


Alaska State Legislature
REPRESENTATIVE BRYCE EDGMON
House District 36



Memorandum

Date: February 18, 2014

To: Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chairman
Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chairman
House Finance Committee

From: Representative Bryce Edgmon 

RE: HB 199—VPSO Firearms—Hearing Request

I respectfully request a hearing for HB 199—VPSO Firearms—at your earliest convenience.

HB 199 will make clear the Legislature's intent that Village Public Safety Officers (VPSOs), once having received additional training approved by the Department of Public Safety, should be allowed to carry firearms.

I am confident that properly arming our VPSOs will have a deterrent effect that makes not just the officers but whole communities safer.

Please find the following materials in the HB 199 packet:

- HB 199
- Sponsor Statement
- Dept. of Public Safety Draft Regulations
- Summary of 9.26.2013 Informational Meeting on Arming VPSOs
- Various Resolutions, Letters, and Media Articles on the Issue

I expect testifiers to include current and former officials from the Department of Public Safety, including:

- DPS Deputy Commissioner Terry Vrabec
- Statewide VPSO Coordinator Captain Steve Arlow
- and former DPS Commissioner Joe Masters.

I would also request that the hearing be teleconferenced to LIOs statewide.

My staff contact for this legislation is Tim Clark, who can be reached at 465-2839.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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