

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Explanation of Changes

CS for HB 291 Ver: 32-LS1425\G

Following feedback from our partners, we have included several changes to HB 291:

- **Section 1:** This section amends AS 18.66.020 to expand the public membership of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) to include a representative from an Alaska Native Organization. This section also allows for the governor to consult specifically with the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center during the appointment process. The Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center (AKNWRC) and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) also will submit a list of recommended appointees to the governor.
 - This section also creates a new subsection (7) under AS 18.66.020(a) to include another new member to the CDVSA, the CEO of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (or their designee). This ensures that there is a balance between the governmental and public members of this council.
- **Section 2:** This section amends AS 18.66.020(d) in order to add a definition for “Alaska Native organization,” which is based on federal statute (43 USC 1601 et seq and 25 USC 5304). There are also numbering changes to reflect the newly-added definition.
- **Section 3:** This section extends the length of the CDVSA to June 30, 2028.
- **Section 4:** This section states that this Act takes effect immediately.