

2022 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 69 / HB 71

OFFERED BY: Representative Patkotak

DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Village Public Safety Officer Program
ALLOCATION: Village Public Safety Officer Program

ADD: Intent Language
“It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety work in conjunction with each Village Public Safety Officer program grantees’ leadership to improve program recruitment and retention, to provide greater spending flexibility, and to identify regional training opportunities. The department should refine the standards of VPSOs to expand upon eligibility and better define essential functions and other responsibilities that distinguish varying support of village public safety needs. The department shall work with grantees to utilize grant funds and/or contributions from tribal governments, local governments, and regional Native Corporations to support hiring and retention incentives.”

EXPLANATION: Intent language urging the Department to work with Village Public Safety Officer program grantees to address recruitment and retention challenges and identify regional training opportunities.