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The Honorable Neal Foster Chair, Finance Committee State Capitol, Room 505 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Foster,

Thank you for the opportunity to present an overview of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) to the House Finance Committee on February 24, 2022. Please find follow up items from the hearing below.

Provide additional information on the planned alignment of a licensing team for the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers and the Real Estate Commission.

Historically, the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers (Appraisers) was served by 50% of the time of one Occupational Licensing Examiner (OLE) (Range 14). That OLE was overseen by a Records and Licensing Supervisor (Range 16) with eleven other programs under their purview that range from Board of Dental Examiners to the division-managed construction contractor programs.

The addition of a new OLE position dedicated for Appraisers and establishing a reporting structure for the position that points toward the Executive Administrator (Range 19) of the Real Estate Commission (a position that only oversees the two programs) results in more informed oversight and the opportunity to build greater expertise within the staff and program. This administrative reconfiguration augments support for the appraisal program; there is no change to either board/commission or their responsibilities.

Provide a list of awards for the grants to non-profits to offset revenue loss and local government revenue loss appropriations from American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Please find the attached lists of awards made in round one of the non-profit grant program and the full distribution of grants to local government \$50,000.0.

Please let me know if any further questions or concerns arise.

Best regards,

Administrative Services Director

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attachments

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