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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 174()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS FRENCH, Egan, Ellis, Wielechowski

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act requiring certain employers in the oil or gas production industries to report
2 certain job opportunities to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development as
3 public information and requiring that information to be posted on the Internet-based
4 labor exchange system administered by the Department of Labor and Workforce
5 Development; and adding to the duties of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board."

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

7 * **Section 1.** AS 23.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 23.05.095. Notification by oil or gas producer of certain job vacancies.**

9 (a) An oil or gas producer that employs more than 100 employees in Alaska shall
10 notify the commissioner promptly and in writing each time the producer has an
11 available job opportunity in the state. The notification, which may be delivered
12 electronically or by another reasonable means, must provide information sufficient to
13 enable a person who may be qualified for the job opportunity to submit a timely

1 application.

2 (b) As soon as practicable after receiving a notification under (a) of this
3 section, the commissioner shall cause the notification to be

4 (1) posted on the Internet-based labor exchange system operated by the
5 department;

6 (2) distributed to job service organizations; and

7 (3) delivered to the chair of the employment and placement committee
8 of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board.

9 (c) A notification under this section is public information.

10 (d) Notification of an available job opportunity under this section is not
11 required when

12 (1) public notice of the availability of the opportunity is reasonably
13 likely to cause substantial financial harm to the employer; or

14 (2) the employer, in connection with the job opportunity, has complied
15 with

16 (A) AS 43.82.230(b), if the Alaska Stranded Gas Development
17 Act applies; or

18 (B) AS 43.90.130(15), if the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act
19 applies.

20 (e) In this section,

21 (1) "gas" has the meaning given in AS 31.05.170;

22 (2) "job service organizations" means those offices maintained by the
23 state and recommended by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development
24 whose functions are to aid the unemployed or underemployed in finding employment;

25 (3) "oil" has the meaning given in AS 31.05.170;

26 (4) "producer" means a person who owns or operates a for-profit
27 business that is substantially connected with exploration for, production of, or pipeline
28 transportation of gas or unrefined oil.

29 * **Sec. 2.** AS 23.15.570(f) is amended to read:

30 (f) The employment and placement committee shall

31 (1) ensure the statewide strategic plan for workforce development

1 addresses

2 (A) customer needs at the local level;

3 (B) moving welfare recipients into the workforce;

4 (C) promoting the hiring of state residents in jobs that have

5 traditionally been filled by out-of-state workers;

6 (D) tailoring employment and training programs to suit state

7 business, industry, and economic development needs;

8 **(E) making state residents aware of notifications provided**

9 **to the commissioner under AS 23.05.095 regarding available job**

10 **opportunities with oil or gas producers;**

11 (2) monitor the coordination of service delivery to promote efficiency

12 and to prevent overlap of services among programs; and

13 (3) perform other duties assigned by the board.