



February 10, 2025

The Honorable Senator Matt Claman
Senate Judiciary Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 429
Juneau AK, 99801

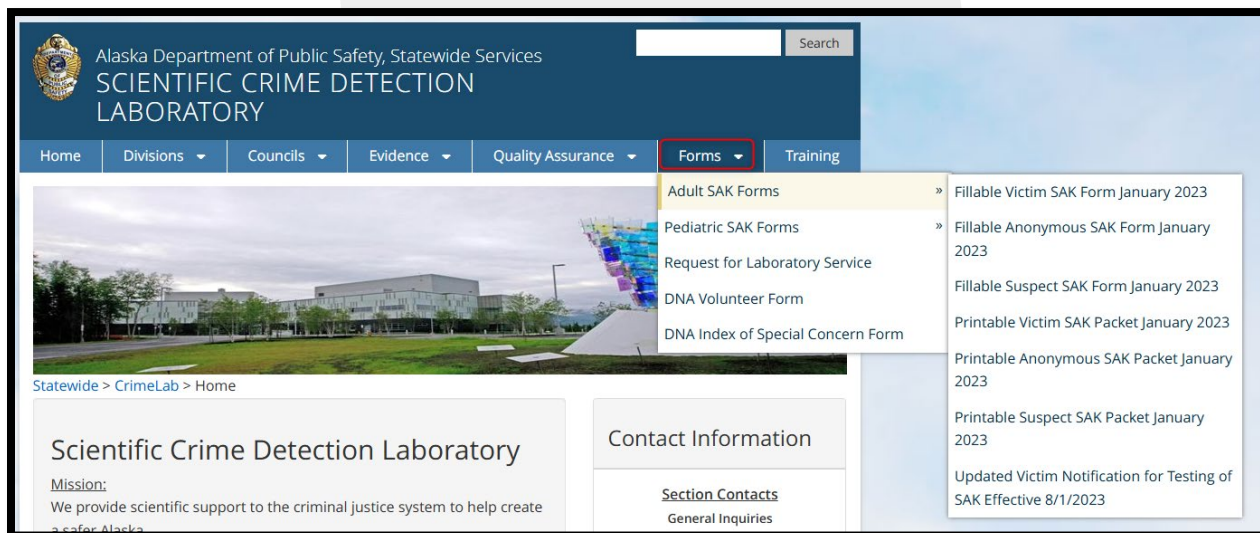
Subject: Senate Judiciary hearing February 3, 2025 for Senate Bill 69 *Sexual Assault Examination Kits; Tracking*

Dear Senator Claman,

Thank you for inviting the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to present Senate Bill (SB) 69 to the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 3, 2025. This letter completes the responses to the questions and requests for follow-up information from this hearing.

Senator Tobin requested whether the bill provides protections for victim’s rights, specifically if a victim retains the right to have a sexual assault examination and not have their kit transmitted.

The sexual assault examination kits require a Victim Consent Form, which can be found on the Department of Public Safety, [Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory website](https://dps.alaska.gov/Statewide/CrimeLab/Home)¹.



¹ Department of Public Safety. Statewide Services. Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. *Forms*. <https://dps.alaska.gov/Statewide/CrimeLab/Home>

There is also an option for the victim to provide the kit anonymously in which the sexual assault examination kit is transmitted to law enforcement and then transmitted to the accredited lab (the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory) where it will remain in storage indefinitely so that the victim retains the right to have their kit tested in the future.

Under statute [AS 44.41.070\(e\)](#) *Report on untested sexual assault examination kits*, provides that a sexual assault kit is ineligible for testing if the law enforcement agency or state department finds that the kit:

1. Is scientifically unviable;
2. Does not meet eligibility requirements for inclusion in CODIS; or
3. Was collected from a person who reported a sexual assault anonymously.

Senator Tobin requested clarification if Child Advocacy Centers have been consulted about this legislation.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) has initiated discussions with the [Alaska Children's Alliance](#)² to discuss this specific legislation. All CACs have been trained on and are currently using the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System. Additionally, DPS remains actively engaged with Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) to support the implementation of the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System program.

Senator Tobin requested clarification about the security measures in place for the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking system users.

The main security feature of the Sexual Assault Kit Tracking system is that victims log into with their kit barcode rather than with personally identifiable information. A victim may opt into the system to receive notifications or opt out of notifications. Victims can reset their password at any time by logging into the system and setting up security questions. The medical facility and/or law enforcement agency can also manually reset a victim's password if needed.



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² Alaska Children's Alliance. www.alaskachildrensalliance.org