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HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE Complaint H 24-01: Representative Jamie Allard

DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The House Subcommittee of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics (Committee) received a complaint on March 29, 2024, against Representative Jamie Allard. The complaint was designated H 24-01. The House Subcommittee met on June 10, 2024, for a Preliminary Examination.

The subcommittee found probable cause of a violation of the Legislative Ethics Act, AS 24.60.031(b)(1)(B) based upon uncontroverted facts the statement of Representative Allard documented in her email of April 4, 2024.

The fact supporting the Committee's belief that a violation of the Act occurred:

On March 8, 2024, when the Alaska legislature was in session, Representative Allard posted an invitation on her Facebook page to a fundraiser for two candidates for the Anchorage School Board. This invitation lists Representative Allard as a co-host. This is a plain-language violation of A.S. 24.60.031(b)(1)(B).

Date(s) or time period during which alleged violation occurred and a description of the activities that are an alleged violation of the Legislative Ethics Act:

The invitation to the fundraiser occurred on March 8, 2024, when the Alaska legislature was in session.

Part of the Ethics Act that was allegedly violated:

AS 24.60.031(b)(1)(B) *(b) A legislator may not (1) on a day when either house of the legislature is in regular or special session, solicit or accept a contribution or a promise or pledge to make a contribution (B) for another candidate in an election for municipal, state, or federal office;...*

THE INVESTIGATION

The violation was confirmed via a screen from her Facebook page, email from Representative Allard, and the candidate posting the campaign event on the Representative’s social media. The social media post soliciting funds for a School Board candidate was removed on March 8, 2024, the date of posting.

The Scope of Investigation adopted by the committee on June 10, 2024, did not specify any further investigative actions. No additional facts were discovered that would justify an expansion of the investigation, or the possibility of additional allegations.

DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE ORDER AND DECISION

The House Subcommittee found probable cause that Representative Jamie Allard violated AS 24.60.031(b)(1)(B) by reposting a solicitation for a fund-raising event on a day when the house was in session.

Representative Allard corrected the violation on March 8, 2024, prior to the receipt of the complaint. Representative Allard “apologized for her lack of knowledge of understanding what legislators can and can’t do.”

RECOMMENDATION

The committee determined that Representative Allard self-corrected the Facebook post soliciting a contribution for a candidate in a municipal election on the date it was posted. The correction was made prior to the committee’s receipt of the complaint. The committee determined further corrective action was not necessary for this violation.

Adopted November 12, 2024
by a majority of the House Subcommittee

_____/s/_____
Deb Fancher, Chair

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