

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE STANDING COMMITTEE

May 12, 2025

1:37 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Jesse Bjorkman, Chair
Senator Kelly Merrick, Vice Chair
Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson
Senator Forrest Dunbar
Senator Robert Yundt

MEMBERS ABSENT

All members present

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

CONFIRMATION HEARING(S) :

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Tyler Andrews - Anchorage

Emily Hall - Anchorage

Jennifer Yuhas - Fairbanks

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Bradley Austin - Auke Bay

Mike Dennis - Wasilla

Randy Beltz - Anchorage

Sara Faulkner - Homer

Sarah LeFebvre - North Pole

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Doug Moore - Talkeetna

Jessica Pestrikoff - Anchorage

Shannon Thompson - Anchorage

Willie Canady - Anchorage

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Darcy Lucey - Wasilla

Holly Steiner - Palmer

Lori Lindsay - Soldotna

Staci Miller - Valdez

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Timothy Kanady - Anchorage

Board of Dental Examiners

Christina Hansen - Fairbanks

Kenley Michaud - Anchorage

Traci Elison - Wrangell

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Ethan Arndt - Anchorage

Sheryl Lentfer - Anchorage

Charles Rudstrom - Soldotna

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Shawnmarie Carpenter - Anchorage

Chantel Cohen - Anchorage

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Michelle Steiner - Kodiak

Board of Nursing

Cheryl Payne - Wasilla

Mariann Murray - Chugiak

Board of Pharmacy

Dylan Sanders - Anchorage

Julie McDonald - Craig

Board of Professional Counselors

Mary Elkins - Anchorage

Crystal Herring - Anchorage

Ashley Martin - Anchorage

Carrie-Elaine Border - Anchorage

Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners

Lorin Bradbury - Bethel

Board of Public Accountancy

Donovan Neal - Juneau

Rachel Hanks - Fairbanks

James Doughty - Anchorage

Marijuana Control Board

Bruck Clift - Palmer

Lacy Wilcox - Juneau

Occupational Safety and Health Review Board

Isaac Diboue - Anchorage

Ryan Sharratt - Kodiak
Zachery Schasteen - Dutch Harbor

Real Estate Commission

Elizabeth Schok - Fairbanks
Jimi Cash - Fairbanks
Susan Wilcox - Soldotna
Traci Heaton - Juneau
Yolanda Logan - Anchorage

State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers,
and Land Surveyors

Edward Leonetti - Anchorage

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Victoria Daugherty - Douglas
Jonathan Gates - Kenai
Valeria Phelps - Anchorage

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Robert Gerlach - Chugiak
Sarah Johnson - Chugiak

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

William McKean - Palmer

- CONFIRMATION ADVANCED

SENATE BILL NO. 172

"An Act relating to occupational therapist licensure; relating to occupational therapy assistant licensure; and relating to an occupational therapist licensure compact."

- MOVED SB 172 OUT OF COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 136

"An Act relating to the privacy of firearm transactions; relating to discrimination against firearm retailers by financial institutions and payment networks; relating to the disclosure of financial records by financial institutions and payment networks; and amending Rules 65 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

- MOVED SB 136 OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 116

"An Act exempting from insurance regulation cooperative agreements entered into by two or more persons engaged in commercial fishing for the purpose of paying claims or losses."

- MOVED HB 116 OUT OF COMMITTEE

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

BILL: SB 172

SHORT TITLE: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT

SPONSOR(s): LABOR & COMMERCE

04/14/25	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
04/14/25	(S)	L&C, FIN
05/09/25	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
05/09/25	(S)	Heard & Held
05/09/25	(S)	MINUTE(L&C)
05/12/25	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

BILL: SB 136

SHORT TITLE: FIREARM FINANCIAL PRIVACY

SPONSOR(s): CRONK

03/19/25	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/19/25	(S)	L&C, JUD
04/14/25	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
04/14/25	(S)	Heard & Held
04/14/25	(S)	MINUTE(L&C)
05/02/25	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
05/02/25	(S)	<Bill Hearing Canceled>
05/12/25	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

BILL: HB 116

SHORT TITLE: COMMERCIAL FISHING INSURANCE CO-OP

SPONSOR(s): FISHERIES BY REQUEST OF TASK FORCE EVAL ALASKA SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

02/26/25	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
02/26/25	(H)	FSH, L&C
03/01/25	(H)	FSH AT 11:00 AM GRUENBERG 120
03/01/25	(H)	-- MEETING CANCELED --
03/04/25	(H)	FSH AT 10:30 AM GRUENBERG 120
03/04/25	(H)	Heard & Held
03/04/25	(H)	MINUTE(FSH)
03/06/25	(H)	FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120
03/06/25	(H)	-- MEETING CANCELED --
03/11/25	(H)	FSH RPT 6DP 1NR

