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The Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Chair
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
State Senate
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Subject: Committee Follow-up

Dear Senator Dunleavy:

Please see the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (Division) response to the Committee's questions during the February 7, 2013 (s)Labor and Commerce Committee hearing on SB16 BD of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors.

1. Are there issues with electronic testing in areas that do not have adequate internet access?

The Division is not aware of any issues regarding inadequate internet access. Examinations required for licensure are owned and administered through national organizations for the professional architects, engineers and land surveyors. The Alaska Board of Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors (AELS) have adopted the use of these national tests through their memberships with these professional practice entities. These national associations have set standards for security and test integrity which require that these professional tests be taken at designated centers. Currently, there are two testing locations in Alaska – Anchorage and Fairbanks.

2. How many fines/penalties are issued per year, compared to how many cases were filed?

In FY12 the Division's Investigations Unit handled 96 AELS matters. Matters include a verity of investigative processes such as intakes, complaints and investigations. A matter may include a relatively simple investigative process and may take a few days to complete, or may become a complex investigation and takes several years to conclude. The 96 matters in FY12 led to eleven open investigations into potential violations of licensing statute and regulation. Four of the investigations were closed and one investigation led to a \$1,500 fine.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide information to the committee. We look forward to working with you more in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Habeger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Don Habeger
Director