

# Alaska State Legislature

## Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

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### HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE COMPLAINT H 07-01

### DISMISSAL ORDER

The House Subcommittee hereby dismisses Complaint H 07-01 against former Representative Vic Kohring.

The House Subcommittee received a properly filed complaint against former Representative Vic Kohring dated April 17, 2007. The alleged actions occurred in late 2005 and 2006 and were within the two year requirement for filing a complaint under AS 24.60.170(a).

The House Subcommittee determined it was not a prudent use of state resources to continue to investigate the allegations contained in Complaint H 07-01 in view of the fact former Representative Vic Kohring was convicted of three felonies in Federal Court on November 1, 2007, and is serving a three and one half year prison term.

Further, the House Subcommittee determined there were no appropriate sanctions pursuant to AS 24.60.178 that could be added to former Representative Kohring's punishment that would be meaningful.

#### **The Allegations Contained in the Complaint are as follows:**

1. Did former Representative Vic Kohring violate AS 24.60.100 by:

*representing another person for compensation before an agency, committee, or other entity of the legislative branch;*

- a. Former Representative Vic Kohring lobbied Representative Jay Ramras to introduce HB 334, Municipal Property Tax Deferral/Exemption during the Twenty-Fourth Legislative Session. Former Representative Kohring represented another person (Marlow Development Corporation) for compensation before an entity (Representative Ramras) of the legislative branch.

2. Did former Representative Vic Kohring violate AS 24.60.030(a)(1) by:

accepting a benefit other than official compensation for the performance of public duties;

- a. Former Representative Kohring facilitated the introduction and passage of HB 334 while he was being paid by Marlow Development Corporation. A legislator may not receive a “benefit” (i.e., compensation from an employer) for the performance of public duties.

3. Did former Representative Kohring violate AS 24.60.030(e)(1) by:

directly, or by authorizing another to act on the legislator’s behalf, agree to, ... or state or imply that the legislator will take ... a legislative, ... action, including support .. to a bill, ... as a result of a person’s decision to ... provide a thing of value;

- a. With the passage of HB 334 former Representative Kohring’s employer, Marlow Development Corporation, would realize a direct financial benefit. Did the financial benefit realized by Marlow Development Corporation indirectly or possibly directly provide a benefit to former Representative Kohring in the area of his employment contract and compensation package?

The House Subcommittee hereby dismisses Complaint H 07-01 against former Representative Vic Kohring.

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Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008  
by a majority of the House Subcommittee

Herman G. Walker, Jr., Chair

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