

BY THE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE

1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 533

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to food and housing for construction
7 workers at remote construction sites on public construction projects; and providing for an effective
8 date."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. AS 36.90 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 Sec. 36.90.110. FOOD AND HOUSING AT REMOTE CONSTRUCTION SITES.

13 (a) Except as provided in (b) of this section, an employer or contractor shall provide food and housing to an employee of the employer
14 or contractor working on a public construction project at a remote
15 construction site. The housing must meet safety and health standards
16 for housing set out in the Standards for Occupational and Industrial
17 Structures adopted by the department. The employer or contractor may
18 not consider the cost of the food and housing in setting wages for the
19 employee or in meeting wage requirements under AS 23.10.065 or
20 AS 36.05.
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22 (b) An employer or contractor who provides adequate transportation to employees is exempt from the requirement to provide food and
23 housing under (a) of this section. Transportation is adequate under
24 this section if it
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26 (1) is available daily at reasonable hours to and from the
27 remote construction site to a location that provides access to adequate commercially-available housing;
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29 (2) takes no more than 30 minutes to transport the employee

1 from the departure point to the worksite; and

2 (3) meets applicable transportation safety standards.

3 (c) The requirements of this section are considered a part of
4 every contract for hire for a public construction project in the
5 state. The advertised specifications for a public construction con-
6 tract that is partly or wholly funded by state money must contain a
7 provision stating the requirement for providing food and housing at
8 remote construction sites.

9 (d) The department shall implement this section by regulation.

10 (e) In this section "remote" means a work site that is either
11 more than 50 road miles or inaccessible by two-wheel-drive vehicles
12 from a place that has adequate, commercially-available food and hous-
13 ing that meet the standards set out in (a) of this section.

14 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).