03/11/25 (H) DP: VANCE, KOPP, EDGMON, HIMSCHOOT,
ELAM, STUTES

03/11/25 (H) NR: MCCABE

03/11/25 (H) FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120

03/11/25 (H) Moved HB 116 Out of Committee

03/11/25 (H) MINUTE(FSH)

03/13/25 (H) FSH AT 10:00 AM GRUENBERG 120

03/13/25 (H) <Bill Hearing Canceled>

03/21/25 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124

03/21/25 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --

03/24/25 (H) L&C AT 3:15 PM BARNES 124

03/24/25 (H) Moved HB 116 Out of Committee

03/24/25 (H) MINUTE(L&C)

03/26/25 (H) L&C RPT 5DP 1NR

03/26/25 (H) DP: CARRICK, COULOMBE, BURKE, FIELDS,
HALL

03/26/25 (H) NR: NELSON

04/25/25 (H) TRANSMITTED TO (S)

04/25/25 (H) VERSION: HB 116

04/28/25 (S) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS

04/28/25 (S) L&C

05/09/25 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

05/09/25 (S) Heard & Held

05/09/25 (S) MINUTE(L&C)

05/12/25 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

WITNESS REGISTER

KONRAD JACKSON, Staff
Senator Jesse Bjorkman
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Reviewed the names of the governor appointees.

MATT CHURCHILL, Staff
Senator Jesse Bjorkman
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided a brief summary and read the sectional analysis for SB 172.

SYLVAN ROBB, Director
Corporation, Business, and Professional Licensing (CBPL)
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic
Development (DCCED)
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered a question on SB 172.

GLENN SAVIERS, Deputy Director
Corporation, Business, and Professional Licensing (CBPL)
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic
Development (DCCED)
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered a question on SB 172.

BRIANNE OSWALD, President
Alaska Occupational Therapy Association
Anchorage, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified in support of SB 172.

KATIE JOHNSON, Vice President
Alaska Occupational Therapy Association
Ninilchik, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Testified in support of SB 172.

SENATOR MIKE CRONK, District R
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Sponsor of SB 136.

PAUL MENKE, Staff
Senator Mike Cronk
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered a question on SB 136.

MATT GRUENING, Staff
Representative Louise Stutes
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Provided a brief summary of HB 116.

LORI WING-HEIER, Director
Division of Insurance
Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development (DCCED)
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Answered a question on HB 116.

ACTION NARRATIVE

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CHAIR BJORKMAN called the Senate Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Gray-Jackson, Dunbar, Yundt and Chair Bjorkman. Senator Merrick arrived thereafter.

CONFIRMATION HEARING(S)
Alaska Labor Relations Agency
Alaska Workers' Compensation Board
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Board of Dental Examiners
Board of Examiners in Optometry
Board of Marital and Family Therapy
Board of Massage Therapists
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Board of Nursing
Board of Pharmacy
Board of Pharmacy
Board of Professional Counselors
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Board of Public Accountancy
Marijuana Control Board
Occupational Safety and Health Review Board
Real Estate Commission
State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land
Surveyors
State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board
Board of Veterinary Examiners
Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

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CHAIR BJORKMAN announced the consideration of the Governor's appointees to boards and commissions that were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN reconvened the meeting.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN solicited a motion.

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SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON moved that the appointees named to the boards and commissions below be advanced to a joint session of the legislature for consideration.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN objected for purposes of discussion.

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KONRAD JACKSON, Staff, Senator Jesse Bjorkman, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, reviewed the names of the governor appointees.

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SENATOR MERRICK joined the meeting.

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At ease.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN reconvened the meeting.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN removed his objection.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN opened public testimony on confirmations; finding none, he closed public testimony.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN stated that in accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Labor and Commerce Standing Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be advanced to a joint session for consideration:

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Tyler Andrews - Anchorage

Emily Hall - Anchorage

Jennifer Yuhas - Fairbanks

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Valeria Phelps - Anchorage

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Robert Gerlach - Chugiak
Sarah Johnson - Chugiak

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

William McKean - Palmer

CHAIR BJORKMAN reminded members that signing the report(s) regarding appointments to boards and commissions in no way reflects individual members' approval or disapproval of the appointees; the nominations are merely advanced to the full legislature for confirmation or rejection.

