

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE STANDING COMMITTEE

February 6, 2026

4:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Zack Fields, Co-Chair
Representative Carolyn Hall, Co-Chair
Representative Ashley Carrick
Representative Dan Saddler
Representative Julie Coulombe
Representative David Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Robyn Niayuq Frier

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

Encouraging the United States Congress to establish hiring goals for apprentices and veteran apprentices.

- MOVED HJR 20 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: HJR 20

SHORT TITLE: HIRING OF APPRENTICES/VETERANS

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) D.NELSON

04/14/25	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/14/25	(H)	MLV, L&C
05/06/25	(H)	MLV AT 10:15 AM BARNES 124
05/06/25	(H)	Heard & Held
05/06/25	(H)	MINUTE (MLV)
05/13/25	(H)	MLV AT 10:15 AM BARNES 124
05/13/25	(H)	Moved HJR 20 Out of Committee
05/13/25	(H)	MINUTE (MLV)
05/14/25	(H)	MLV RPT 5DP
05/14/25	(H)	DP: GRAY, NELSON, HALL, SADDLER, EISCHEID
01/21/26	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124
01/21/26	(H)	-- MEETING CANCELED --
01/23/26	(H)	L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124

01/23/26 (H) Heard & Held
01/23/26 (H) MINUTE (L&C)

WITNESS REGISTER

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID NELSON
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: As prime sponsor, reintroduced HJR 20.

ACTION NARRATIVE

[4:25:19 PM](#)

CO-CHAIR HALL called the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. Representatives Fields, Hall, Carrick, Saddler, Coulombe, and Nelson were present at the call to order.

HJR 20-HIRING OF APPRENTICES/VETERANS

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CO-CHAIR HALL announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20, encouraging the United States Congress to establish hiring goals for apprentices and veteran apprentices.

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REPRESENTATIVE DAVID NELSON, Alaska State Legislature, as prime sponsor, reintroduced HJR 20. He said that the proposed resolution would encourage the United States (U.S.) Congress to establish hiring goals for apprentices and veteran apprentices. The resolution aims to assist veterans transitioning from armed services to civilian life. It would encourage the establishment of hiring goals for Department of Defense (DoD) construction projects, namely those in apprenticeships or post-secondary programs. He said it would support Americans who "wore the uniform."

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CO-CHAIR HALL opened public testimony on HJR 20. After ascertaining that nobody wished to testify, she closed public testimony.

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The committee took a brief at-ease.

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CO-CHAIR FIELDS moved to report HJR 20 out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes.

4:29:15 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.