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Senate Labor & Commerce Committee Amendments Explanation

I.2: At the request of the AELS Board, this amendment adds a salary Range 23 into statute for the Executive Administrator of the board. This aligns with other licensing boards.

The next two amendments modify AS 08.48.331 relating to exemptions for professional licensure. These are found in Version I Section 26 on pages 11 through 13.

I.5: This amendment revises Version I Section 26, specifically modifying Alaska Statute 08.48.331, Exemption 15. This statute pertains to conventional onsite wastewater systems and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). The purpose of this change is to provide more precise criteria for when an exemption to construction requirements can be granted for these wastewater systems. Essentially, the amendment now limits the exemption to conventional onsite wastewater systems that meet both of the following conditions:
1. They serve a commercial facility.
2. They have a design flow of less than 500 gallons of wastewater per day.

I.6: The AELS Board initially requested a change to AS 08.48.331, Exemption 10, in Version I, requiring professional registration for natural gas pipeline construction. However, after reviewing Version I in February 2025, the Board found the language too broad. To address this, we worked with ENSTAR to revise the language, ensuring it aligns with National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) guidelines issued after the 2018 gas pipeline explosion, which had prompted the original modification. This revised section will take effect on January 1, 2026. The separate effective date does not apply to any other sections of the bill.

These three amendments passed on March 7, 2025, and the amended Senate Labor & Commerce Committee Substitute is Version G.