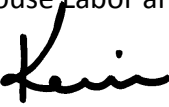


MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 29, 2014

TO: Representative Olson and the House Labor and Commerce Committee

FROM: Kevin Smith, Executive Director 

RE: Support HB 141

On behalf of the members of the Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association (AMLJIA), I would like to voice our support of HB 141. The bill makes positive changes intended to prevent out-of-state providers from undue enrichment when treating Alaska's injured workers. In addition, it sets reasonable time limits for billing for services.

This is not intended as a criticism of the bill, which the AMLJIA fully endorses, but rather a note to the committee. This piece of legislation is a small step in correcting Alaska's number one ranking as the state with the highest workers' compensation rates in the nation. Please consider a more comprehensive overhaul of our workers' compensation system in including revising the medical fee schedule methodology to a Resource Based Relative Value Scale, treatment guidelines and employer directed care.

