



**Public Hearing Testimony of
Glenn Marshall, Commissioner
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Good Afternoon Senator Prague, Representative Zalaski, Senator Guglielmo, Representative Rigby and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **Senate Bill #183 AA Adding Members to the Joint Enforcement Commission on Worker Misclassification**. My name is Glenn Marshall and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

I am here in strong support of Senate Bill #183. Since I became Labor Commissioner a year ago, and in my prior life as the President of Carpenters Union Local 210, I have been active in addressing the issue of misclassification of employees as independent contractors. The act of misclassifying an employee is a serious and significant problem, affecting workers, businesses, and taxpayers. As you know the Joint Enforcement Commission on Employee Misclassification, of which I am a member, was established and given the task of reviewing the problem of employee misclassification by employers for the purposes of avoiding their obligation under state and federal labor employment and tax laws. I believe that the Commissioners of the Department of Consumer Protection and the Department of Insurance, who also support this legislation, should be members of the Joint Enforcement Commission. These additional agencies also deal with the issue of employee misclassification and their addition will broaden the task force's depth on this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. I am available to answer any questions you might have.