

**HOUSE BILL NO. 186**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRICK**

**Introduced: 4/11/25**

**Referred: Transportation, Labor and Commerce**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the use of apprentice labor in public construction projects; and**  
2 **relating to a report on the use of apprentice labor in public construction projects."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 36.05 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

5 **Sec. 36.05.125. Use of apprentice labor in construction.** (a) To the extent  
6 practicable, each construction contract that the Department of Transportation and  
7 Public Facilities or the Department of Administration advertises for bids that has a  
8 contract award amount of \$2,500,000 or more must require that not less than 15  
9 percent of the labor hours on a project be performed by apprentices in the following  
10 occupations:

- 11 (1) boilermakers;  
12 (2) bricklayers;  
13 (3) carpenters;  
14 (4) cement masons;

- 1 (5) culinary workers;
- 2 (6) electricians;
- 3 (7) elevator constructors and mechanics;
- 4 (8) equipment operators;
- 5 (9) insulation workers;
- 6 (10) ironworkers;
- 7 (11) laborers;
- 8 (12) mechanics;
- 9 (13) millwrights;
- 10 (14) painters;
- 11 (15) pile driving occupations;
- 12 (16) plumbers and pipefitters;
- 13 (17) roofers;
- 14 (18) sheet metal workers;
- 15 (19) sprinkler fitters;
- 16 (20) surveyors;
- 17 (21) truck drivers;
- 18 (22) tugboat workers; and
- 19 (23) welders.

20 (b) The commissioner of transportation and public facilities or the  
21 commissioner of administration shall provide to the commissioner of labor and  
22 workforce development the following information for each construction project  
23 subject to (a) of this section:

- 24 (1) the name of the project;
- 25 (2) the dollar value of the project;
- 26 (3) the name of the prime contractor and contact information for the  
27 prime contractor;
- 28 (4) the name of each subcontractor and contact information as  
29 provided to the department by the prime contractor;
- 30 (5) the percentage of labor hours that will be performed by  
31 apprentices; and

1 (6) the occupation title of each apprentice used.

2 (c) The commissioner of labor and workforce development shall collect data  
3 on the total apprentice hours worked on each construction project that is provided to  
4 the commissioner under (b) of this section.

5 (d) This section does not apply to a construction project if applying the  
6 requirements of this section to the project would cause the state to lose federal  
7 funding.

8 (e) In this section,

9 (1) "apprentice" means an apprentice enrolled in a registered  
10 apprenticeship program under 29 U.S.C. 50;

11 (2) "construction" means the process of building, altering, repairing,  
12 maintaining, improving, or demolishing a public highway, structure, building, or other  
13 public improvement for any kind of real property other than privately owned real  
14 property leased for the use of agencies; "construction" does not include professional  
15 and other services related to the planning and design required for a construction  
16 project, the routine operation of a public improvement to real property, or the  
17 construction of public housing;

18 (3) "labor hours" means the total hours of work performed by  
19 construction workers on a project in job classes subject to minimum wage rates under  
20 AS 36.05.070.

21 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
22 read:

23 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. The commissioner of labor and workforce  
24 development shall, with the assistance of the commissioner of administration and the  
25 commissioner of transportation and public facilities, submit a report to the legislature  
26 identifying the percentage of apprentice labor hours in the occupations listed in AS 36.05.125  
27 that were used in each construction contract subject to AS 36.05.125 for the fiscal years  
28 ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, and June 30, 2030. The  
29 commissioner of labor and workforce development shall deliver the report to the senate  
30 secretary and chief clerk of the house of representatives on or before September 1, 2030, and  
31 shall notify the legislature that the report is available.