



February 8, 2023

The Honorable Senator Gray-Jackson
Alaska Senate

Dear Senator Gray-Jackson,

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I am writing to convey our opposition of SB23, "An Act relating to the duties of the Alaska Police Standards Council; relating to municipal correctional officers and municipal correctional employees; making municipal police officers subject to police standards; relating to the duties of the Department of Public Safety; relating to reports of incidents of use of force by state and municipal police, probation, parole, and correctional officers and municipal correctional facility employees; and providing for an effective date."

The APOA board of directors recently reviewed this bill and unanimously oppose. Policing regulations and certification should remain with the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) and with individual departments. The APSC currently maintains a database of officers who have had their certifications revoked or denied and shares that information with the National Decertification Index (NDI).

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 907-277-0515 if you have questions about APOA's position. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our state.

Sincerely,

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