

**CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7(FIN)**  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 5/15/07**

**Referred: Today's Calendar**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS OLSON, Hoffman, Stevens, Dyson, Elton, Kookesh, Therriault, French, Stedman**

**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 the attorney general or the attorney general's designee, the  
12 commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee, three senators, and two public  
13 members appointed by the president of the senate, who shall also designate one of the senate  
14 members to serve as chair; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public members of the task force may receive per  
16 diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180, subject

1 to available funding and approval by the task force chair; and be it

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

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

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

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

10 (4) prepare and deliver to the senate, by February 15, 2008, a report of the  
11 findings and recommendations of the task force; and be it

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

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate VPSO Task Force is terminated on  
16 February 15, 2008.

17 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Talis J. Colberg, Alaska  
18 Attorney General; and the Honorable Walt Monegan, Commissioner, Department of Public  
19 Safety.