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Governor Michael J. Dunleavy STATE OF ALASKA

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The Honorable Bryce Edgmon Speaker of the House Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 208 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to two divisions within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The bill would merge the Division of Labor Standards and Safety with the Division of Workers' Compensation as of July 1, 2019. The new division would be called the Division of Workers' Safety and Compensation and would administer the same programs as are currently administered by the divisions of Labor Standards and Safety and Workers' Compensation. This bill would improve fiscal management within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and allow for efficiencies through management and administrative restructuring and improved coordination of service delivery.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor

Enclosure