


Alaska State Legislature
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
House District 37



Memorandum

Date: March 8, 2017

To: Senator Click Bishop, Chair
Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

From: Representative Bryce Edgmon 

RE: HB 8—Protection Orders from Other Jurisdictions

I respectfully request a hearing for HB 8—Protection Orders from Other Jurisdictions—at your earliest convenience.

As current statutes are written, law enforcement is only compelled to enforce a tribal or another state's protection order if it has been filed (that is, registered) in an Alaska court. However, with Alaska subject to the VAWA, the state is required to enforce protection orders issued in another jurisdiction even if the order has not been registered. HB 8 follows the recommendation of the Alaska Department of Law to amend conflicting state statutes in order to bring Alaska into compliance with federal law.

Please find the following materials in the HB 8 packet:

- HB 8, Version A
- Sponsor Statement
- Sectional Summary
- The Dept. of Law's Opinion on State Enforcement of Protection Orders under the Violence Against Women Act
- U.S. Code Title 18, Chapter 2265
- December 18, 2014 Repeal of the Alaska Exemption in VAWA

I anticipate having two officials from the Department of Law available for questions:

- Civil Division Attorney Mary Lundquist
- Criminal Division Attorney Kaci Schroeder

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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