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Hello Senator Wielechowski,

Doug Wooliver mentioned to me that the judiciary budget subcommittee had asked about rates of new criminal activity among defendants who have been released under the new pretrial system. The Judicial Council, acting as staff to the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission, is in the process of completing a study tracking pretrial outcomes for a sample of defendants charged with crimes during the last quarter of FY2018. (We chose this time frame because pretrial reform did not go into effect until January 1, 2018, and we allowed a few months after that date for the new practices to stabilize.)

In our study, we have data about how many of these defendants were released on the bail schedule, how many were released by judges, how many were not released before disposition of their cases, what bails were ordered, how many were assigned to pretrial supervision, how many successfully attended their court hearings, and how many have been arrested for new crimes during the pretrial period.

About 15% of the defendants in our study still have open cases. As long as their cases are open without a plea, we cannot conclusively say whether those defendants failed or succeeded during the pretrial period. However, once all the cases are resolved, we will publish the final results. In the meantime, we are happy to answer questions or discuss the initial findings. Please feel free to call if you think we could help in any way.

Best,
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