

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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House Bill 291 Version 32-LS1425\G

“An Act extending the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault”

Sponsor Statement

HB 291 extends the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) until June 30, 2028, in accordance with the recommendation of the Legislative Auditor.

The CDVSA serves an important public service by developing, implementing, and maintaining Alaska’s domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention/prevention programs in conjunction with authorities in the field, supporting public employers to provide education programs, coordinating DV/SA intervention/prevention programs provided by DEED, DPS, DOC, DHSS, and the Department of Law, creating DV/SA training programs and standards, and dispensing funds related to services and programs that serve survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Version G of this bill includes membership changes to the Council, which were recommended by both the Council and the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. This would add 2 new members to the Council: one member representing the Alaska Native community, and one representative of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. These are two voices that are critical to the work of the CDVSA that are not being included under the current membership.