

From: Tiffany Mills [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB5
Importance: High

Rep. Kreiss-Tomkins:
Helping Ourselves Prevent Emergencies (HOPE) supports HB5.

HB5 is a bill that addresses pressing issues in practical ways: refining the definition of consent to reduce burden of proof on victims; recognizing the far-reaching impacts of sexual assault, it expands protection to youth victims; and ensuring that victims receive notification regarding their sexual assault forensic kit results within six months. The bill is a result of multi-stakeholder engagement - geographically and culturally diverse groups- that includes more than 100 Alaskan survivors and was developed across a period of more than two years.

Please support and pass HB5.

Sincerely,

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“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” - Mahatma Gandhi

From: Virginia Walsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB5

Good afternoon,

House Bill 5 includes rape-kit testing reform requiring sexual assault examination kits, also known as rape kits, to be tested within six months of being received at the state crime lab, increased protections for underage victims of sexual abuse, and updates the outdated definition of consent underscoring the importance of 16 and 17 year old victims of sexual assault. We must continue to ask that HB 5 be prioritized and heard.

Quyanaqpak,



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month:

The Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network ([RAINN](#)), organizes the [National Sexual Assault Telephone Hotline](#). You can call the Hotline at 1-800-656-4673, or access RAINN's [online chat service](#) and AWIC for assistance 24/7 @ 852-0261-1-800-478-0267.

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—Siddhartha Gautama

From: Virginia Walsh [REDACTED]

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Subject: HB5

Good afternoon,

HB 5 is a result of multi-stakeholder engagement - geographically and culturally diverse groups that include survivors, of more than 100 Alaskans developed HB5 across a period of more than two years. Please support HB5.

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From: Marilyn Casteel [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:58 PM

To: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins <Rep.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tomkins@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support of HB 5

Rep. Kreiss-Tomkins;

Safe And Fear-Free Environment, Inc. (SAFE) supports HB5 Sexual Assault/Definition of Consent. SAFE is one of the membership-based organization of the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault. The new language is long overdue and supports victims of sexual assault. This victim-centered language shifts the burden of proof away from the victim, which we want. Thank you for taking the time to read SAFE support of HB5.

Thank you,
Marilyn Casteel
Executive Director

From: Chelsey Valé [REDACTED] >
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Alexander Kelly <Alexander.Kelly@akleg.gov>; House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support HB5

Good afternoon,
My name is Chelsey Chandler
from Fairbanks, I am sending you this email to state;

House Bill 5 is important to Alaska, as it defines consent. Leaving the definition up to police should not be our normal. If a victim goes to the police they have a right to choose to move forward in involving the courts, and not have the police they sought out and trusted with their experience to decide if the victim is in fact a victim.

Though I believe everyone should support this Bill, I would like to point out that this bill does need some work.
The definition of fraud is not wide enough for ALL victims. All persons should be protected.

From: Julie Smyth [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:03 PM
To: Alexander Kelly <Alexander.Kelly@akleg.gov>; House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>
Subject: HB5 Language Change Suggestions

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my testimony and to ask what changes I would like to make to the bill.

11.41.410. Sexual assault in the first degree.

(a) An offender commits the crime of sexual assault in the first degree if

(1) the offender engages in sexual penetration with another person without consent of that person, or if a person's consent is obtained by fraud or duress by an offender acting intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence;

The words "intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, criminal negligence" are defined in AS 11.81.900(a)(1)-(3).

Thank you again for listening to my testimony. Again, I support House Bill 5. I hope that the men representing all of the victims in Alaska take the time to speak with advocates and victims willing to step and give advice and talk about the need for this bill.

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