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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Senator Jesse Bjorkman

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Chair, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

FROM: Julie Sande, Commissioner

RE: Hearing Request for SB 83

Please accept this request to schedule Senate Bill (SB) 83 - PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; TEMP PERMITS for consideration by the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 83 – also known as the "Universal Temporary Licensure" bill – will establish a pathway for limited reciprocity for qualified professionals who hold substantially equivalent licenses in other U.S. jurisdictions and territories or provinces of Canada; have demonstrated substantially equivalent compliance with Alaska's licensing requirements but reside in a U.S. jurisdiction or Canadian territory/providence that does not license the profession; or meets Alaska's licensure qualifications through military education, training, and service who don't already hold licensure in another jurisdiction.

To qualify, applicants' licenses from other jurisdictions (as applicable) would need to be in good standing and the applicants cannot have committed acts in other jurisdictions within the past 10 years that would constitute grounds for denial or revocation of a license in Alaska. The department would have the authority to revoke a temporary license if it was secured under deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation. Temporary licenses would not be available to licenses under AS 08.48 (*Architects*, *Engineers*, *Land Surveyors*, and *Landscape Architects*), AS 08.54 (*Big Game Guides and Related Occupations*), or AS 08.62 (*Marine Pilots*), as it's been determined those professions require Alaska-specific training.

The hearing request packet for SB 83 includes the following documents:

- This bill hearing request memo
- Version A of the bill
- Sponsor Statement (Transmittal Letter)
- Sectional Analysis (Version A)

The primary testifier for this legislation will be Director Sylvan Robb of the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing. She can be reached at (907) 465-2524 or Sylvan.Robb@alaska.gov. Additional invited testifiers may be added at a later date and will be communicated to the chair in advance in writing.

If you have any questions regarding this hearing request, please feel free to contact DCCED Legislative Liaison Greg Smith at (907) 465-2564 or Greg.Smith@alaska.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.