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The Honorable Drue Pearce
Chairman
Senate Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Pearce:

Yesterday Senate Bill 454, relating to the new salary schedule for state employees who are not members of a collective bargaining agreement, has been referred to your committee for its consideration.

The legislation amends the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) to reflect the 3.57 percent salary adjustment. This statute governs the salary schedule for non-covered employees; the salary level for covered employees is governed by their bargaining unit's collective bargaining agreement and is not in statute. As a result, in order to extend the same COLA adjustment to non-covered employees, it is necessary to amend this statute.

More specifically, the legislation does the following:

Section 1. Amends the statutory salary schedule to reflect the 3.57 percent adjustment. This schedule covers legislative and executive-branch employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement;

Section 2. Provides the same increase to permanent and temporary employees of the judicial and legislative branches and to exempt permanent and temporary employees of the executive branch. This section also covers the salaries of other officers, such as commissioners, judges, legislators and the ombudsman;

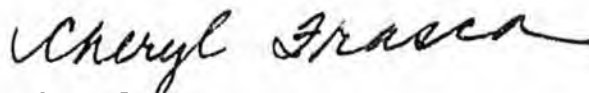
Section 3. Provides that University of Alaska employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement are entitled to a salary increase in accordance with the compensation policy of the Board of Regents.

Section 4. Provides that this Act is retroactive to January 1, 1992.

Section 5. Provides an immediate effective date.

If I can provide any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Frasca".

Cheryl Frasca
Director

cc: Commissioner Nancy Usera
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Paul Fuhs