

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
HOUSE JUDICIARY STANDING COMMITTEE**

January 30, 2026

1:01 p.m.

**DRAFT**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Andrew Gray, Chair  
Representative Chuck Kopp, Vice Chair  
Representative Ted Eischeid  
Representative Genevieve Mina  
Representative Sarah Vance  
Representative Mia Costello  
Representative Jubilee Underwood

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All members present

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

"An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; relating to teaching certificates; and relating to licensing of school bus drivers."

- MOVED CSHB 47(JUD) OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 213

"An Act relating to data sharing by the Department of Administration for driver's license data verification purposes; and providing for an effective date."

- HEARING CANCELED

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 47

SHORT TITLE: GENERATED OBSCENE CHLD SEX ABUSE MATERIAL

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) VANCE

01/22/25	(H)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/17/25
01/22/25	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/22/25	(H)	CRA, JUD

03/11/25	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/11/25	(H)	Heard & Held
03/11/25	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
03/13/25	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/13/25	(H)	Heard & Held
03/13/25	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
03/18/25	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
03/18/25	(H)	<Bill Hearing Canceled>
04/24/25	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
04/24/25	(H)	Heard & Held
04/24/25	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
04/29/25	(H)	CRA AT 8:00 AM BARNES 124
04/29/25	(H)	Moved CSHB 47(CRA) Out of Committee
04/29/25	(H)	MINUTE(CRA)
04/30/25	(H)	CRA RPT CS(CRA) NEW TITLE 3DP 3NR
04/30/25	(H)	DP: PRAX, HALL, RUFFRIDGE
04/30/25	(H)	NR: HOLLAND, HIMSCHOOT, MEARS
05/16/25	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
05/16/25	(H)	-- MEETING CANCELED --
01/26/26	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
01/26/26	(H)	Heard & Held
01/26/26	(H)	MINUTE(JUD)
01/30/26	(H)	JUD AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120

**WITNESS REGISTER**

DYLAN HITCHCOCK-LOPEZ, Staff  
 Alaska State Legislature  
 Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Gave an explanation of changes in the proposed CS to CSHB 47(CRA), Version G, on behalf of Representative Gray.

KACI SCHROEDER, Assistant Attorney General  
 Criminal Division  
 Department of Law  
 Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Offered comments on the proposed CS to CSHB 47(CRA), Version G.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR GRAY** called the House Judiciary Standing Committee meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Representatives Eischeid, Mina, Vance,

Costello, Underwood, and Gray were present at the call to order. Representative Kopp arrived as the meeting was in progress.

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**HB 47-GENERATED OBSCENE CHLD SEX ABUSE MATERIAL**

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CHAIR GRAY announced that the only order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 47, "An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; relating to teaching certificates; and relating to licensing of school bus drivers." [Before the committee was CSHB 47(CRA).]

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REPRESENTATIVE EISCHEID moved to adopt the proposed committee substitute to CSHB 47(CRA), Version 34-LS0334\G, C. Radford, 1/29/26, as the working document.

CHAIR GRAY objected for discussion.

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REPRESENTATIVE VANCE, as prime sponsor, stated that the changes in Version G are recommendations from the Department of Law (DOL) to ensure that there are no gaps in statute. She said she fully supports the changes as proposed.

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DYLAN HITCHCOCK-LOPEZ, Staff, Alaska State Legislature, on behalf of Representative Gray, presented the changes in Version G from the written explanation of changes [included in the committee file], which read as follows [original punctuation provided]:

Section 3. Adds a new section to amend AS 11.61.125(e) to provide that distribution of generated obscene child sexual abuse material under AS 11.61.121 is a qualifying prior conviction which enhances the crime of distribution of child sexual abuse material from a class B to a class A felony.

Section 4. Renumbered from v.I to account for the addition of a new Section 3. Amends AS 11.61.127(a) to clarify the cross reference to AS 11.41.455(a) refers specifically to the conduct enumerated in AS 11.41.455(a)(1)-(7). Removes language regarding a "representation that is indistinguishable from an identifiable child under 18 years of age" from AS 11.61.127(a)(2).

Deleted. Section 5 of v.I, which amended AS 11.61.127(f) to define an "identifiable child," is removed in its entirety.

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REPRESENTATIVE COSTELLO asked to hear from Kaci Schroeder, DOL.

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KACI SCHROEDER, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Law (DOL), agreed with Mr. Hitchcock-Lopez's explanation, adding that all the changes were made with the intention of reducing litigation, rather than litigating superfluous language.

CHAIR GRAY removed his objection. There being no further objection, Version G was adopted.

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REPRESENTATIVE COSTELLO reiterated her support for the bill.

REPRESENTATIVE UNDERWOOD expressed support for the bill and emphasized the worthiness of protecting Alaskan children.

REPRESENTATIVE KOPP added that the bill could have a positive impact on reducing addiction to this type of exploitation and help stop repeated exposure.

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REPRESENTATIVE VANCE commented on the pervasiveness of child sexual abuse material (CSAM). She said its time to step up and provide protections without relying on federal prosecution, especially with the fast-paced nature of artificial intelligence (AI). She explained that the bill would give law enforcement the tools to prosecute without having to differentiate images of

real children from AI generated children, which would allow for faster prosecution to hold perpetrators accountable.

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REPRESENTATIVE KOPP moved to report CSHB 47, Version 34-LS0334\G, C. Radford, 1/29/26, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 47(JUD) was reported out of the House Judiciary Standing Committee.

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CHAIR GRAY gave a preview of the committee's upcoming agenda.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Judiciary Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.