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# STATE OF ALASKA 1986 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST**

Bill/Resolution No. : HB498  
 Title : "An Act Relating to the introduction of Evidence in Prosecution for certain Sexual Offenses"  
 Sponsor : RULES  
 Requestor : House Judiciary  
 Date of Request : \_\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL DETAIL**

Agency Affected : Public Safety  
 BRU : Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
 Components : \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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**FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**POSITIONS :**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS :** Attach a separate page if necessary

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Approved by Commissioner : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency : Dept. of Public Safety

Date : 2/3/86

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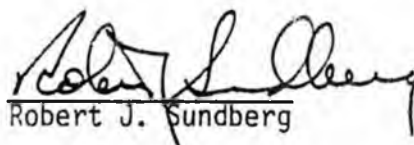
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Support

HB 498 - "An Act relating to the introduction of evidence in prosecutions for certain sexual offenses; and having the effect of changing Rule 404, Alaska Rules of Evidence."

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault supports HB 498 which provides more precise guidelines on the admissibility of a victim's sexual conduct as evidence. This bill further protects victims of sexual assault by limiting evidence of a victim's past sexual conduct to information that is relevant to the case. Alaska's existing "rape shield law" has gone a long way to protect a victim. In the past, assumptions were often made that a victim's sexual history meant she/he somehow "deserved" to be assaulted. Although we have progressed in our acceptance that irrelevant information about a victim's sexual history should not be used to discredit a victim, Alaska's existing legislation does not distinguish prior sexual conduct between the victim and the accused from prior sexual conduct between the victim and a third party. This bill clarifies and further limits presentation of irrelevant information.

  
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