

State of Alaska FY2002 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Labor Standards and Safety
Budget Request Unit

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BRU Mission

The mission of the Division of Labor Standards and Safety is to provide for the monitoring of safe and legal working conditions.

BRU Services Provided

This division provides oversight, enforcement, consultation and training services relating to wage and hour laws, employment preference, child labor laws, and occupational safety and health; licensing enforcement of construction contractors, and electrical and mechanical administrators; certification of electricians, power linemen, plumbers, blasters and painters; certification and training for individuals who work with toxic and hazardous substances; and inspections of electrical and mechanical systems for code compliance.

BRU Goals and Strategies

- 1) EDUCATE EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ABOUT ALASKA LABOR LAWS AND ENSURE PROPER COMPENSATION TO ALASKAN WORKERS.
 - Keep the public informed of labor laws and services the agency provides through seminars, briefings, on-site outreach, and participation in various employment/human resource conferences.
 - Monitor and audit certified payrolls for public construction projects for compliance with prevailing wage laws.
- 2) DECREASE BACKLOG OF BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTIONS.
 - Continue cross-training of plumbing inspectors (per 1999 law change) for limited boiler and pressure vessel inspections.
- 3) IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE OF ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS.
 - Provide a total of sixteen 8-hour continuing education classes.
- 4) MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVEL OF INSPECTIONS IN THE PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL, ELEVATOR AND RECREATIONAL DEVICE PROGRAMS TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY.
- 5) IMPROVE AND PROMOTE SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE, AND REDUCE ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND INJURIES.
 - Increase programmed enforcement inspections and comprehensive visits in construction, logging and seafood processing industries.
 - Increase employer and worker awareness of and involvement in safety and health practices through additional public service announcements, newspapers and other means of public notice.
 - Increase the number of training sessions and student attendance.

Key BRU Issues for FY2001 – 2002

- Maintenance of current enforcement levels of minimum wage, overtime, and child labor and public contract laws state-wide with limited available resources.
- Meeting the objectives set out in the Federal Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Performance Plan and the five-year Strategic Plan approved by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- Increasing current boiler/pressure vessel inspection levels through increased staff cross training and education efforts.
- Increased outreach and education through the Alaska Safety Advisory Council annual conference.

Major BRU Accomplishments for FY2000

- Wage and Hour section collected over \$1 million in owed wages for Alaskan workers.
- Wage and Hour staff monitored over 4,400 public construction projects for prevailing wage enforcement, and over 2,500 projects for employment preference compliance.
- Wage and Hour disseminated information on child labor, prevailing wage, and wage claim programs through approximately 23,000 contacts; and processed more than 10,000 child labor work permits.
- While the boiler and pressure vessel inspection backlog has not been reduced, due to the need for more inspectors, boiler inspections were maintained at near-FY 99 levels through cross-training and certification of the southeast region state plumbing inspector to perform boiler inspections.
- Mechanical Inspection staff completed development of regulations requiring continuing education for electricians.
- Enrolled a new Alaskan employer in the Voluntary Protection Program and Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program to recognize and promote effective safety and health management for employers.
- OSH staff enrolled three high-incident rate employers in the consultative initiative intervention program.
- OSH staff performed an increased number of enforcement inspections, consultation classes, and safety visits to improve the safety and health of working environments.
- The Safety Advisory Council increased participation levels at the Annual Governor's Safety and Health Conference.

Status of FY2001 Performance Measures

	<i>Achieved</i>	<i>On track</i>	<i>Too soon to tell</i>	<i>Not likely to achieve</i>	<i>Needs modification</i>
• The number of on-site enforcement inspections.		X			

Labor Standards and Safety
BRU Financial Summary by Component

All dollars in thousands

	FY2000 Actuals				FY2001 Authorized				FY2002 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures												
None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Wage and Hour Administration	1,339.0	0.0	20.0	1,359.0	1,309.9	0.0	36.7	1,346.6	1,326.1	0.0	22.1	1,348.2
Mechanical Inspection	1,136.9	0.0	396.6	1,533.5	1,153.5	0.0	422.4	1,575.9	1,152.9	0.0	421.7	1,574.6
Occupational Safety and Health	1,208.8	1,732.2	9.8	2,950.8	741.7	1,815.7	513.6	3,071.0	452.3	1,852.3	829.2	3,133.8
Alaska Safety Advisory Council	74.1	0.0	0.0	74.1	107.5	0.0	0.0	107.5	107.5	0.0	0.0	107.5
Totals	3,758.8	1,732.2	426.4	5,917.4	3,312.6	1,815.7	972.7	6,101.0	3,038.8	1,852.3	1,273.0	6,164.1

Labor Standards and Safety**Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2002**

The Occupational Safety and Health section will expand the consultative special intervention program for high incident rate employers to reduce the risk of injury to employees.

Labor Standards and Safety**Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component****From FY2001 Authorized to FY2002 Governor***All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2001 Authorized	3,312.6	1,815.7	972.7	6,101.0
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Wage and Hour Administration	16.2	0.0	-14.6	1.6
-Mechanical Inspection	-0.6	0.0	-0.7	-1.3
-Occupational Safety and Health	-317.1	-4.9	315.6	-6.4
Proposed budget increases:				
-Occupational Safety and Health	27.7	41.5	0.0	69.2
FY2002 Governor	3,038.8	1,852.3	1,273.0	6,164.1