

ALASKA

2013/2014 bill summaries for Voting Record

1. **Commercial Vehicle Weight (HB 15):** This bill raised the weight for qualifying as a commercial vehicle from 10,000 to 14,000 pounds. This relieved many small businesses from needing to secure commercial driver's licenses for pick-up trucks and other light work vehicles, a significant cost savings. A "YES" vote supported the NFIB position. The bill passed the House 36 – 0 and the Senate 20 – 0.
2. **Reduced Required State Business Licenses (HB 32):** This bill changed business licenses to one license for each named business rather than a license for every line of business. A "YES" vote supported the NFIB position. The bill passed the House 35 – 0 and the Senate 20 – 0.
3. **Amendment to HB 76:** The amendment would have stripped the ability to reduce unemployment insurance premiums when the unemployment trust fund is judged sufficiently funded. Opponents unsuccessfully attempted the amendment in both the House and the Senate. A "NO" vote supports the NFIB position. The amendment failed in the House 11– 27 and the Senate 6 – 14.
4. **Unemployment Insurance Reform (HB 76):** This bill made federal conformity changes to prevent federal penalties to employers. It also allows the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development to ability to slow the growth of supplemental premiums when the UI Trust fund is sufficiently funded. A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position. The bill passed the House 33 – 6 and the Senate 19 – 1.
5. **Regulation Reform (HB 140):** This bill would require assessment of the cost to the private sector when regulations are promulgated. A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position. The bill passed the House 37 – 0 and the Senate 16 – 4.
6. **Workers Compensation Fees for Out-of-State Providers (HB 141):** This bill requires out-of-state providers to charge their customary rates rather than increasing their charges to match Alaska rates. A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position. The bill passed the House 36 – 0 and the Senate 20 – 0.
7. **Interstate Compact on a Balanced Federal Budget (HB 284):** This bill proposes an interstate compact to amend the United States Constitution with a Balanced Budget Amendment via the United States Constitution's Article V process. A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position. The bill passed the House 22 – 12 and the Senate 14 – 6.
8. **Workers Compensation Fee Methodology (HB 316):** This bill will change the reimbursement methodology for workers compensation medical fees from the inflationary "usual and customary" to the "relative based relative value scale" that is not internally inflationary. A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position. The bill passed the House 35 – 0 and the Senate 18 – 0.
9. **Controlled Substances in Workers Compensation Program (HB 370):** This bill would have instituted specific controls on the prescription and use of controlled substances in the workers compensation program. A "YES" vote supports the NFIB position. The bill passed the House 36 – 0. It failed to move out of the Senate Judiciary as the session ended.

10. Request for Delay in Implementation of the Affordable Care Act (HJR 14): This resolution called on Congress and the President to delay implementation of the Affordable Care Act and requested a full economic analysis of the effects of the Act. A “YES” vote supports the NFIB position. The bill passed the House 23 – 13. The Senate failed to vote on the resolution at the end of the 2013 Session and returned it to the Rules Committee where it died.