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Sponsor Statement

House Bill 114

An Act relating to boiler and unfired pressure vessel inspection reports and fees.

House Bill 114 establishes a \$10 fee for each boiler and pressure vessel inspection report that is filed without using the available online system, and reduces the time allowed to submit such reports from the current 30 days following an inspection, to 15 days.

Boilers and pressure vessels in Alaska are required to undergo periodic inspections to prevent catastrophic failure and ensure public safety. These inspections may be performed by state inspectors or by private insurance company inspectors. When the current statute was enacted, inspectors filled out handwritten reports with carbon copies and submitted them by mail. Currently, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development uses an online system allowing direct data entry, and most inspectors now use this system. The inspectors that don't use this system submit Portable Document Format (PDF) documents that require the department to perform manual data entry on behalf of those insurance companies at no cost to those companies. The department dedicates hundreds of hours yearly to this data entry.

House Bill 114 proposes a fee to cover time spent on inspection companies' data entry. It also reduces the allowed submission time to reflect newer means of report submission that no longer involve carbon copies sent in by mail. This will help device owners receive their inspection certificates sooner, and stay in compliance with Alaska laws in a timely manner.

Please join me in supporting House Bill 114 to increase efficiency and support sustainable government.