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Senate Bill 28 Summary of Changes

Senate Judiciary Committee: Version A to Version R

The Senate Judiciary Committee Substitute for SB 28 includes three changes.

The first and most significant change was requested by the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

ANDVSA expressed concerns that employers could file for a workplace violence protective order on behalf of an employee who may be experiencing interpersonal violence away from the workplace, which could be harmful or unsafe for that employee. Version R prevents this potential overstep. An employer can only file for a workplace protective order if violence against an employee occurs at the employer's workplace or a threat of violence is targeted specifically at the employee's workplace. This change ensures that an employer is acting within their duty to provide a safe working environment.

The second change ensured that the definition of employer included nonprofit organizations. Any any entity that employs one or more persons may apply for a workplace violence protective order under Version R of SB 91.

The third and final change included in Version R is to make the entry of workplace violence protective orders into the central registry of protective orders part of the process of issuing workplace violence protective orders and ex parte workplace violence protective orders. This change makes the process of issuing a workplace violence protective order the same as the process of issuing a domestic violence protective order.