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Mary Van Nimwegen

House Hess:

November 20, 1987

January 20, 1988

January 21, 1988

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(7)

Date referred: 4/29/87

FURTHER REFERRALS: Judiciary
Finance

DATE: 1-21-88

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee has considered HB 296

"An Act relating to victims of crime, claims arising from criminal conduct, and service of process on prisoners; amending Rule 12(d)(2) of the Alaska Rules of Children's Procedure; and amending Rule 32(d)(2) of the Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure."

RECOMMENDS:

- replace with CS HB 296 (HESS) the same title
- attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s):

- 3 fiscal impact same as previous fiscal note published _____
- zero fiscal note same as previous zero fiscal note published _____
- zero with analysis

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Alaska State Legislature
House of Representatives
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL SERVICES

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

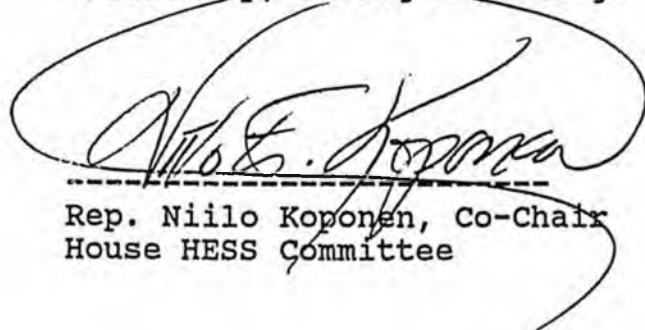
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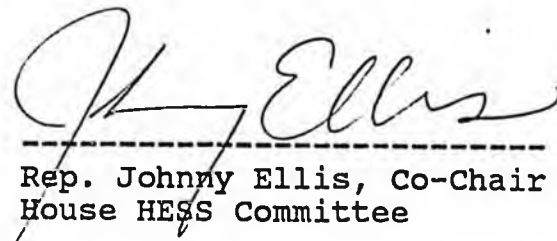
LETTER OF INTENT
TO
CSHB 296 (HESS)
BY THE
HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services adopt formal procedures within 60 days after the effective date of this legislation requiring juvenile intake officers and juvenile probation officers to inform victims of juvenile crime of their right to ask the court to allow them to be present during juvenile proceedings, to facilitate the preparation of such requests, and to ensure that these requests are transmitted to the court.

It is the intent of the legislature that it is in the best interests of the public that victims of crimes committed by juveniles that result in court action have access to the court, upon the victim's request and without undue procedural difficulty, during some stage of the delinquency proceeding.



Rep. Niilo Koponen, Co-Chair
House HESS Committee



Rep. Johnny Ellis, Co-Chair
House HESS Committee

**STATE OF ALASKA 1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE**

REQUEST: _____

Bill Version: HB 296
Publish Date:

Revision Date: 1-19-88
Title: An act relating to victims of crimes...

Agency Affected: Alaska Court System
BRU: Trial Courts

Sponsor: Donley, Collins, Martin...
Requestor: Rep. Donley

Components:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:		(Thousands of Dollars)				
OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
Personal Services	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.5
Travel
Contractual
Supplies
Equipment
Land & Structures
Grants & Claims
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.5
CAPITAL
REVENUE

FUNDING:		(Thousands of Dollars)				
General Funds	0.0	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.5
Federal Funds	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Other	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
TOTAL	0.0	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.5	76.5

POSITIONS:						
Full-time	. . . .	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .
Temporary	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached fiscal analysis.

Prepared by: *Jan Strandberg*
Jan Strandberg, General Counsel
Division: Alaska Court System

Phone: 264-8228
Date: 1-19-88

Approved by: *Arthur H. Snowden, IV*
Arthur H. Snowden, IV, Administrative Director
Agency: Alaska Court System

Date: 1-19-88

Distribution (by preparer):
Legislative Finance
Legislative Sponsor
Requestor
Office of Management & Budget
Impacted Agency(ies)
Senate Secretary

ALASKA COURT SYSTEM

HB 296 - Victims of Crimes
 Analysis of Fiscal Impact

Personal Services:

	Salary	Benefits	Total
Pro Tem Judge, Superior Court, PFT, 12 months	\$19,332	\$21,502	\$40,834
In-Court Clerk, PFT, 12 months	25,750	9,918	<u>35,668</u>
Total Personal Services & First Year Cost			<u>\$76,502</u>

FISCAL ANALYSIS: HB 296

This bill will permit victims to appear and participate in sentencing proceedings. Based upon information provided by the deputy presiding judge for the Anchorage trial court criminal division, one-fifth of the time of a judge assigned to a criminal caseload is occupied by sentencing. It is anticipated that victim participation will extend the length of the proceeding. Given the volume of criminal cases in courts state-wide, it is estimated that the equivalent of one additional judge and one additional in-court clerk will be required to handle the additional hearing time. Services of a retired judge appointed to serve pro tem are the least costly way of providing additional judicial resources.

