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SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR CSSB 15 (JUD)

“An Act relating to penalties for certain alcohol offenses involving persons under 21 years of age committed by a sex offender or a child kidnapper.”

Senate Bill 15 increases penalties on a registered sex offender or child kidnapper providing alcohol for individuals under 21 years of age.

If SB 15 is enacted, penalties will increase as follows:

- A Violation to a Class B Misdemeanor
- A Class A Misdemeanor to a Class C Felony
- A Class C Felony to a Class B Felony

According to the Anchorage Police Department, alcohol is involved in over 51.2% of sexual assaults reported in Anchorage between 2006 and 2007. Almost a fourth of those sexual assaults were perpetrated against victims between the ages of 15 and 19. Law enforcement and social service agencies all recognize a strong pattern in the use of drugs and alcohol as a “grooming” tool in an attempt to lure young people into sexual activity.