

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## **Sponsor Statement**

### Senate Bill 81

#### Office of Victims' Rights: Compensation

In the Thirty-Second Legislature, legislation was passed that created a new salary schedule for state attorneys (i.e., HB 226 PAY INCREASES FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES) effective October 31, 2022, which inadvertently excluded the four attorneys in the Office of Victims' Rights (OVR).

As a temporary solution, Legislative Council approved paying OVR attorneys according to the new schedule and funded the increase with a one-time transfer for fiscal year 2023; however, legislation is required to permanently place the OVR attorneys on the state attorney salary schedule.

SB 81 permanently places OVR attorneys on the salary schedule set out in AS 39.27.011(a) and (l). This draft legislation was reviewed and approved by the Legislative Council on February 21, 2023, and forwarded to the Senate Rules Committee for introduction.

I urge your support of SB 81.