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## **Legislation Strengthens AOGCC Requirements** **Kohring measure passes Oil & Gas Committee**

(JUNEAU) – House Bill 300 unanimously passed the Oil & Gas Committee this week, and now moves to the House Resources Committee for consideration. The measure, sponsored by Representative Vic Kohring (R-Wasilla/Mat-Su) requires that one with demonstrated experience in the oil and gas industry fill the public seat on the three member Oil & Gas Conservation Commission.

Currently, demonstrated experience applies only to the two technical seats, the geologist and engineer. “It’s critical all members of the Commission have a fundamental understanding of the industry they regulate, and this legislation helps accomplish that,” said Representative Kohring. He added that with the increased highly technical nature of the industry, it further underscores the need to have experienced and knowledgeable appointees on the Commission.

HB 300 requires the public member to possess training or experience in the field, demonstrating a clear, essential knowledge of the state’s oil and gas operations.

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