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Alaska State Legislature

Senate Committee on State Affairs

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Juneau, Alaska 99811

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Official Business

Memorandum

TO: Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senate State Affairs Committee Staff

RE: SCR 37 "Sexual Assault and Abuse Awareness Month"

DATE: February 23, 1983

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Back-up information

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATOR JALMAR KERTTULA

FROM: ELIZABETH J. HICKERSON *EH*

RE: SCR 37, relating to "Sexual Assault and Abuse Awareness Month."

DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 1984

The incidence of sexual assault and abuse in our state is alarming. According to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council), Alaska had the highest rate of rape in the United States for 1982 (Annual Report, January 1984). The occurrence of child sexual assault and abuse is startling. In FY 80, the Division of Family and Youth Services reported 139 suspected cases of child abuse. In FY 83, 616 suspected cases were reported to the same agency. During FY 83, 6,986 clients were served by sexual assault and domestic violence programs statewide. These statistics may only represent the tip of the iceberg.

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The first step necessary to break this chain of violence is through public awareness. SCR 37 will bring this issue to the public's attention. To ensure the effectiveness of this resolution all three branches of our government, sexual assault and abuse programs, human services providers, private businesses/corporations, organizations, religious associations, and local governments, must carefully plan and participate in events during the Sexual Assault and Abuse Awareness Month.

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LETTER FROM SAC

ALASKA NETWORK ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

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POSITION PAPER

SCR 37: Relating to "Sexual Assault and Abuse Awareness Month"

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, representing 20 programs statewide that provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, supports SCR37 to designate a sexual assault and abuse awareness month.

The Network feels that a continuing awareness on the part of the general public regarding the high rate of sexual assault and abuse in our communities is central to encouraging those communities to become involved in addressing this important issue.

Since the month of May has traditionally been designated "End Violence Against Women and Children" month, and because sexual assault and abuse are both aspects in the perpetration of violence against women and children, the Network concurs in the suggestion made by the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault that sexual assault and abuse issues could be appropriately addressed within that general theme.

The Network's member programs have been involved in community education and awareness efforts regarding these issues, and appreciates the Legislature's continued support and recognition of these issues as statewide concerns.

POSITION STATEMENT

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37 by Senators Kerttula
and Sturgulewski,

Relating to "Sexual Assault and
Abuse Awareness Month.",

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs
Committee.

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 37 (Sexual Assault and Abuse Awareness Month)
and a majority of the committee recommended it be replaced
with

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37 (SA)

and to pass. The report was signed by Senator Vic Fischer,
Chairman and concurred in by Senators Kelly, Sturgulewski
and Rodey.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 37 was referred to the Rules
Committee.

Original sponsors: Kerttula and Sturgulewski

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COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FURTHER:

2/10/84

Date 2/23/84

Mr. President

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS considered SCR 37

relating to "Sexual Assault and Abuse Awareness Month.

and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass
- do pass with attached amendment(s)
- replace with/or adopt CS for _____
- new title
- same title and recommends _____
- and attached a "LETTER OF INTENT" [] NEW FISCAL NOTE
- reports it back without recommendation
- recommends referral to _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING
DO PASS

MEMBERS HAVING
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Kelly

Tom Boley

V. Fischer

Chairman

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