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2020 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 205

OFFERED BY: Representative Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers

ALLOCATION: Alaska State Troopers Detachments

ADD: \$200.0 UGF (1004) in the Services Line

EXPLANATION: Let the transaction title reflect that the funding is to be used specifically for Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) exams.

This amendment adds funding to the Alaska State Trooper Detachments which provides funding to reimburse the cost of SART exams for smaller, rural agencies. Larger, urban departments have shared the remaining funds through reimbursement at the end of each fiscal year.

The Sexual Assault Response Team is a multi-disciplinary team developed to improve services to victims of sexual assault. The team is comprised of advocates from the local victim service center, law enforcement officers, and specially trained health care professionals. These team members provide a coordinated, efficient, and supportive response to victims. The benefit of the SART is the ability to provide a full range of comprehensive services to victims who have made the decision to report a sexual assault. This occurs by providing immediate crisis intervention, team interviews, forensic examination, and follow-up as needed. This coordinated response leads to a bond between the victim and the advocate, enables law enforcement to receive a foundation of facts regarding the case, and provides for forensic evidence for the prosecution of the sexual offender.