



Representative Harriet Drummond House Bill 221 Sectional Analysis

"Workforce & Ed Related Statistics Program"

Section 1: Amends AS 14.42.030(e) and identifies ACPE as the administering agency of the statewide early education to workforce longitudinal data system.

Section 2: Amends AS 14.42.035 to add new subsections, (b) and (c), to allow ACPE to maintain an education and workforce outcomes database for the purpose of analyzing education and training outcomes. It also clarifies ACPE's authority to partner with state agencies and the University of Alaska to link existing education and workforce-related data to analyze how Alaska's education and training programs are aligned with workforce needs. ACPE is specifically charged with removing personally identifiable information before putting such information in the database. This section also specifies that personally identifiable data may not be provided to the federal government.

Section 3: Amends AS 23.20.110 to add a new subsection, (s), to permit the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to share unemployment insurance data for the specific purposes of the statewide workforce and education related statistics program as permitted in federal regulation, contingent upon a written agreement with ACPE. Under current statute, unemployment insurance information is confidential and may not be shared with another state agency for this purpose. This bill would add a subsection to existing AS 23.20.110 to permit the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to disclose information for purposes of the statistics program, which is designed to produce outcomes information to assess, evaluate, and improve the state's education and career development system.

Section 4: Permits the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to disclose data to ACPE regardless of when it was obtained.

Section 5: The provisions in this bill are effective immediately. There is no fiscal impact to the department under this proposed bill because the existing database can already accept unit-level data, thus no additional modifications are needed in order to include or report this data.