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To: Marijuana Control Board  
Date: February 4-5, 2026  
From: Kevin Richard, Director  
RE: Director's Report

- **Introduction**

- This report summarizes the activities of the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) from the last board meetings held in December 2025.

- **Discussion Topics**

- **AO 360**

- Administrative Order 360 was issued on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. This order rescinded and replaced AO 157 and AO 266. There are multiple goals and outcomes associated with this AO, culminating in a reduction of the number of regulatory requirements by 15% by December 31, 2026, and 25% (cumulative) by December 31, 2027.
- The Marijuana Control Board has been provided with draft decisional document and reform plan. AMCO will submit the approved plan to the Dept. before February 13, 2026.

- **Licensing**

- Regina Cruz will update you on the progress that has been made since the December 2025 board meetings.

- **Enforcement**

- Investigator Joe Bankowski will update you on the activities of the AMCO Enforcement Unit since the December board meetings. The recruitment waiver has been submitted for the Fairbanks position.

- **Administrative**

- The AMCO Administrative Unit is fully staffed with the hire of an Administrative Assistant II.

- **Legislative Review**

- Currently, AMCO is monitoring the following bills in preparation for the legislative session:
  - **HB 81:** Marijuana: Tax/Retail Stores/Registration
    - Sponsored By: Representative Nelson
    - Current Status: (H)FIN
  - **HB 91:** Marijuana: Tax/Registration; Income Tax
    - Sponsored By: Representative Carrick
    - Current Status: (H)FIN
  - **HB 94:** Marijuana: Tax/Registration; Income Tax
    - Sponsored By: Representative Tomaszewski



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- Current Status: (H)L&C
- **SB 73: Marijuana: Tax/Registration; Income Tax**
  - Sponsored By: Senator Claman
  - Current Status: (S)FIN
  - Letter of Support from MCB on 2/10/2025
- **Topics to be Considered**
  - **Working Group**
    - AMCO has set up and conducted the first Laboratory Testing Working Group. The next meeting of this working group is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- **Next Board Meeting**
  - The next Marijuana Control Board regular meeting is scheduled for April 15-16 in Nome, AK. A special meeting has been called for February 9, 2026 to address AO 360.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Richard".

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