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The Honorable Nellie Unangiq Jimmie
Chair, House Finance Public Safety Subcommittee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 513
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Jimmie,

Thank you for the opportunity for the Department of Public Safety to present to the House Finance Public Safety Subcommittee on February 26, 2026, regarding the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, and the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory. This letter is provided as follow-up to questions raised during that hearing.

1. Representative Himschoot asked about the Coaching Boys into Men prevention program and why the program was discontinued.

The Coaching Boys into Men program was discontinued following implementation challenges that affected consistent delivery. COVID-19 significantly disrupted school operations and limited the program's ability to be implemented as designed. While coaches responded positively to the training, many reported difficulties integrating the curriculum into ongoing athletic programming. The curriculum was not Alaska specific, which presented additional adaptation challenges.

Scheduling constraints within school districts and staff turnover also affected continuity and long-term sustainability. As a result, the follow-through mentoring and coaching support did not occur as originally intended.

2. Representative Prax requested information on how much is spent on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault crime responses in the state.

Commissioned personnel time is categorized by activity, including investigations, patrol, training, and administrative functions. In fiscal year 2025, Alaska State Troopers reported approximately 93,383 hours dedicated to investigative activity statewide, including work on crimes against persons and property such as domestic violence and sexual assault. Investigative capacity, combined with sustained patrol presence in communities, is central to the department's response to criminal activity statewide.

3. Representative Himschoot requested location data and metrics for court testimony in Alaska performed by the Crime lab staff.

The table below lists the locations where Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory personnel provided court testimony in calendar year 2025. The table reflects the communities and judicial districts in which laboratory staff appeared in support of criminal prosecutions.

Court Testimony Location	In-Person	Remote
Palmer	15	2
Craig		1
Anchorage	86	
Ketchikan	1	2
Fairbanks	21	2
Kenai	6	2
Bethel	2	
Cordova	1	
Nenana	3	
Nome		1
Wrangell		1
Valdez	1	
Seward	1	
Kotzebue	1	
Dillingham	1	

Sincerely,

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