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RE:	Governor Walker leads a two-way contest with Senator Dunleavy
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This analysis is based on a telephone poll of 600 registered voters in Alaska. A voter file sample was used and respondents were screened to ensure they were likely to participate in the November 2018 General Election. Interviews were conducted February 20-22, 2018 and the margin of error is +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence.

Walker begins the election cycle in a strong position vis-à-vis his potential Republican challenger

Governor Walker starts out with a three-point lead over Dunleavy in a two-way contest for Governor (36% Walker; 33% Dunleavy). Just over three-in-10 remain undecided.

The Governor holds commanding leads among self-identified Democrats (50% Walker; 7% Dunleavy) and independents (50% Walker; 11% Dunleavy). The State Senator's strength is rooted in his conservative base (64%), however, Governor Walker siphons nearly one in five (18%) self-described Republicans to his banner.

To sum up: Governor Walker's appeal amongst voters from across the political spectrum puts him in a good position vis-à-vis a race against Senator Dunleavy.

