

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Introduced: 4/21/06

Referred: Finance

A RESOLUTION

1 **Creating and relating to the Senate VPSO Task Force.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

3 **WHEREAS** many rural areas of the state, including rural areas located on the road
4 system, depend on village public safety officers for police protection and law enforcement;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS** nonprofit regional corporations, coordinating with the state, administer
7 village public safety officer programs; and

8 **WHEREAS** it is in the interest of the entire state to ensure that rural areas are
9 provided with adequate law enforcement services;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate VPSO Task Force is established in the legislative
11 branch by the senate, consisting of three senators and three public members appointed by the
12 president of the senate, who shall designate one of the senate members to serve as chair; and
13 be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public members of the task force may receive per
15 diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180, subject
16 to available funding and approval by the task force chair; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall

2 (1) consider the role of the village public safety officer program and ways in
3 which the program can be improved to better serve rural areas of the state, including areas
4 located on roads;

5 (2) identify any problems with the village public safety officer program and
6 ways those problems might be addressed;

7 (3) review statutes and regulations that deal with the village public safety
8 officer program and consider whether statutory changes are necessary or desirable;

9 (4) prepare and deliver to the Senate, by January 15, 2007, a report of the
10 findings and recommendations of the task force; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, subject to available funding, the chair of the task force
12 may hire staff and that the Legislative Affairs Agency shall provide administrative support to
13 the task force as needed; and be it

14 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate VPSO Task Force is terminated on
15 January 15, 2007.

16 **A COPY** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable William Tandeske,
17 Commissioner, Department of Public Safety.