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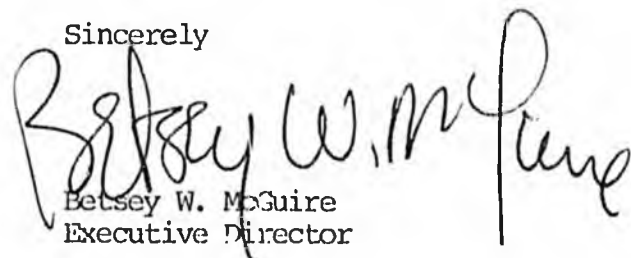
The Honorable Charles Parr
Chair, Senate Health, Education,
Social Services Committee
Alaska State Senate
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Dear Senator Parr:

Attached is a Position Paper from the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault on Senate Bill 726, an act relating to medical and psychological assistance to victims of sexual assault.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 465-4256.

Sincerely



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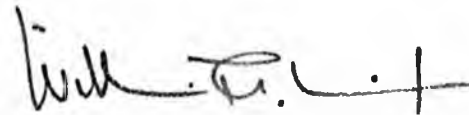
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POSITION PAPER

SENATE BILL NO. 726

Senate Bill 726 is an act relating to medical and psychological assistance to victims of sexual assault. Payment for costs of victims who receive medical care in a hospital as a result of injuries from sexual assault would be paid by the Department of Health and Social Services as well as psychological and psychiatric treatment costs.

While the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault supports the concept of this bill, it is concerned that it would fragment the services to victims since the Council was established to coordinate the services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. However, the Council is not in a position to provide individual payments to persons, and such a function would add considerably to the administrative costs of the Council; the Department of Health and Social Services already has such a capability.



William R. Nix, Chair