SB 172-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT

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CHAIR BJORKMAN announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 172 "An Act relating to occupational therapist licensure; relating to occupational therapy assistant licensure; and relating to an occupational therapist licensure compact."

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MATT CHURCHILL, Staff, Senator Jesse Bjorkman, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, provided a brief summary and read the sectional analysis for SB 172:

[Original punctuation provided.]

Senate Bill 172 enacts the interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. Enactment of the compact will alleviate the shortage of occupational therapists in Alaska and enhance the state's ability to protect the public's health and safety.

Enactment of the Compact will draw more occupational therapists to live and work in our state and thus improve access to physical therapy for thousands of Alaskans.

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MR. CHURCHILL read the sectional analysis for SB 172:

[Original punctuation provided.]

This is a summary only. Note that this summary should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. Section 1: Amends AS 08.84.010(b) by adding implementation of the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact to the duties of the State Physical Therapy and State Occupational Therapy Board. Section 2: Amends AS 08.84.150(b) by adding compact privilege as a possible prerequisite for providing occupational therapy. Section 3: Amends AS 08.84 by adding a new article: Article 3A. Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. Section 1: "Purpose" Outlines purposes of Compact. Section 2: "Definitions" Defines terms referenced throughout the Compact and limits the scope of the definitions to the Compact. Examples of defined terms include "Active Duty Military," "Compact Privilege," "Member State," and "Occupational Therapy." Section 3: "State Participation in the Compact" Establishes requirements for States

participating in the Compact. Section 4: "Compact Privilege" Establishes requirements for Licensees using compact privileges. Section 5: "Obtaining a New Home State License by Virtue of Compact Privilege" Outlines procedure for obtaining a new home state license if an Occupational Therapists' primary state of residence changes.

Section 6: "Active Duty Military Personnel or Their Spouses" Provides flexibility for Active Duty Military personnel or their spouses to designate a home state and retain that state license for the duration of active duty.

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MR. CHURCHILL continued with the sectional analysis:

Section 7: "Adverse Actions" Protects the unique right of a licensee's home state to take adverse action against a home state license. Protects the right of remote states to take adverse action against a licensee's compact privilege. Establishes a mechanism for joint investigations and subpoenas between member states and requires disclosure of adverse actions to the shared data system.

Section 8: "Establishment of the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission" Establishes the Occupational Therapy Compact Commission. Outlines commission membership, for establishment, executive committee, financing, and requirement for public meetings.

Section 9: "Data System" Describes Member State obligations for participation in the shared data system.

Section 10: "Rulemaking" Sets terms for rulemaking; rules established by the Commission carry the force of law in member states.

Section 11: "Oversight, Dispute Resolution, and Enforcement" Establishes process for ensuring Member State compliance with the Compact.

Section 12: "Date of Implementation of the Interstate Commission for Occupational Therapy Practice and Associated Rules, Withdrawal, and Amendment" Describes

effective date of Compact, sets terms for joining, withdrawing from, and amending the Compact.

Section 13: "Construction and Severability" Declares that the Compact shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes, and notes that the Compact's provisions are severable.

Section 14: "Binding Effect of Compact and Other Laws" The Compact is binding upon member states and supersedes conflict with member state laws to the extent of the conflict.

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SENATOR MERRICK asked how SB 172 is different from the physical therapist and occupational therapist compact that passed last year.

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SYLVAN ROBB, Director, Corporation, Business, and Professional Licensing (CBPL), Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED), Juneau, Alaska, answered a question on SB 172. She stated that the compacts are structurally similar, with the practice privilege allowing professionals to work in another state. The main difference is that SB 172 requires OTs to complete fingerprinting requirements before they are given the compact privilege of working in another state.

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GLENN SAVIERS, Deputy Director, Corporation, Business, and Professional Licensing (CBPL), Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED), Juneau, Alaska, answered a question on SB 172. She stated that the main change between SB 172 and the bill passed last year is that applicants who did not complete a background check when initially licensed in their home state are no longer grandfathered in. She explained that these applicants must now obtain a background check before receiving a compact privilege in another state.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN opened public testimony on SB 172.

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BRIANNE OSWALD, President, Alaska Occupational Therapy Association, Anchorage, Alaska, testified in support of SB 172. She said the Alaska Occupational Therapy Association represents over 170 occupational therapists and assistants working in

hospitals, schools, and community clinics. SB 172 will reduce licensing bureaucracy and improve access to care for Alaskans.

