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The Honorable Click Bishop and the Honorable Bert Stedman
Co-Chairs, Alaska Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Rooms 516 & 518
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Co-Chairs Bishop and Stedman:

At the Senate Finance Committee hearing on SB 186 on Monday, March 21, Senator von Imhof asked about the nature of optometry enforcement during the audit period.

During the period of July 2017-March 2021, the Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing managed eleven (11) cases for this program, and the board issued discipline for one violation:

- Six (6) continuing education investigations:
 - Five (5) were closed with no action due to determining no violations.
 - One (1) was closed with a consent agreement, which included a \$500 fine, reprimand, and mandatory audit for the next two renewal cycles.
- Three (3) complaints regarding standard of care: These were closed because the complainants did not follow through in providing requested information required to investigate.
- One (1) investigation of a license application disclosure; closed with no violation.
- One (1) currently open case for sexual misconduct.

The details about open investigations are confidential; however, please let me know if the committee would like additional general information regarding board investigations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara Chambers".

Sara Chambers
Division Director

Cc: Melissa Kookesh, DCED Legislative Liaison