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Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, Co-Chair
Representative Adam Wool, Co-Chair
House Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 124
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Co-Chairs LeDoux and Wool,

I am writing to request that you schedule HB68, "Labor Stdrs/Safety; Worker Compensation," for hearing in the House Labor and Commerce Committee. This bill will combine the Division of Labor Standards and Safety with the Division of Workers' Compensation to improve operational efficiencies.

The missions for these divisions currently overlap, with preventing workplace accidents being a major focus of the Labor Standards and Safety Division and assisting injured workers being a major focus of the Workers' Compensation Division. The merger will not change the mission or function of either division, but will provide for opportunities to improve coordination and provide a higher level of public service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Deputy Commissioner Cathy Munoz at 465-2702 with any questions or concerns about this proposed legislation. I look forward to discussing this bill in further detail in the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tamika L. Ledbetter".

Dr. Tamika L. Ledbetter
Commissioner