Legislative Hearing on HB 334, Saturday, 9 April 2016 in JNU — House Judiciary Comm:

SIX arguments in support of the *original* bill first presented before CS:

- (1) #1 Original HB 334 eliminates a <u>vague</u>, <u>ambiguous</u>, <u>ill-defined term</u>: "a history of perpetrating" with a precise term: "convicted".
- (2) #2 Vague law provokes disagreement inspires, invites litigation.
- (3) #3 H&SS Comm Substitute is step backwards replaces precise with vague "clear and convincing evidence" which is not a precise legal term.
- (4) #4 Original HB 334 will <u>streamline judicial proceedings</u> by omitting collateral trials on side issues (a) "committed a crime"; (b) "a history of perpetrating DV"; "a history of perpetrating"; (c) "shows that the other parent has sexually assaulted or engaged in domestic violence"; [presumption of] "a history of perpetrating"; multiple: "a history of perpetrating" (8 times)
- (5) #5 Protects the parties by assuring that (a) DV accusation has been brought in a timely fashion (b) with fair advance notice to the accused, and (c) has been adjudicated by a judge and jury.
- (6) #6 Will conserve judicial resource: reduce judicial burdens, save court time, attorney efforts (public & private attorneys), will save court system money \$ by lowering number of disputes and reducing extent of litigation.
- (7) Summary: HB 334 replaces vague, ambiguous law with accurate, precise law.
- (8) Beauty of the *Original* Bill: will reduce litigation and judicial work, save Alaska Court System time and money, discourage wasteful legal disputes.

Respectfully submitted on 9 April 2016.

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