

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

April 25, 2022

3:17 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Zack Fields, Co-Chair
Representative Ivy Spohnholz, Co-Chair
Representative Calvin Schrage
Representative Liz Snyder
Representative David Nelson
Representative Ken McCarty

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative James Kaufman

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

SENATE BILL NO. 131 (TITLE AM)

"An Act relating to the presumption of compensability for a disability resulting from certain cancers in firefighters."

- MOVED SB 131 (TITLE AM) OUT OF COMMITTEE

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185 (L&C)

"An Act relating to exemptions from minimum wage."

- MOVED CSSB 185 (L&C) OUT OF COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 186

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Examiners in Optometry; and providing for an effective date."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 190 (FIN)

"An Act extending the termination date of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; relating to Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulations regarding refuse utilities; relating to the powers and duties of the legislative audit division; and providing for an effective date."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 193 (FIN)

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; requiring a report on audit compliance by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and providing for an effective date."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

HOUSE BILL NO. 405

"An Act relating to the establishment of trusts; requiring the filing of certain trust information; and requiring compliance with a federal law."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

HOUSE BILL NO. 406

"An Act relating to the validity of trusts involving persons sanctioned by the United States Department of the Treasury; and relating to the recording of documents conveying land to persons sanctioned by the United States Department of the Treasury."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 131

SHORT TITLE: WORKERS' COMP DISABILITY FOR FIREFIGHTERS

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) HOLLAND

04/28/21	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/28/21	(S)	CRA, L&C
05/06/21	(S)	CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
05/06/21	(S)	Heard & Held
05/06/21	(S)	MINUTE(CRA)
05/11/21	(S)	CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
05/11/21	(S)	-- MEETING CANCELED --
05/13/21	(S)	CRA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
05/13/21	(S)	Moved SB 131 Out of Committee
05/13/21	(S)	MINUTE(CRA)
05/14/21	(S)	CRA RPT 2DP 2NR
05/14/21	(S)	DP: HUGHES, GRAY-JACKSON
05/14/21	(S)	NR: MYERS, WILSON
05/14/21	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
05/14/21	(S)	Moved SB 131 Out of Committee
05/14/21	(S)	MINUTE(L&C)
05/17/21	(S)	L&C RPT 4DP
05/17/21	(S)	DP: COSTELLO, MICCICHE, GRAY-JACKSON, STEVENS

05/18/21 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)
05/18/21 (S) VERSION: SB 131(TITLE AM)
05/19/21 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
05/19/21 (H) L&C
02/02/22 (H) L&C AT 5:15 PM BARNES 124
02/02/22 (H) Heard & Held
02/02/22 (H) MINUTE(L&C)
04/13/22 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124
04/13/22 (H) Heard & Held
04/13/22 (H) MINUTE(L&C)
04/20/22 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124
04/20/22 (H) Moved HCS SB 131(L&C) Out of Committee
04/20/22 (H) MINUTE(L&C)
04/25/22 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124

BILL: SB 185

SHORT TITLE: ELIMINATE MINIMUM WAGE EXEMPTION

SPONSOR(s) : SENATOR(s) MICCICHE

02/08/22 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/08/22 (S) L&C
02/28/22 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
02/28/22 (S) Scheduled but Not Heard
03/14/22 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
03/14/22 (S) Heard & Held
03/14/22 (S) MINUTE(L&C)
03/16/22 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
03/16/22 (S) Moved CSSB 185(L&C) Out of Committee
03/16/22 (S) MINUTE(L&C)
03/18/22 (S) L&C RPT CS 4DP SAME TITLE
03/18/22 (S) DP: COSTELLO, GRAY-JACKSON, STEVENS,
MICCICHE
03/21/22 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)
03/21/22 (S) VERSION: CSSB 185(L&C)
03/22/22 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/22/22 (H) L&C
04/25/22 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124

WITNESS REGISTER

SENATOR MICCICHE

Alaska State Legislature

Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: As prime sponsor, presented CSSB 185(L&C).

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CO-CHAIR IVY SPOHNHOLZ called the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:17 p.m. Representatives Spohnholz, Schrage, Fields, Nelson, McCarty were present at the call to order. Representative Snyder arrived as the meeting was in progress.

SB 131-WORKERS' COMP DISABILITY FOR FIREFIGHTERS

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CO-CHAIR SPOHNHOLZ announced that the first order of business would be SENATE BILL NO. 131, "An Act relating to the presumption of compensability for a disability resulting from certain diseases for firefighters."

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CO-CHAIR SPOHNHOLZ explained that the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee intends to rescind action on the bill in order to accommodate an additional fiscal note from the Department of Administration's Division of Risk Management.

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CO-CHAIR FIELDS moved to rescind the committee's action in reporting HCS SB 131 (L&C) from committee on 4/20/22. There being no objection, HCS SB 131(title am), Version 32-LS0598\I, Marx, 2/23/22, as amended, was before the committee.

[Subsequent to the hearing on 4/20/22, the committee asked Legislative Legal Services for a new copy of the proposed House committee substitute (HCS). This copy was called "Version G" and was the same as Version I and heretofore considered the version before the committee without a motion for adoption.]

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CO-CHAIR FIELDS moved to report HCS SB 131, Version 32-LS0598\G, from committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes "as of April 25, 2022." There being no objection, HCS SB 131(L&C) was reported from the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee.

SB 185-ELIMINATE MINIMUM WAGE EXEMPTION

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CO-CHAIR SPOHNHOLZ announced that the final order of business would be CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(L&C), "An Act relating to exemptions from minimum wage."

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SENATOR MICCICHE, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, as prime sponsor, presented CSSB 185(L&C). He explained that the bill would repeal language in AS 23.10.070 and shared his understanding that the statute as written seems to indicate that there are "sub-human" workers in Alaska. He expressed that people with disabilities are capable of performing at full capacity at work, and that any language that suggests otherwise should be eradicated.

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CO-CHAIR SPOHNHOLZ opened public testimony on CSSB 185(L&C). After ascertaining that there was no one who wished to testify, she closed public testimony.

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CO-CHAIR FIELDS moved to report CSSB 185(L&C) from committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying zero fiscal note. There being no objection, CSSB 185(L&C) was reported from the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.