

ALASKA STATE HOME BUILDING ASSOCIATION

2014 ASHBA Legislative Report

The Alaska State Home Building Association (ASHBA) Board of Directors prioritized and supported several bills and issues on behalf of membership of all the local building associations. Below is a summary of the bills and issues, and how they fared this session.

SB189, sponsored by the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee, did not pass. This bill was the product of several months of conversations by the ASHBA Legislative Committee, the Department of Labor, and the local associations. The language proposed to restrict owner-builders to construct homes without a contractor's license from selling the homes within a two-year period. It was introduced on February 21, 2014, had two hearings in early March, and then was amended and moved from the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee on April 11th. The amendment changed the bill to only allow the restriction for owner-builders from selling homes to apply within boroughs and unified municipalities. With only one week remaining in the session, the new language required some time to comprehend, and it also generated questions and concerns about how to apply two sets of standards. SB189, thus, never advanced to the Senate Floor for a vote.

SB193, by Senator Peter Micciche (R-Soldotna), passed the Legislature and is now headed to Governor Parnell's desk for signature. Effective 1/1/2015, this bill doubles the bonding requirements for contractors, sub-contractors and imposes a new \$5,000 bonding requirement for "handymen" who perform small levels of construction work without a contractor license. The bill also deletes the exemption for "handymen" who perform work under \$10,000.

HB141, by the House Labor & Commerce Committee, passed the Legislature and is headed to the Governor's desk. This bill was part of a package of bills to help control the rising costs of worker's compensation insurance.

HB316, by the House Labor & Commerce Committee, passed the Legislature and is headed to the Governor. This is another bill to help curb rising worker's compensation costs.

HB297, by Rep. Lance Pruitt (R-Anchorage), passed the Legislature. This bill recognizes AHFC as the authorizing agency in the state for the Home Energy Rating System (HERS).

HB187, relating to professional and licensing fees, did not pass. This bill would have created an "averaging" methodology for determining licensing fee rates.

Budget Items, CCHRC received funding in the Capital Budget totaling \$1,120,000. ACHP request for funding was proposed as an amendment in the House Finance Committee, and was voted down.



ASHBA Members with Representative Peggy Wilson

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January, 2014 Board of Directors Anchorage Meeting



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Upcoming Events at the Local Associations

Fairbanks

- ⇒ The IABA Annual Thrill of the Grill BBQ Cook-Off is scheduled for July 12

Juneau

- ⇒ The next Northern SEABIA Board Meeting is scheduled for June 5

MatSu

- ⇒ The Summer Solstice Hog Roast BBQ, free to the community, is scheduled for June 21
- ⇒ The annual MSHBA Golf Tournament will be held on July 17

Anchorage

- ⇒ AHBA Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 30 at O'Malley Golf Course

Kenai

- ⇒ The next General Membership Meeting, featuring the 2014 scholarship recipients and their families, will be held on May 22
- ⇒ The KPBA Golf Tournament will be held at Bird Homestead Golf Course on August 2

Ketchikan

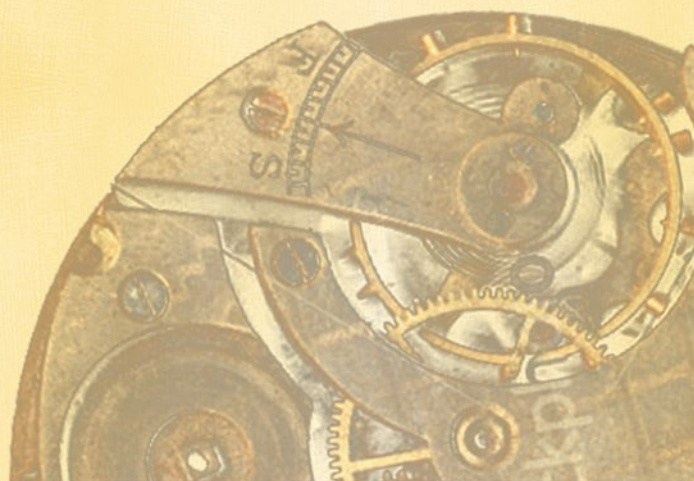
- ⇒ The 2014 Southern SEABIA Halibut Derby is scheduled for the weekends of July 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27 with the award picnic scheduled for August 2



IABA Thrill of the Grill BBQ Cook-Off



KPBA President Jake Denbrock and Designer Interiors



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2014 IBS Meeting with ASHBA members



NAHB Spring Board of Directors Meeting

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

State Representatives Meeting

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

7:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

5:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Capital Club /Gold Key Events

Thursday, June 5, 2014

7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Presidents Council

7:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Committee Meetings

1:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

BUILD-PAC Trustees

3:00 p.m.

Senator Murkowski Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Senator Begich Meeting

Friday, June 6, 2014

7:30 a.m.–9:15 a.m.

Area 15 Caucus

11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Board of Directors

Vote No On 1

ASHBA is one of many members of the coalition to defeat Ballot Measure 1 will be on the primary ballot on August 19th. The coalition is a diverse, statewide group of Alaskans who believe that Alaska's best days are still ahead and that a strong economic future for Alaska depends on a thriving oil sector, for job creation, expanding oil production, and a stable fiscal future for Alaska. The coalition is built upon a common interest in securing Alaska's future through a strong economy. Oil production has been declining on average by 6% per year since 2006, and the old tax system (ACES) did nothing to stop the decline. Over the last five years, during a period of high oil prices, production surged in other oil-producing states due to a boom in industry investment, but Alaska missed out. Under the old tax system (ACES), Alaska fell from 2nd to 4th in U.S. oil production. New oil tax reform passed by the legislature in 2013 will create a better investment climate that will lead to increased oil production, more jobs for Alaskans and Alaska businesses, and more revenue to the Alaska Permanent Fund.

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