

Alaska State Legislature
REPRESENTATIVE BRYCE EDGMON
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
House District 37




Memorandum

Adak
Akutan
Aleknagik
Anvik
Atka
Attu Station
Chignik
Chignik Lagoon
Chignik Lake
Clark's Point
Cold Bay
Dillingham
Egegik
Ekwok
False Pass
Flat
Grayling
Holy Cross
Igiugig
Iliamna
Ivanof Bay
King Cove
King Salmon
Kokhanok
Koliganek
Lake Minchumina
Levelock
Lime Village
Manokotak
McGrath
Naknek
Nelson Lagoon
New Stuyahok
Newhalen
Nikolai
Nikolski
Nondalton
Pedro Bay
Perryville
Pilot Point
Pope-Vannoy
Port Alsworth
Port Heiden
Portage Creek
Red Devil
Sand Point
Shageluk
Sleetmute
South Naknek
St. George
St. Paul
Stony River
Takotna
Togiak
Twin Hills
Ugashik
Unalaska

Date: January 20, 2017

To: Representative Zach Fansler, Co-Chair
Representative Justin Parish, Co-Chair
House Community & Regional Affairs Committee

From: Speaker 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 request that any hearings granted be teleconferenced to LIOs statewide. I am expecting testimony to be offered by

- Officials from the Alaska Department of Law

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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