

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 286(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/28/24**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES COULOMBE, Gray, Wright, Himschoot, Carrick, Carpenter, Story, C.Johnson, Rauscher, Saddler, Ruffridge, Josephson, Vance, Armstrong, Cronk, Schrage, Tilton**

**SENATOR Hughes**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 12.55.045(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The court shall, when presented with credible evidence, unless the victim  
5 or other person expressly declines restitution, order a defendant convicted of an  
6 offense to make restitution as provided in this section, including restitution to the  
7 victim or other person injured by the offense, to a public, private, or private nonprofit  
8 organization that has provided or is or will be providing counseling, medical, or  
9 shelter services to the victim or other person injured by the offense, or as otherwise  
10 authorized by law. **Restitution to a victim or other person injured by the offense**  
11 **includes compensation for the value of lost income, child care, elder care,**  
12 **transportation, and other expenses incurred during the victim's or other person's**  
13 **participation in the investigation or prosecution of the offense or attendance at**  
14 **court proceedings related to the offense.** The court shall, when presented with  
15 credible evidence, unless the victim expressly declines restitution, also order a

1 defendant convicted of an offense to compensate a victim that is a nonprofit  
2 organization for the value of labor or goods provided by volunteers if the labor or  
3 goods were necessary to alleviate or mitigate the effects of the defendant's crime. In  
4 determining the amount and method of payment of restitution or compensation, the  
5 court shall take into account the

6 (1) public policy that favors requiring criminals to compensate for  
7 damages and injury, including loss of income, to their victims; and

8 (2) financial burden placed on the victim and those who provide  
9 services to the victim and other persons injured by the offense as a result of the  
10 criminal conduct of the defendant.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
12 read:

13 **APPLICABILITY.** AS 12.55.045(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to an  
14 order of restitution for an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.