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The Honorable Alyse Galvin
Chair, House Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Finance Subcommittee
State Capitol Room 502
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Galvin:

Thank you for the opportunity to present to the House Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Finance Subcommittee. This letter contains responses to questions raised during the February 24, 2026, hearing on the department's budget.

Provide information on professional and business licensing, a timeline in obtaining a license when the applicant has moved to Alaska (e.g., military transfers), the number of applications received, and the average processing time for those applications.

In FY2025, there were 112,384 professional licenses across the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing's (CBPL) 125 licensed professions, up from 107,290 in FY2024. The number of applications tends to be higher than the number of licenses issued, but is not tracked as a performance measure because many applicants do not complete the full process to obtain a license. More than 13,000 professionals received initial Alaska licensure in FY2025.

The time it takes overall to obtain a professional license varies by program. Many licensing types require validation or receipt of data from third party sources that are outside of the division's control, such as obtaining verification of licensure from other states or receiving transcripts which must be received directly from the source. The division's tracking of licensure times focuses on the time to process a license after it is deemed complete.

Processing times are within acceptable timeframes across all programs. For example, once applications are complete, applications for Nursing licenses are processed within three weeks and applications for Construction Contractor licenses are processed within one week. Processing times vary across programs and are often slightly slower for the 21 programs that are governed by a regulatory board to allow the board time to review the license. Throughout the year, processing times may vary by volume; for example, processing times may extend past normal ranges following spring graduations. Particularly complex applications may also experience longer times to licensure, such as applications that include education from outside the United States or applications where applicants acknowledge factors that impact professional fitness like criminal history or substance abuse.

Military licensing is prioritized. After the Legislature passed temporary military courtesy licenses, Congress subsequently passed the Servicemember Civil Relief Act (SCRA) which outlines the limited requirements to use an active license in good standing from another state to obtain a permanent Alaska license. Individuals need to be a military member or military spouse with orders to Alaska to qualify. To ensure speedy licensure for military members and their spouses, these applications are escalated for processing by a member of the division's management team. The SCRA requires licenses to be issued in 30 days, but once applications are complete, they are typically issued in less than a week. In FY2025, 105 SCRA licenses were issued, with average processing times ranging from one to three business days.

Provide additional information on the recent court case related to the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO).

On January 14, 2026, the Superior Court issued a decision in 3AN-24-04824CI, Zip Kombucha, et al v. Kevin Richard, et al. that concluded that portions of AS 04.09.320, AS 04.09.330, and AS 04.09.700 are unconstitutional, specifically language about live music, performances, and the permits to hold these events. The AMCO is reviewing the impact of the ruling on licenses and AMCO operations, which includes reviewing AMCO's statutory and regulatory requirements to determine alignment with the ruling.

Provide the current timeline for transfer of alcohol licenses and the number of transfer applications.

Currently there are 42 transfer applications in the queue. Transfers typically take four to six months to complete from the date of receipt. The AMCO is working on making staffing workload adjustments to address application backlogs.

Sincerely,



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