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SENATE BILL 54 **SPONSOR STATEMENT** Omnibus Crime/Corrections

Senate Bill 54 makes substantive revisions to the criminal justice reform package passed by the legislature in 2016, pursuant to recommendations made by the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission.

The three major areas to be addressed: C-felony penalties, misdemeanor penalties, and violations of conditions of release.

The Commission's recommendations were based on feedback from members of law enforcement, prosecutors, and the public. This feedback reflected factors the Commission has been directed to consider in making recommendations, including the need to confine offenders to prevent harm to the public, the effect of sentencing in deterring offenders, and the need to express community condemnation.