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Public Safety Employees Association Position Paper
Supporting SB 34

The Public Safety Employees Association is pleased to support SB 34. This bill addresses Probation and Parole by addressing sanctions for technical violations, revisiting earned compliance credits, early termination of probation and parole and parole eligibility and electronic monitoring.

Experiencing a significant increase in crime in recent years and according to a 2018 report based on the FBI’s Uniform Crime Report Alaska was named the “Most Dangerous State in America”. Alaska led the nation in violent crime by doubling the national average per capita in violent crime and Alaska has the highest rate of rape and aggravated assault in the country.

SB 34 addresses the crime rate by how Alaska treats its offenders by repealing the caps on the sanctions for technical violations and absconding and returns discretion to judges and parole boards to impose a sanction appropriate for the offender, the type of violation, and the underlying offense. Reducing the earned compliance credit to one day for every three days without violation and if an offender violates their probation or parole they will lose all credits accrued up until the violation and start over. This puts an appropriate burden on the offender to not violate their probation or parole. Returning to a true recommendation of the probation or parole officer instead of a mandated recommendation after 1 or 2 years without violation and restricting what crimes are eligible for discretionary parole. Eliminate the reduction of sentencing using good time calculation while on electronic monitoring post-sentence.

The Public Safety Employees Association believes that SB 34 will help reduce Alaska’s crime rate and return discretion to judges, probation and parole officers.

PSEA encourages the passage of SB 34.