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HB 104: Address Confidentiality Program Sponsor Statement, Version 34-LS0484\I

"An Act creating and relating to the address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

HB 104 creates an address confidentiality program for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, peace officers and correctional officers, and their families.

There are many times an address must be provided in order to participate in society. This includes voting, working, sending children to school, and much more. Alaskans threatened with stalking or abuse, or retribution due to their roles in the justice system, are made unsafe when that address shows up in public records.

HB 104 establishes a program whereby these at-risk individuals can receive mail at an anonymized PO box. Mail received by the state on behalf of enrollees will be forwarded to the participant's home address, which will remain confidential under penalty of law.

Survivors and those who protect our state deserve the chance to live their lives fully, without fear of danger, and HB 104 gives those Alaskans a powerful tool to stay safe.

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