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Sponsor Statement

CS HB 106

“An act relating to village public safety officers and regional public safety officers.”

The purpose of CS HB 106 is to provide flexibility in the implementation of the Village Public Safety Officer Program (VPSO). Under the current law, regional nonprofit corporations receive grants to administer the Program; however, not all regional nonprofit corporations wish to do so. CS HB 106 would amend the law to provide the option for municipalities with fewer than 10,000 residents to administer the Program. This would not interfere with existing nonprofit implementation of the Program where the sentiment from effected communities is that the Program should be housed in the nonprofit. All Alaskans deserve to be safe and secure in their hometowns. This bill aims to make that possible in yet more villages.