

This is kind of a minimum requirement for justice.

Thanks,

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Please pass this. HB31 - Sexual Assault evidence kit processing. Alaska does not need to be No. 1 on the list any longer (from 2014) <http://www.cnn.com/2014/02/03/opinion/sutter-alaska-rape-list/>

Also people should be identified when they belong or have an affiliation with Sigma Alpha Epsilon (The Hunting Ground <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBNHGi36nIM>) . The Invisible War (<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/invisible-war/>) also applies in Alaska.

Elaine Hulse

Members of the House Finance Committee:

I support HB31 and urge the committee to pass the bill. Public safety is of utmost concern to Alaskans for budget considerations. Sexual assault is a heinous, aggressive crime that is perpetrated on unwilling humans of all ages and genders. Sexual assault robs victims of their right to dignity; their right to safety from injury, unintended pregnancy, and imposed disease; and their right to absolute sovereignty over their own bodies.

Alaskans have a constitutional right to safety and security. Yet Alaskan women suffer sexual assault offenses at such alarming, extreme rates that Alaska is designated one of the top five most dangerous states in the nation for women, year after year.

Last year, the Alaska State Troopers complied with Gov. Walker's call for an audit of sexual assault evidence kits shelved, awaiting processing. The number was alarming. But it is outrageous that other law enforcement agencies in the state did not comply and require this law as motivation to get their unprocessed kits counted, reported, processed and the results turned over to investigators and prosecutors. We know from news reports over the past years, that processed rape kits have been key to linking evidence that led to convictions of serial rapists. For Alaskans' safety, we must get our kits in Alaska processed timely—right now and into the future.

I urge the committee and the full body to pass HB31 on behalf of all Alaskan victims, potential victims, victims' families, and the perpetrators who need external deterrents to help them manage their antisocial behaviors effectively.

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