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TO: Hon. Anna Fairclough
Chair, Senate Finance Committee

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SUBJECT: HB 26 follow-up

As requested by the Senate Finance Committee during its hearing on HB 26, Extend Cert. Direct-Entry Midwives Board, on April 15, 2015, the following information is provided:

Is the term "apprentice," as used by the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives, recognized by the U. S. Department of Labor (USDOL)? (Sen. Bishop)

Apprentice midwives are not part of the USDOL's Registered Apprentice program. The licensed profession is regulated by the board as defined in AS 08.65.090. Neither direct-entry midwives nor their apprentices are included in the USDOL's Standard Occupational Classification System.

Are any direct-entry midwives located in Western Alaska? (Sen. Olson)

Currently licensed midwives and their apprentices are geographically distributed as shown below:

ANCHORAGE, AK	11
DELTA JUNCTION, AK	1
EAGLE RIVER, AK	2
FAIRBANKS, AK	7
HOMER, AK	3
JUNEAU, AK	7
PALMER, AK	7
SANDY, UT	1
SOLDOTNA, AK	1
WASILLA, AK	10

Board member Deborah Schneider testified that the board has been told they are not able to pursue action on licensees if they believe a swift remedy is needed to protect the public.

State law provides for summary suspension of a license "if the board finds that the licensee poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety" (AS 08.01.087(b)) or if the department is aware that "a person has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice in violation of a provision of this chapter or a regulation adopted under it..." (AS 08.01.075(c)).

Please contact either Director Janey Hovenden (465-2536) or myself if you have any questions.