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Assembly Committee Invites Input on Bill 201, *Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018*

EDMONTON – The Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future is seeking input for its review of Bill 201, *Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018*.

“Firefighters provide a critical role in the safety and well-being of all Albertans. Bill 201 impacts nearly every Albertan, not only part-time firefighters but also their families, employers and the communities that they serve,” said Graham Sucha, Committee Chair and MLA for Calgary-Shaw. “It is important for this committee to hear from those most closely affected by the review of this Bill.”

Bill 201 proposes occasional leave for part-time firefighters to assist in fire services while prohibiting employers, without good cause, from preventing a person to act as a part-time firefighter, if the individual has informed the employer, or from refusing to employ a person because they are a part-time firefighter. If passed, Bill 201 would amend the *Employment Standards Code* to include a new section regarding unpaid leave for part-time firefighters, which would come into force on January 1, 2019.

For more information on the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future, Bill 201 and how to make a submission, visit: assembly.ab.ca/committees/abeconomicfuture

The deadline for written submissions is Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Note: submissions and identities of authors may be made public.

On March 19, 2018, the Legislative Assembly referred Bill 201, *Employment Standards (Firefighter Leave) Amendment Act, 2018*, to the Standing Committee on Alberta’s Economic Future in accordance with Standing Order 74.2. The Committee must report its observations, opinions and recommendations with respect to the Bill back to the Assembly.

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