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Members of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 and Title 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), we have reviewed the activities of the Board of Nursing (BON), and the attached report is submitted for your review.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF NURSING

September 30, 2010

Audit Control Number 08-20070-10

This audit was conducted as required by AS 44.66.050 and under the authority of AS 24.20.271(1). Under AS 08.03.010(c)(13), BON will terminate on June 30, 2011. If the legislature does not extend the termination date, BON will have one year to conclude its administrative operations. In our opinion, BON's termination date should be extended until June 30, 2019. The board has generally displayed an ability to conduct its business in a professional, competent, and efficient manner – with the exception of the areas noted in the recommendations. BON is serving the public interest by promoting the competence and integrity of those who provide services to the public as licensed nurses and nurse aides.

The audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. Fieldwork procedures utilized in the course of developing the findings and recommendations presented in this report are discussed in the Objectives, Scope, and Methodology.

Pat Davidson, CPA Legislative Auditor