

# Rep. Tom Brice's Labor Update

A legislative update on the Department of Labor

## BILLS OF INTEREST INTRODUCED SO FAR THIS SESSION

**HB 280 Creation of an Airport Authority, by Rep. Phillips.** This bill is essentially a privatization bill. It would transfer MANY of the union jobs at the Fairbanks and Anchorage airports to the authority of a independent Airport Authority. This would dramatically effect members in Local 71, ASEA and APEA. Note, Senator Wilken co-sponsored this bill in the Senate as SB189. The bill was assigned to the Transportation and Finance Committees. No hearings have been set.

**HB 278 Electronic Monitoring by Employers, by Rep. Croft.** This bill restricts the circumstances when employer may electronically monitor employees. Except when investigating employees for dishonesty or violation of policies, employers would be required to first give employees notice that they are monitoring as well as what, where, when, and who they are monitoring. This bill was assigned to Labor & Commerce, Judiciary and Finance Committees. No hearings have been set.

**HB 261 Social Workers License, by Rep. Coghill.** In 1998 the legislature passed a law requiring people who called themselves social workers to be licensed. The law provided an exemption or "grandfather rights" for persons who were already working as social workers. HB 261 eliminates this exemption effective July 1, 2000 and in effect completely reorganizes DFYS. This bill has been assigned to the Health, Education and Social Services, Judiciary and Finance Committees. No hearings have been set.

**HB 279 Frequent Flyer Miles, by Rep. Halco.** This rather vague bill requires a state or university employee who earns frequent flyer miles on state or university travel to use those miles on subsequent state or university travel. The bill was assigned to State Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees. No hearings have been set.

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