STATE OF ALASKA
1988 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL VERSION: _____
PUBLISH DATE: _____

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

Revision Date: _____ Agency Affected: Dept of Corrections
Title: "An Act Relating to Victims of Crime" BRU: Administration and Support

Sponsor: Rep Donley, Collins ... Components: Parole Board
Requestor: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES	61.7	61.7	61.7	61.7	61.7	61.7
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Department of Corrections would experience fiscal impact due to longer parole hearings that would be necessary. The increases are in per diem

and daily fees paid to board members.

Prepared by: Susan E. Knight, Director Phone: 465-3376
Division: Administrative Services Date: 1-19-88
Approved by Commissioner: Susan Humphrey-Barbert Date: 1-19-88
Agency: Department of Corrections

Distribution (by preparer):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST

Revision Date: 1/19/88 Agency Affected: Public Safety
 Title: An Act relating to victims of BRU: Council on Domestic Violence &
crime, claims arising from criminal etc Sexual Assault; AK State Troopers
 Sponsor: Donley, et. al. Components: _____
 Requestor: House HESS

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUNDS						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: M.J. Clemens Phone: 465-4336
 Division: Administrative Services Date: 1-19-88
 Approved by Commissioner: Arthur English Date: 1-19-88
 Agency: Public Safety

Distribution (by preparer):
 Legislative Finance
 Legislative Sponsor
 Requestor
 Office of Management and Budget
 Impacted Agency(ies)
 Senate Secretary

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: January 20, 1988
Title: "An Act relating to victims of
crime..."
Sponsor: Representative Donley
Requestor: House HESS

Agency Affected: Department of Law
BRU: Prosecution

Components: First, Second, Third and
Fourth Judicial Districts

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES		231.9	238.9	246.1	253.5	261.1
TRAVEL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CONTRACTUAL		24.4	25.1	25.9	26.7	27.5
SUPPLIES		10.8	11.1	11.4	11.7	12.1
EQUIPMENT		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		267.1	275.1	283.4	291.9	300.7
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		267.1	275.1	283.4	291.9	300.7
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		4	4	4	4	4
PART-TIME		4	4	4	4	4
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached analysis.

Richard I. Pegues

Prepared by: Richard I. Pegues, Director

Phone: 465-3672

Division: Administrative Services

Date: January 20, 1988

Approved by Commissioner: Richard I. Pegues / FOR / Grace Berg Schaible, Atty. Gen.

Date: January 20, 1988

Agency: Department of Law

Distribution (by preparer):

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- Legislative Sponsor
- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 296 (HESS)

The proposed committee substitute for this bill amends existing law to require, among other things, that prosecuting attorneys provide certain information to the victims of crime, in three important respects.

In Section 6, the bill requires that prosecutors serve written notice upon a victim of the victim's right to appear and participate at hearings to establish aggravators or mitigators to be considered by a court in the sentencing of defendants for crimes against victims. This particular circumstance arises in most felony trials.

In Section 9, the bill requires, that upon the request of a victim of a crime, prosecuting attorneys shall: (1) confer with the victim of crime before the selection of the jury and the trial of the defendant; and (2) after trial notify the victim of the defendant's conviction and the crimes for which the defendant was convicted, including advising the victim of the victim's right to make an oral or written statement in preparation of the defendant's presentence report and sentencing, and advising the victim of the victim's right to appear personally or by counsel at the defendant's presentence hearing to present a written or oral statement, and advising the victim of the address and telephone number of the office preparing the presentence report, and advising of the time and place of sentencing.

Finally, Section 9, would require that prosecuting attorneys notify the victim in writing of the final disposition of the case within 30 days after final disposition of the case. The requirements of Section 9 would apply to both felony and misdemeanor crimes. It also appears that notification of final disposition would be required at both the trial and appellate levels.