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KATIE JOHNSON, Vice President, Alaska Occupational Therapy Association, Ninilchik, Alaska, testified in support of SB 172. She stated her belief that the bill could reduce barriers to providing occupational therapy services. She said in rural areas patients wait over a year for occupational therapy services.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN closed public testimony on SB 172.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN solicited the will of the committee.

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SENATOR MERRICK moved to report SB 172, work order 34-LS0772\N, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR BJORKMAN found no objection and SB 172 was reported from the Senate Labor and Commerce Standing Committee.

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At ease.

SB 136-FIREARM FINANCIAL PRIVACY

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CHAIR BJORKMAN reconvened the meeting and announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 136 "An Act relating to the privacy of firearm transactions; relating to discrimination against firearm retailers by financial institutions and payment networks; relating to the disclosure of financial records by financial institutions and payment networks; and amending Rules 65 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

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SENATOR MIKE CRONK, District R, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, as the sponsor of SB 136 he said the bill addresses firearm transaction privacy, prohibits financial institutions and payment networks from discriminating against firearm retailers, regulates financial record disclosures, and amends Rules 65 and 82 of the Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure.

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SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON referred to page 4, line 15, "...a person may not knowingly keep or cause to be kept a list, record, or registry of privately owned firearms or owners of privately owned firearms." She asked whether SB 136 could prevent individuals from storing firearms for legitimate reasons.

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PAUL MENKE, Staff, Senator Mike Cronk, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, answered a question on SB 136. He referenced line 14-15, "...otherwise required by law..." and line 17-19, "This subsection does not apply to an owner of a privately owned firearm who keeps or causes to be kept a list, record, or registry of the owner's own firearms." SB 136 wouldn't prevent someone from transferring a firearm to a licensed dealer or police department. Federal law requires dealers to record all firearms they receive, including those stored temporarily. For example, the University of Alaska allows firearm storage at its police department, with owners signing the required paperwork. However, additional bill language could clarify this point if needed.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN opened public testimony on SB 136; finding none, he closed public testimony.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN solicited the will of the committee.

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SENATOR MERRICK moved to report SB 136, work order 34-LS0715\A, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR BJORKMAN found no objection and SB 136 was reported from the Senate Labor and Commerce Standing Committee.

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At ease.

HB 116-COMMERCIAL FISHING INSURANCE CO-OP

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CHAIR BJORKMAN reconvened the meeting and announced the consideration of HOUSE BILL NO. 116 "An Act exempting from insurance regulation cooperative agreements entered into by two

or more persons engaged in commercial fishing for the purpose of paying claims or losses."

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MATT GRUENING, Staff, Representative Louise Stutes, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, provided a brief summary of HB 116. He stated that, following recommendations from the Joint Legislative Task Force on Alaska's seafood industry, HB 116 would let commercial fishermen form cooperative insurance agreements for vessel liability or damage without regulation under AS 21. Currently, three similar pools operate through a Washington-based organization. Together the three insurance pools insure about 840 Alaska vessels. With rising premiums and limited coverage options, HB 116 aims to lower costs and improve insurance access for Alaska's aging fishing fleet at no cost to the state.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN opened public testimony on HB 116; finding none, he closed public testimony.

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SENATOR DUNBAR asked for an explanation of the practical differences for these cooperatives if HB 116 passes compared to the current system.

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MR. GRUENING replied that these cooperatives would no longer be regulated under AS 21, meaning no minimum capital requirements, no coverage by the Alaska Guarantee Policy, and no departmental audits. The cooperatives would operate as self-governing, member-owned cooperatives. He said the main change is that HB 116 would allow Alaska based organizations to legally form their own insurance pools instead of relying on out-of-state ones.

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SENATOR DUNBAR asked if HB 116 legitimizes existing practices or is expected to create new insurance pools and are there any potential negative effects from the division giving up regulatory authority in this area.

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LORI WING-HEIER, Director, Division of Insurance, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED), Juneau, Alaska, answered a question on HB 116. She answered that the governing board is expected to self-regulate, following the successful model of the Prince William Sound purse seiners. Each

cooperative should determine its coverage limits and rates to remain solvent. Most vessels aren't covered by Alaska's Guarantee Association since they're insured through London. She said complaints would likely be handled internally by the cooperative's executive director and board, with the expectation of similar success to the Seattle-area pools.

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CHAIR BJORKMAN solicited the will of the committee.

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SENATOR MERRICK moved to report HB 116, work order 34-LS0616\I, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR BJORKMAN found no objection and HB 116 was reported from the Senate Labor and Commerce Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Bjorkman adjourned the Senate Labor and Commerce Standing Committee meeting at 2:14 p.m.