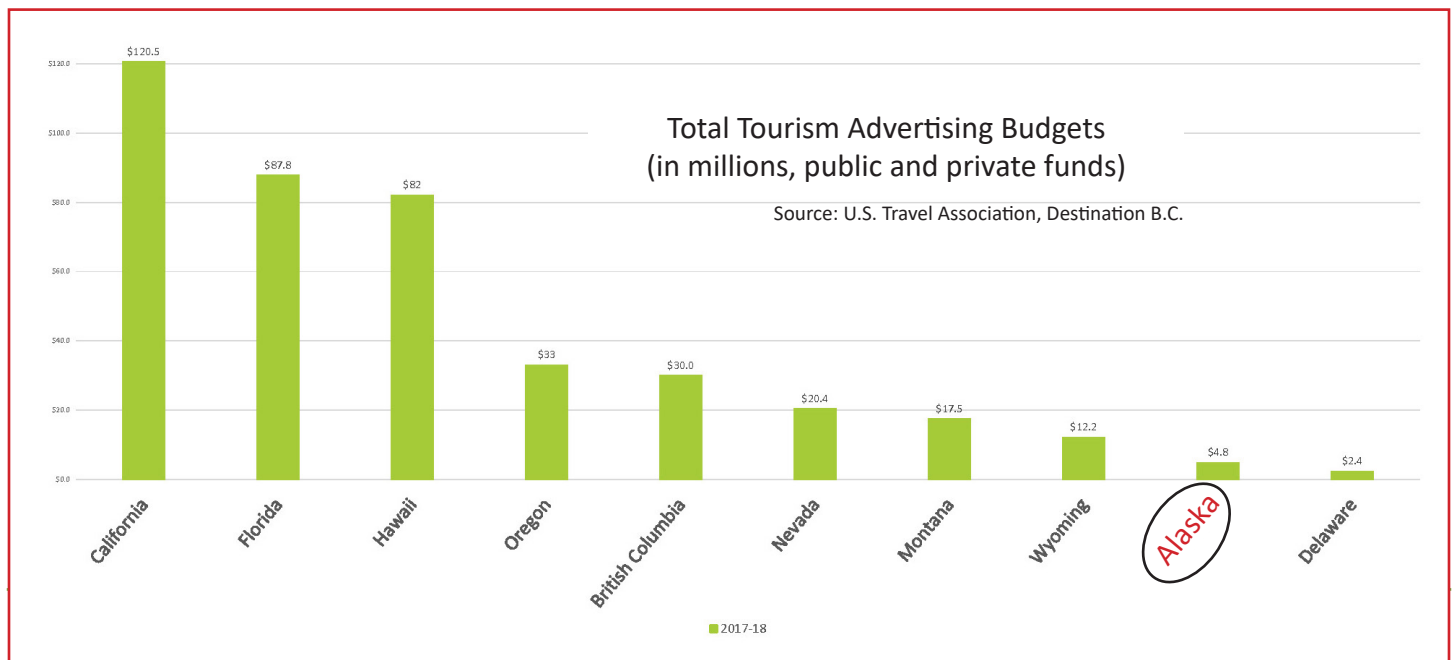


Sled dogs used to be an essential part of life in Alaska. Now, tour companies keep the spirit of our state sport alive and allow us to share it with others. Paws for Adventure has given me the unique opportunity to make a living while working with these amazing dogs.

- Chris Parker

Where Does Alaska Rank?

Today, Alaska is **second-to-last** in the nation for State support of destination marketing, just above Delaware's \$2.4 million. Reinvesting in Alaska's tourism industry promotes the state as the premier tourism destination for visitors, supporting our communities and Alaska workers. We need to do better.



Tourism Works for Alaska - ATIA

The Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA) is the leading statewide, membership trade association for Alaska's tourism industry. With more than 670 members, we advocate for a healthy tourism industry and promote Alaska as the premier travel destination.

