

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 10, 2001  
3:15 p.m.

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

OVERVIEW: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**TAPES**

01-1, SIDES A & B  
01-2, SIDE A

**CALL TO ORDER**

REPRESENTATIVE LISA MURKOWSKI, Chair, called the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Committee members present were Representatives Murkowski, Halcro, Meyer, Kott, Rokeberg, Crawford, and Hayes.

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

ED FLANAGAN, Commissioner, Department of Labor & Workforce Development (DLWD), gave an overview of the department and introduced each of the agency contacts. He went over the department's mission statement and explained the recent expansion of the department to include vocational rehabilitation and job training and work readiness, including the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and the Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs.

PAUL GROSSI, Director, Division of Workers' Compensation, DLWD, was available to answer questions on past legislation, the second injury fund, and the division.

RICHARD MASTRIANO, Director, Division of Labor Standards & Safety, DLWD, spoke on wage & hour, Alaska Safety Advisory Council, mechanical inspection, and occupational safety and health (sometimes referred to as OSHA, after the federal program).

REBECCA GAMEZ, Director, Division of Employment Security, DLWD, answered questions about employment services, unemployment insurance, job training programs, and the ABE program. Ms. Gamez

spoke about the seafood unit, job bank outreach, the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council (AHRIC), and General Equivalency Diploma (GED) testing.

DUANE FRENCH, Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, DLWD, orientated members about client services, independent living rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation administration, disability determination, assistive technology, special projects, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the federal training grant.

JIM SANDERS, Executive Director, Alaska Labor Relations Agency, DLWD, briefed the members about the composition and function of the AHRIC.

REMOND HENDERSON, Director, Division of Administrative Services, DLWD, informed the committee about the research & analysis section of the division that produces the Trends publication; the data processing unit; and management services.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHAIR MURKOWSKI requested that members who will be absent or late for meetings, to please contact Amy Erickson, House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee staff.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The committee took no action.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

CHAIR MURKOWSKI adjourned the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting at 5:12 p.m.

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