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Department of Labor to Participate in Polynesian Culture Flag Day *Department is engaging with local groups to protect labor rights & promote Alaska Hire*

JUNEAU: The Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) is participating in [Polynesian Culture Flag Day](#) on Saturday, June 27 at Cuddy Family Park in Midtown Anchorage. Department employees and the YWCA's Women's Empowerment staff will give a presentation on labor rights and will have [employee FAQ documents](#) available in English and Samoan. Department employees also will have information available about seafood jobs as part of DOLWD's efforts to promote Alaska Hire.

"I appreciate our Wage and Hour and seafood employment specialists' work to promote labor rights and Alaska Hire for all Alaskans," said Commissioner Heidi Drygas.

DOLWD recently published an employee FAQ [in Samoan](#), and will have hard copies of the flyer available at Polynesian Culture Flag Day. DOLWD staff have are working with community groups including the YWCA, Polynesian Community Center, NAACP, N.K.O.H. Hawaiian Civic Club, and others to raise awareness of Alaskans' labor rights and support good middle class wages. DOLWD is working with community partners to translate the employee FAQ document into multiple other languages including but not limited to Spanish and Yup'ik.

If other community groups are interested in a presentation on labor rights, they should contact Commissioner Drygas' office at 269-7485.

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