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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Engineer members
(HB 314; Work Order No. 34-LS1490\A)

TO: Representative Mike Prax
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FROM: Conran H. Gunther
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You requested a memorandum on whether HB 314 (Work Order No. 34-LS1490\A) allows the governor to appoint an engineer to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors who works in a branch of engineering not listed in AS 08.48.011(b)(1), as amended by HB 314. AS 08.48.011(b)(1), as amended, provides that

the board consists of . . . (1) four engineers from different branches of engineering, *including* civil, chemical, electrical, mining, mechanical, or petroleum engineering[.]¹

When the term "including" is used in a law, it is "construed as though followed by the phrase "but not limited to."² As such, the governor would not be limited to appointing an engineer from a branch of engineering listed in that section.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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¹ Emphasis added.

² AS 01.10.040(b).