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Alaska Business Report Card Group Releases Grades

Anchorage, AK – The Alaska Business Report Card (ABRC) released grades for members of the 28th Alaska Legislature today. Published annually, the report card provides the collective ABRC membership a clear sense of how each legislator, caucuses, and the Governor are doing to create a healthy economic climate for business in Alaska. On January 17, 2013 the directors of the ABRC participating organizations hand delivered to each legislator and the Governor a letter outlining the seven policy areas for which they would be evaluated.

The policy areas include strategic leadership, fiscal responsibility, oil tax reform, efficient regulation, litigation reform, in-state energy infrastructure and general business climate. In addition to these broad areas of policy, each ABRC organization informed policy makers of specific legislation their organization supported or opposed which would be considered in the grading process.

Calculated through an average of each organization's scoring, grades are based on their respective legislative priorities. Grades were compiled based on a broad range of legislation impacting Alaska businesses and the economy. As with the 27th Alaska Legislature, legislator performance was tracked at the committee level, in floor sessions, and in terms of leadership shown both inside and outside of formal legislative settings. In total, more than 6,500 performance events were recorded and factored into the overall performance picture.

Via email this morning, the ABRC notified each individual legislator and the Governor that their grade is now available online. Grades for the House and Senate majority and minority are House Majority, A-, House Minority, F, Senate Majority, B+, Senate Minority, F. Grades of individual legislators and the Governor are available online at alaskabusinessreportcard.com.

About the ABRC

The ABRC was formed in 2010 in an effort to inform the participating organizations' member companies, who employ tens of thousands of Alaskans, on how elected officials are performing to ensure Alaska remains an attractive place for private sector investment, jobs and economic growth. The ABRC is made up of the Alaska Chamber, Alaska Support Industry Alliance, Prosperity Alaska and Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc. For more information, visit alaskabusinessreportcard.com

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