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Vocational Educational Programs

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1            P R O C E E D I N G S  
2            **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, good afternoon,  
3 everyone. I'd like to welcome you to today's  
4 Administrative Order 360, or AO 360, stakeholder input  
5 session on Chapter 51, Vocational Education, Article 3,  
6 Secondary Vocational Education Programs. I'd like to  
7 thank you for joining us.  
8            The purpose of this meeting is to hear  
9 directly from stakeholders and members of the public  
10 regarding regulatory burdens or barriers you believe  
11 should be addressed as part of Alaska's AO 360 reform  
12 project.  
13            Your input is critical in helping us  
14 shape meaningful changes that support students and  
15 schools. To honor your time, we will end promptly on  
16 the hour.  
17            These stakeholder meetings are  
18 opportunities for us to listen to your perspectives  
19 before any regulations are drafted, amended, or  
20 repealed. This is not the formal public comment  
21 process under the Administrative Procedure Act, or APA.  
22 That process will begin later after draft regulations  
23 have undergone legal review and have been formally  
24 approved for public comment.  
25            As part of our regulatory reform plan,

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1 the department must create a list of all the comments  
2 we receive during the stakeholder process along with  
3 whether we intend to implement each recommendation. If  
4 we do not adopt a recommendation that stakeholders will  
5 make, then we are required to explain why not. That's  
6 why your feedback today is so valuable, and it will  
7 directly shape our department's analysis and inform you  
8 of the next steps.  
9            So to proceed today, we will first hear a  
10 short overview of the regulations for this meeting, and  
11 then we'll move into the comment period where you may  
12 share your input.  
13            Verbal feedback will be recorded,  
14 summarized, and included in the department's reform  
15 plan. Written feedback will be accepted for 30 days  
16 following this session. And please refer to the chat  
17 for information on submitting written feedback.  
18            So at this time I will go ahead and kick  
19 it over to Ms. Kelly Manning who is our deputy director  
20 of IEE, and she will walk through Chapter 51 and the  
21 regulations thereof. Over to you, Kelly.  
22            **KELLY MANNING:** Thank you, Jacob. Good  
23 afternoon. My name is Kelly Manning, I'm the deputy  
24 director for the Division of Innovation and Education  
25 Excellence. With me today today to help answer

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1 questions is Brad Billings, the Career and Technical  
2 Education administrator.  
3            Today we will be going over Chapter 51,  
4 Secondary Vocational Educational Programs. This  
5 section of Alaska's regulation provides information and  
6 guidance regarding secondary vocational education  
7 programs, including district vocational education plan  
8 requirements, facilities and equipment requirements,  
9 curriculum evaluation input requirements, and guidance  
10 and placement.  
11            The regulations in Chapter 51 include the  
12 purpose of the regulation chapter, local vocational  
13 education plan, vocational facilities and equipment,  
14 evaluation, vocational guidance and placement, and  
15 definitions.  
16            As you consider these sections, we  
17 encourage you to think about whether the current  
18 regulations create unnecessary burdens, whether they  
19 meet today's needs, and what changes might better serve  
20 schools, students, and families. We've also shared the  
21 regulation text and the survey link in the chat. Thank  
22 you.  
23            **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, thank you so much,  
24 Kelly.  
25            So seeing as there is no one in the

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1 meeting at this time, we will go ahead and just wait on  
2 hold. And there will be new links put back in the chat  
3 for anyone that joins us. And so at this time we will  
4 just wait on hold. Thank you.  
5 (Pause)  
6            **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, we will now conclude  
7 this public stakeholder meeting for Chapter 51,  
8 Vocational Education, Article 3, and Secondary  
9 Vocational Educational Programs.  
10            If you are watching this recording and  
11 would still like to submit feedback regarding these  
12 regulations, you can go to our website at  
13 education.alaska.gov/ao360 and it will be submitted for  
14 the record that way.  
15            Thank you so much, and we will now close  
16 this meeting.  
17            (Meeting concluded)  
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