

Legislative Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems
August 1, 2014 Meeting at 733 West 4th Ave
Temporary Anchorage Legislative Information Office

Task Force Members:

- Representative Shelley Hughes, Co-Chair
- Senator Donny Olson, Co-Chair
- Joe Jacobson, Commissioner Designee, Department of Commerce, Community Economic Devel.
- Mike O'Hare, Commissioner Designee, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
- Lieutenant Steve Adams, Commissioner Designee, Department of Public Safety
- John Binder, Commissioner Designee, Department of Transportation, Public Facilities
- Ro Bailey, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Steve Strait, Aviation Advisory Board, Governor's Office and DOT/PF
- Steve Colligan, Representative Member for the Academy of Model Aeronautics
- John Parker, Integrated Robotics Imaging Systems
- Steve Wackowski, Tulugaq II
- Bob May, Gallery Lodge, Kasilof

- Ginger Blaisdell, Staff to Rep. Hughes
- David Scott, Staff to Senator Donny Olson

Guest Attendee(s):

A G E N D A

9:00am Welcome and IntroductionsRepresentative Shelley Hughes

- Round table discussion of expectations from each task force member

1:00pm Public Testimony – In-person or call-in

4:00pm Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Task Force Responsibilities per HCR15 and Review of Resolution

The duties of the task force shall include

1. reviewing regulations and guidance from the Federal Aviation Administration regarding unmanned aircraft systems;
2. providing written recommendations, together with suggested legislation, for a comprehensive state policy for unmanned aircraft that protects privacy and allows the use of unmanned aircraft systems for public and private applications;
3. evaluating complaints and concerns expressed to the task force;
4. identifying potential privacy and public safety concerns associated with unmanned aircraft systems and determining whether legislation is necessary to address them;
5. considering recommendations for public education related to unmanned aircraft systems;
6. studying the Federal Aviation Administration’s “Integration of Civil Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) in the National Airspace System Roadmap,” issued November 7, 2013 (1st ed. 2013) and its application to the development of unmanned aircraft systems in the state;
7. conducting a public hearing concerning privacy and the capture of data by unmanned aircraft systems at the University of Alaska’s test site;
8. further studying the nonpublic use of unmanned aircraft systems to encourage development of the private sector unmanned aircraft system industry; and
9. further studying and making recommendations with respect to ensuring unmanned aircraft users comply with applicable laws.

Review of HB255 Lt. Steve Adams

- Update on Department of Public Safety’s planning and use of UAS

Review of Status of PPUTRC Ro Bailey

- Update from Ro Bailey on test site and range activity
- Possibility of UAF becoming an FAA Center of Excellence

Report on AUVSI Conference in Florida May 2014Joe Jacobson

- Copy of flyer that was developed for the AUVSI conference
- Update from the DCCED efforts in promoting UAS industry in Alaska

Report on Military and Alaska Aerospace Corporation Consideration of UAS Mike O’Hare

- What are the military plans for UAS in Alaska?
- What are the AAC plans for UAS in Alaska?

Introduction of Items in NotebookGinger Blaisdell

Tab 1

- Final Report to the Legislature, June 30, 2014
- HCR15
- HB255 – bill signing event at Mat-Su LIO on Monday July 28, 1:00pm

Tab 2 – Up to date with industry

- Newsworthy comments – pulse of the industry
- What’s happening with UAS policy worldwide

Tab 3 – Hobby Fliers

- UAS Vision: FAA Publishes Guidelines for Hobby Fliers
- FAA What Can I Do With My Model Aircraft?
- FAA Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft
- P.L. 112-95 Sec 336. Special Rule for Model Aircraft

Tab 4 – Commercial Fliers

- Update on Commercial Flights in Alaska
- Recent FAA Rulings and Court Cases
- FAA expediting commercial use for film production, precision agriculture, power line and pipeline inspection, and oil and gas flare stack inspection
- Perception that FAA Does not/Cannot Enforce

Tab 5 – Privacy and Safety Concerns

- Revisit Legislative Legal Services memo on existing privacy laws

Tab 6 – Public Education, Evaluating Complaints, General Operations, Certification, Insurance/Liability, Consequences

- System for gathering citizen complaints
- Responses to complaints

Tab 7 – Written public testimony

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