

RECOMMENDATION TO THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE  
FROM THE ALASKA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

**Recommendation 2-2018, adopted February 6, 2018:**

**The Commissioner of Health and Social Services should be a voting member  
of the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission**

In August 2016, the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission (“the Commission”) voted to add the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) as a member of the Commission. In November 2017, the Alaska Legislature passed SB 54, which added the Commissioner of DHSS to the Commission as a non-voting member. The Commission’s original recommendation in 2016 did not explicitly state whether the Commission intended the Commissioner of DHSS to be a voting member.

On February 6, 2018, the Commission discussed this change and voted to clarify that the original intent of the 2016 recommendation was that the Commissioner of DHSS be added to the Commission as a voting member.