

*Alaska State Legislature*  
REPRESENTATIVE BRYCE EDGMON  
*House District 36*



**Memorandum**

Akiachak  
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Aleknagik  
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Anvik  
Atnautluak  
Beluga  
Cheforiak  
Chuathbaluk  
Crooked Creek  
Dillingham  
Ekwok  
Holy Cross  
Igiugig  
Iliamna  
Kalskag  
Lower Kalskag  
Kasigluk  
King Salmon  
Kipruk  
Kokhanok  
Koliganek  
Kongiganak  
Kwethluk  
Kwigillingok  
Levelock  
Lime Village  
Manokotak  
Naknek  
South Naknek  
Nanwalek  
Napakiak  
Napaskiak  
New Stuyahok  
Newhalen  
Newtok  
Nightmute  
Nondalton  
Nunapitcheuk  
Oscarville  
Pedro Bay  
Pope-Vannoy  
Port Alsworth  
Port Graham  
Red Devil  
Russian Mission  
Shageluk  
Sleetmute  
Stony River  
Toksook Bay  
Tululsak  
Tuntutuliak  
Tununak  
Tyonek

**Date:** February 18, 2014

**To:** Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chairman  
Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chairman  
House Finance Committee

**From:** Representative Bryce Edgmon 

**RE:** HB 199—VPSO Firearms—Hearing Request

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I respectfully request a hearing for HB 199—VPSO Firearms—at your earliest convenience.

HB 199 will make clear the Legislature's intent that Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs), once having received additional training approved by the Department of Public Safety, should be allowed to carry firearms.

I am confident that properly arming our VPSOs will have a deterrent effect that makes not just the officers but whole communities safer.

Please find the following materials in the HB 199 packet:

- HB 199
- Sponsor Statement
- Dept. of Public Safety Draft Regulations
- Summary of 9.26.2013 Informational Meeting on Arming VPSOs
- Various Resolutions, Letters, and Media Articles on the Issue

I expect testifiers to include current and former officials from the Department of Public Safety, including:

- DPS Deputy Commissioner Terry Vrabeck
- Statewide VPSO Coordinator Captain Steve Arlow
- and former DPS Commissioner Joe Masters.

I would also request that the hearing be teleconferenced to LIOs statewide.

My staff contact for this legislation is Tim Clark, who can be reached at 465-2839.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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