

Alaska Association of REALTORS
Industry Issue Key Work Group
March 20, 2014

Minutes

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Chairman Errol Champion.

Present:

Errol Champion	Joni Schneider	Debra Leisek	Anita Bates
Don McKenzie	Michael Droege	Suellen Appellof	Paddy Coan
April Frick	Eva Loken	Michael Droege	Peggy Ann McConnochie
Denny Wood	Mike Rasmussen	Marsha Smith	Dave Somers
Denny DeWitt			

Legislative Update from Juneau

AAR lobbyist Denny Dewitt updated the committee on the following bills:

HB 187 - An act relating to professional and occupational licensing fees, including renewal fees, duplicate license fees, examination fees, temporary license fees, continuing education course certification fees, out-of-state permit fees, delinquency fees, application fees, penalty fees, and trainee license fees; and providing for an effective date.

He reported that the bill was behind the gas pipeline issue in the Budget and Audit Committee. Not certain if the bill will move this year. A question was raised regarding the education proceeds that go into the recovery fund and Denny indicated that he believed they would stay in the Recovery Fund if the bill passes.

HB 282 – An Act relating to the rights and obligations of residential landlords and tenants; and relating to the taking of a permanent fund dividend for rent and damages owed to a residential landlord.

This bill is headed to the Judiciary Committee next week and will include a small amendment. This bill should pass on in the Senate this session.

HB 32 – An Act providing for the issuance of one business license for multiple lines of business; and providing for reissuance of a business license to correct a mistake on the license. A letter of support for HB 32 was written and sent to Representative Mia Costello.

This bill will go to the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee and will likely pass this session because it has several sponsors.

SB 58 – An act allowing an insurer to cancel an insurance policy if property becomes entirely abandoned and the abandonment increases to hazard insured against.

This bill has is currently in the House Labor and Commerce Committee and will be looked at with other bills.

HB 60 – An Act Adopting and relating to the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act.

It is expected that House Bill 61 on joint ownership of property will be amended into this bill and should be heard in the next few days. Errol Champion will ask Title Manager Colleen Sullivan to review the bill along with her husband who is an estate planning attorney. This bill is schedule for a hearing on Monday and Friday next week.

HB 252 – An act relating to mortgage lending, mortgage loan originators depository institutions, nonprofit organizations, and non-profit employees.

This bill has not been schedule for a hearing.

HB 23 - KABATA – Denny informed the committee that the funding proposed is one-third from revenue bonds, one-third from Federal and one-third from State. Errol Champion and Michael Droege listened to the last two hearings on this bill and there will be another hearing next week. The bill is moving forward will the major concern being the financing of the project.

White Paper/Protocol

Chairman Errol asked Suellen Appellof, April Frick and Glenda Feeken to serve on a task force to review the white paper regarding procedures for the Industry Issues Committee to follow. Suellen Appellof will chair the committee and will address the comments that had been received regarding the procedures. Eva Loken requested that a member from the Anchorage Board serve on this taskforce. Sandy Eherenman will contact Suellen about scheduling a task force meeting.

Consumer Disclosure – Alaska Real Estate Commission Chair Anita Bates reported that the Commissioners reviewed the consumer disclosure document and it is currently with the regulations writers. The consumer disclosure will go to public comment and could possibility be reviewed again by the Alaska Real Estate Commission at their June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.