

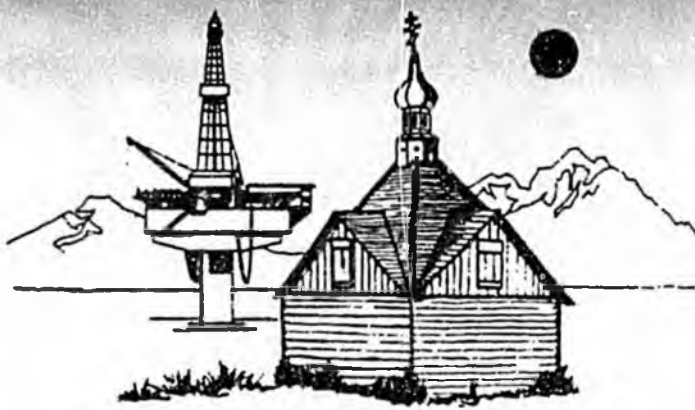
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February 16, 1983

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Dear Mr. Mayer,

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It was resolved by the Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police, that it is absolutely essential for the APSC to have subpoena powers in order to make informed decisions in carrying out their regulatory functions. You, or your staff, when testifying on this matter may represent this position on our behalf.

Please keep me informed as to the status of this proposed statutory change.

Sincerely,


Chief Richard Ross
Kenai Police Department
Secretary - Treasurer
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TO: Robert J. Sundberg
Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

DATE: January 7, 1983

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 465-4378

FROM: James F. Mayer
Executive Director
Alaska Police Standards Council

SUBJECT: 1983 Legislation

To amplify on my memo of August 4, 1982 to former Commissioner Nix, most internal investigations and disciplinary actions against police officers by state and municipal police departments are considered confidential by those departments and not available for review by the Council. Yet those reports are necessary to form a basis for decisions by the Council on revocation of a police officer's certificate.

If the Council had the authority to subpoena these records it could avoid erroneous and premature decisions in denials and revocations and legally relieve the department of liability under the various privacy acts in addition to assisting the Attorney General's office in determining whether the Police Standards Act has been violated.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: William R. Lix
Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

DATE: August 4, 1982

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 465-4378

FROM: James F. Mayer
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Alaska Police Standards Council

SUBJECT: 1983 Legislation

I've attached a copy of a bill drafted by the Department of Law at the Council's request for introduction in the Twelfth Legislature - Second Session. The bill was not introduced at that Session.

The Council requests that it be introduced in the Thirteenth Legislature - First Session.

The Council has experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining sufficient information from various police departments upon which to base decisions concerning denial or revocation of police officer certificates. In order to avoid erroneous decisions without sufficient information or based on inaccurate or incomplete information, the Council requests this legislation. It would also largely relieve the police departments of potential liability under the various privacy acts.

It would have no fiscal impact on the Council's activities.

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Attachments

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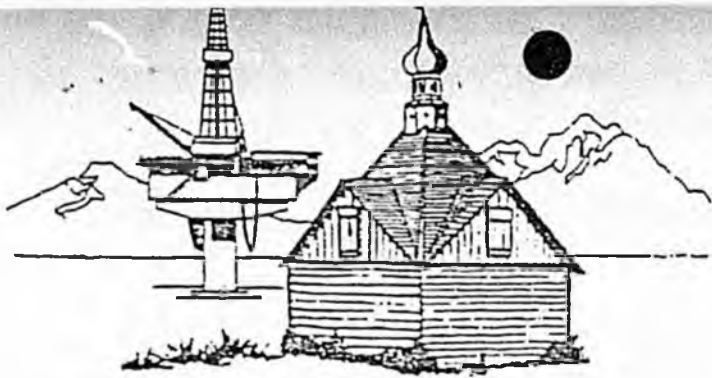
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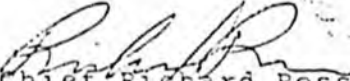
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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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March 18, 1983

The Honorable Jalmar Kerttula
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
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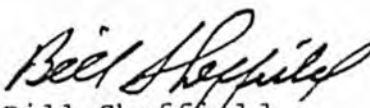
Dear Mr. President:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that will grant investigative subpoena power to the Alaska Police Standards Council.

The Alaska Police Standards Council is empowered to establish and enforce minimum standards for the employment of police officers within the state. Under existing law, the council has the authority to investigate the background and qualifications of individual police officers, and may deny or revoke certification of those officers who do not meet the minimum standards. In the past, the council has experienced some difficulty in obtaining records from some police departments, as the departments regard information such as personnel files or the results of internal investigations as confidential and accessible only through a court order.

This bill adds a new paragraph to the statute which enumerates the powers granted to the council. It explicitly confers investigatory authority and authorizes the issuance of subpoenas for persons, books, records, or other documents related to an investigation. Passage of the bill will enable the council to investigate more efficiently when it appears that a police officer does not meet the educational, training, or moral character standards established by the council. It will enable the council to swiftly terminate, without the necessity of a formal hearing, those investigations which find that concern regarding an officer's qualifications is unfounded.

Sincerely,


Bill Sheffield
Governor

STATE OF ALASKA
FINAL STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: SB 187 Date on Bill: 3/18/83
 Title: An Act relating to investigations by, and granting subpoena power to the APSC
 Sponsor: Rules Committee - Governor's Request
 Requestor: _____

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

			FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87
Capital							
Operating							
Total			-0-	-0-	-0-		

b. Revenues:

Revenue							
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2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

3. Assumptions:

No Fiscal Impact

4. This statement has been reviewed by the OMB in the Office of the Governor. It may be considered to represent the policy of the Sheffield Administration and the final estimate of fiscal impact.

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 Division: Administrative Services Date: 2-17-83

Approved by Commissioner: Robert J. Sundberg *RJS by TPA* Date: 2/18/83
 Department: Public Safety

Reviewed by OMB: Mike Maher Date: 2/18/83
 Phone: 465-2213

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