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Chapter 30 - Exchange Teachers and Student Teachers

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1 **PROCEEDINGS**
 2 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, good morning -- or
 3 good afternoon, everyone. I'd like to welcome you to
 4 today's Administrative Order, or AO, 360 stakeholder
 5 input session on Chapter 12, Certification of
 6 Professional Teachers; and Chapter 30, Exchange
 7 Teachers and Student Teachers.
 8 Thank you for taking the time to join us.
 9 The purpose of this meeting is to hear directly from
 10 stakeholders and members of the public regarding
 11 regulatory burdens or barriers you believe should be
 12 addressed as a part of Alaska's AO 360 reform project.
 13 Your input is critical in helping us
 14 shape meaningful changes that support students and
 15 schools. To honor your time today, we will end this
 16 session promptly on 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 20 repealed. And this is not the formal public comment
 21 process under the Administrative Procedure Act, or APA.
 22 That process would 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 made
 4 by stakeholders. And if we don't adopt a
 5 recommendation, we're required to explain why not. So
 6 that's why your feedback today is so valuable. It will
 7 directly shape the department's analysis and inform you
 8 of the next steps.
 9 So to proceed today, we'll first hear a
 10 short overview of these regulations for this meeting,
 11 and then we'll move into the comment period where your
 12 feedback will be recorded, summarized, and included in
 13 our reform plan. And written feedback is also
 14 encouraged and accepted for 30 days following this
 15 session. And please refer to the chat for submitting
 16 written feedback.
 17 And again, the sign-up sheet to speak
 18 verbal comment in the comment period is also in the
 19 chat.
 20 So with that I will now hand it over to
 21 Ms. Kelly Manning who is our deputy director of the IEE
 22 division and she will walk through Chapter 12 and
 23 Chapter 30 and what the regulations are. Over to you,
 24 Kelly.
 25 **KELLY MANNING:** Good afternoon. Thank

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1 you, Jacob. My name is Kelly Manning, I'm the deputy
 2 director for the Innovation and Education Excellence at
 3 the Department of Ed. With me today to help answer
 4 questions is Colleen Walker, the Teacher Certification
 5 administrator.
 6 Today we'll be going over Chapter 12,
 7 Certification of Professional Teachers, and Chapter 30
 8 Exchange Teachers and Student Teachers.
 9 Chapter 12 of Alaska's regulations
 10 provides information and guidance regarding
 11 professional certification requirements for educators,
 12 including teachers, administrators, and specialized
 13 endorsement professionals working in schools, as well
 14 as prohibited behaviors, required assessments, and
 15 mandatory trainings.
 16 Chapter 30 provides information and
 17 guidance on exchange teachers and student teacher
 18 requirements.
 19 As you consider these sections, we
 20 encourage you to think about whether the current
 21 regulations create unnecessary burdens, whether they
 22 meet today's needs, and what changes might better serve
 23 schools, students, and families.
 24 We've also shared the regulation text and
 25 the survey link in the chat. Thank you.

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1 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, thank you so much,
 2 Kelly. So with that we are now in the comment period
 3 of this meeting. And again, there is a link in the
 4 chat to sign up. You have a few prompts to fill out,
 5 and then we will call your name once we see it on the
 6 sign-up sheet. Otherwise, if you are unable to access
 7 the link or just prefer to, there is also the raise
 8 hand icon, of course, on the bottom of your task bar of
 9 this Zoom call. So if you're not able to use the
 10 sign-up link, you can just simply raise your hand and
 11 we'll acknowledge you as well.
 12 And again, if you could just state your
 13 name and any affiliation, you'll have two minutes. We
 14 can answer questions, but we won't be engaging in any
 15 debate or responding directly to comments if they are
 16 just comments. We're just here to listen.
 17 So with that, the link is in the chat or
 18 you can raise hand. And now we will just be on standby
 19 for anyone that may wish to give comment. Thank you so
 20 much.
 21 (Pause)
 22 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Hello. This is just a
 23 reminder for those who just joined us. We are
 24 currently in the public comment agenda item of this
 25 meeting, and this is regarding Chapter 12,

1 Certification of Professional Teachers, and Chapter 30,
2 Exchange Teachers and Student Teachers, the
3 regulations.

4 So, again, we are in the comment period
5 of this. There is a sign-up link in the chat that just
6 got posted. And you can also, if you can't access the
7 link, just raise your hand, and you'll have two minutes
8 to provide your comments on these regulations. You'll
9 just state your name, affiliation, and then we will
10 listen to you and it will be recorded for the record.

11 So, again, we are in the comment section
12 and we're just awaiting anyone to sign up on the sheet
13 or raise their hand, and we will acknowledge you that
14 way. We are on standby, thank you.

15 (Pause)

16 **JAKE ALMEIDA:** Okay, at this time we will
17 now conclude this public stakeholder meeting for
18 Chapter 12, Certification of Professional Teachers, and
19 Chapter 30, Exchange Teachers and Student Teachers.

20 If you are watching this recording
21 afterwards and would still like to submit feedback
22 regarding these regulations, you can also go to our
23 website at education.alaska.gov/ao360 and it will be
24 submitted for the record that way.

25 Thank you for attending today, and we

1 will now close this meeting.

2 (Meeting concluded)

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