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Sectional Analysis | HB 142

Section 1: Adds “Alaska Native organizations” to the list of entities eligible to operate a Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program if provided a grant by the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Under current statute, only nonprofit regional corporations and municipalities are eligible.

The definition of “Alaska Native organization” within AS 18.65.670 can be found in Section 4.

Section 2: Is a conforming change to existing law, which relates to the process by which DPS can provide a grant to an eligible entity to administer a VPSO program.

Adds “Alaska Native organizations” to the list of eligible entities.

Section 3: Is a conforming change to existing law, which relates to how the DPS commissioner can adopt regulations pertaining to the administration of the VPSO program. Under this section, “Alaska Native organizations” join the list of entities to whom these adopted regulations apply.

Section 4: Defines “Alaska Native organization” as an organization listed in AS 47.27.070(a).

AS 47.27.070(a) provides for the list of thirteen Alaska Native organizations that are authorized under state law and also under federal law to operate an Alaska Native family assistance program.

Section 5: Under current statute, the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) may only coordinate with an Alaska Native organization listed in AS 47.27.070(a) as relates to developing and administering an Alaska Native family assistance program if that organization has incorporated a nonprofit entity under state law. Section 5 of this bill repeals the requirement to incorporate.