

Introduced: 2/21/85
Referred: State Affairs
and Finance

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
2 SENATE BILL NO. 172
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act extending the termination date of the Council
7 on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and provid-
8 ing for an effective date."
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 * Section 1. AS 44.66.010(a)(11) is amended to read:
11 (11) Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
12 (AS 18.66.010) - June 30, 1989 [1985];
13 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.-
14 10.070(c).

STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: _____

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 172
 Title: EXTENDING TERMINATION
 DATE OF COUNCIL ON DV/SA
 Sponsor: STATE AFFAIRS CMTE.
 Requestor: Sen. State Affairs
 Date of Request: 2/25/85

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: PUBLIC SAFETY
 Program Category Affected: COUNCIL ON
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-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						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

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 Approved by Commissioner: *Michael J. Cleary* Date: 2-27-85
 Agency: PUBLIC SAFETY

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

POSITION PAPER

SB 172

"An Act extending the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and providing for an effective date."

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (hereafter referred to as Council) was established by the Legislature in 1981 (AS 18.66.010-18.66.900) as a result of grass roots efforts to provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Among its duties, the Council was created to develop, implement, maintain and monitor programs; coordinate domestic violence and sexual assault services provided by state, community and private agencies; award grants and contracts and provide fiscal and technical assistance to programs and communities.

State funding was initially allocated to the Abused Women's Aid In Crisis shelter for battered women in Anchorage in 1977. At that time there were four other domestic violence and sexual assault programs in the state that received federal funds from the Law Enforcement Assistance Agency. Just as Alaskan communities began to recognize the extent of domestic violence and sexual assault problems, federal funding for programs was halted.

In 1981 the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which is a non-profit corporation composed of programs and individuals dedicated to addressing Alaska's domestic violence and sexual assault problems, led an effort to establish a mechanism in state government to disburse and monitor state funds to domestic violence and sexual assault programs. It was determined that the most effective means of accomplishing this was to establish the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, a seven member policy making board located in the Department of Public Safety.

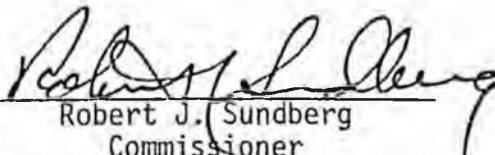
Four of the Council's members are the Commissioners or their designees from the Departments of Law, Health and Social Services, Public Safety and Education. The remaining three members are public members appointed by the Governor. Jana Varrati, public member from Anchorage is the Chair and James E. Fisher, Department of Law, the Vice Chair. Lola Tobuk from Nome and Peggy Ormasen from Haines are the other two public members. The departmental representatives are: James E. Fisher, Law; Connie Sipe, Health and Social Services; Jos Mapranath, Public Safety and Mary Hakala, Education.

The need for services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families as well as the need for additional coordination of services has increased. This is a result of enhanced public awareness of these crimes, victims realizing they have safe, supportive places to go and population increases in Alaska. The Council consistently has more requests for community based programs than it has had funds to distribute. Programs that plan to apply for funds submit letters of intent that estimate the amount to be requested. For FY86, the Council has received 37 letters of intent that total \$6,456,932.

The Council funded twenty-three domestic violence and sexual assault programs in FY85. Nineteen of the programs provide services that may include education, prevention, support, advocacy or counseling to child victims of abuse. Twelve of these programs provide safe and secure shelters and five have developed and coordinated confidential safe homes in their communities. These programs also provide emotional support and legal and medical assistance to victims. All but one of the programs also provide sexual assault crisis intervention and support services and five provide services to batterers. The Council also funds a batterers' program and a sexual assault program that are not associated with shelter programs; two crisis intervention programs that provide assistance and education to women who may not choose to stay in a shelter and two education programs.

The Council has effectively served the public in the provision of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families. All programs funded by the Council are routinely monitored and provided with technical assistance, as requested. Communities without state funded services are provided assistance by the Council or its funded programs. Pamphlets, a child sexual assault curriculum, public service announcements and video tapes have been developed and distributed by the Council, and the Council maintains a film library to be used by people in the state. The Council has worked closely with the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to encourage effective domestic violence and sexual assault legislation and has worked with Legislators and staff to develop legislation that best serves the needs of victims. The Council has carried out its functions in public and encourages public participation in meetings, decisions, policies and regulations. The Council has accomplished a great deal to alleviate the trauma suffered by victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

In order to most effectively provide services, areas of extreme need and the most effective service delivery models must be determined. The Council has begun developing a five year plan to accomplish specific objectives to carry out its mandates to provide and coordinate services. Coordination efforts between agencies that serve victims of domestic violence and their families must be maintained and enhanced. Statewide prevention and education efforts need to be continued and funded programs should be monitored and receive technical assistance. The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, with its configuration of state and public members, is the most effective means of insuring accountability of state funds and maintaining effective services to victims and their families; and therefore, it should be reinstated.


Robert J. Sundberg
Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

COMMITTEE REPORT
SENATE

FINANCE

FURTHER:

2/21/85

Date March 12, 1985

Mr. President

The Committee on STATE AFFAIRS considered SB 172

extending the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; efd.

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

Edm De Vries

Gee Ray

V. Fischer

MEMBERS HAVING
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

W. H. Wood

Chairman

Co. Frank

Chairman recommendation