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The Honorable Lyman Hoffman  
The Honorable Bert Stedman  
Co-Chairs Senate Finance  
State Capital Building  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senators Hoffman and Stedman,

Attached is the additional information that you requested from Trena Heikes, Director of the Workers' Compensation Division at the Senate Finance hearing on SB 159-Workers' Compensation Funeral Expenses.

The three documents provide the information requested by the committee. They are as follows:

1. Attachment A: Details the minimum funeral costs in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Kenai, Alaska.
2. Attachment B: Identifies the total number of work-related injuries reported for FY 2000 through FY 2009. Total injuries are separated into those involving time-loss from work, those in which no time-loss was required and those resulting in death. The "jurisdictional" portion identifies the total number of injuries in which coverage under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act was questioned (i.e. may have involved the Longshore and Harbor Workers Act or the Jones Act).
3. Attachment C: Identifies all employer's and cause of death for the 17 work-related deaths reported in FY 2009. By identifying the employer, we hope to identify the various industries involved in these deaths.

If you need further assistance, please contact Paula Scavera, Legislative Liaison at 465-2700.

Sincerely,



Clark Bishop  
Commissioner