

HB 126-CS Version P- Peter Savage Comments

I would like to share ideas that pertain to officer/enlisted conduct and organizational operation of the Alaska Guard based on my extensive military and military family background. My military family history in Alaska goes back three generations as senior officers having worked in Alaska ie., grandfather, father, and myself.

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What I'm seeing in this legislation is a rewrite of Alaska military justice system and not the checks and balances/oversight needed of its leaders that run it. Further this legislation does not address the lack of Alaska militia manpower and monies needed to run an internal judicial system.

What is needed is a specific military code of conduct of militia leaders/members and legislative oversight of the Alaska Department of Military And Veteran Affairs. What we have lost is the Active Duty military adviser group which helped provide oversight of the Alaska National Guard.

Things that should be addressed are:

- State oversight board composed of non-military members and a process for Grievance submission outside the military chain of command. TAG report card to the Governor
- Nepotism/duel spousal affiliation within the Alaska National Guard. Enlisted E6/Staff Sargent and above; Officer 01/2LT and above
- Timely OER evaluations based on published rating chain and penalties for late/improper submissions
- Mandatory turnover of senior leadership Enlisted/E9; Officer 06 and above (maximum of three years)
- Officer career management
- Promotion/retention boards
- Eliminate War College for consideration to 06/COL because of limited availability to LTCs.
- One year requirement as 06 to ask for War College consideration for; but not requirement for General Officer

Sincerely,

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