Currently, of the 18,000 new criminal matters handled by the department each year, about 3,000 felony cases and 4,000 misdemeanor cases involve crimes having a victim. Many of the felony cases have multiple victims. Moreover, in cases where the victim has died, is a minor, or is incapacitated, the term victim includes a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or legal guardian of the victim. Consequently, a substantial amount of new work must be undertaken by all of the department's prosecution offices in order to satisfy the requirements of the bill. Most of this work would be handled by paralegals and legal secretaries, except for the requirement for prosecutors to confer with victims before the selection of a jury. Where the victim is to be a witness the requirement for attorneys to confer with victims will not cause additional work. Where victims are not witnesses this requirement could consume several hundred hours of the limited attorney time that is now, and will be available in the future.

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 296 (HESS)

The requirements of the bill, for literally thousands of notices, and numerous subsequent requests for assistance and further information, will place an enormous burden on a reduced prosecution support staff that simply cannot be borne without additional staff resources. This is particularly true in smaller offices where, in FY 1989, clerical support will be very thin. And it is also an important consideration in the state's two largest prosecution offices, because of their overwhelming caseloads.

It will therefore be necessary to add part-time clerical assistance at Ketchikan, Kotzebue, Sitka, and Kodiak. A full-time paralegal and a full-time legal secretary would be added in Anchorage, and a full-time paralegal and a full-time legal secretary would be added in Fairbanks, because of the large number of cases at these locations, including major felonies with multiple victims. All of these locations suffered support staff reductions in FY 1988.

In addition to the fiscal impact expected by the Department of Law, this bill could have substantial fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections and, to a lesser impact, the Department of Health and Social Services. These departments should be contacted for their comments.

Section 4 covers notification to victims of changes in the status of offenders committed to the custody of the commissioner of health and social services. The proposed section divides the responsibility for giving notice to victims between the commissioner of health and social services, the attorney general, or the prosecutor. Because offenders committed under AS 12.47 are in the custody of the commissioner of health and social services, responsibility for giving notice should reside with the commissioner.

The granting of rights to victims to participate personally or by counsel in aggravation or mitigation proceedings, sentencing proceedings and parole board meetings, as proposed by Sections 8 and 10, will result in more and lengthier hearings being held. Although the cost of this result is not quantifiable, some additional cost to the courts, prosecutors, public defenders, public advocates, connections, and the parole board will undoubtedly occur.

Lastly, the Department of Law is greatly concerned with the part of Section 8 that would give victims the right to access police reports related to the case in which the victim was involved. These reports often contain information that is provided confidentially by members of the general public and by confidential informants. The reports may also include unverified information and information that is unverifiable. Release of these reports would discourage people from coming forward with information about a crime, could expose confidential police sources and, in some cases, result in the dissemination of information that is incorrect or cannot be proven.

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 296 (HESS)

Fiscal Summary - CSHB 296 (HESS)

	<u>Pers. Svcs.</u>	<u>Contractual</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Total</u>
Anchorage Paralegal Asst. II, PFT	43.9	4.1	1.8	49.8
Anchorage Legal Secretary I, PFT	32.1	4.1	1.8	38.0
Fairbanks Paralegal Asst. II, PFT	49.9	4.1	1.8	55.8
Fairbanks Legal Secretary I, PFT	35.6	4.1	1.8	41.5
Kodiak Legal Secretary I, PFT	17.3	2.0	0.9	20.2
Ketchikan Legal Secretary I, PPT	16.0	2.0	0.9	18.9
Kotzebue Legal Secretary I, PPT	20.6	2.0	0.9	23.5
Sitka Legal Secretary I, PPT	16.5	2.0	0.9	19.4
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	231.9	24.4	10.8	267.1

Costs beyond FY 89 include a 3 percent annual inflation factor.

Position Title Paralegal Assistant II		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 16A	Darg. Unit CGU
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Fairbanks		Election District 19/20A/21
Justification				
Type of Expenditure			Amount	
1	2	3		
Salary	37,356			
Benefits	12,580			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		49,936		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		4,100		
Commodities		1,800		
Equipment		-0-		
Other				
Total Cost		55,836		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	55,836		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.

Allocation to the Paralegal Assistant class is recommended because of the major felony cases handled by the position.

**Request For
New Position**

Agency Department of Law
 BRU Prosecution
 Component Fourth Judicial District

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Position Title Paralegal Assistant II		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 16A	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Anchorage		Election District 8/9/10/11/12/13
Type of Expenditure		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	32,424			
Benefits	11,487			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		43,911		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		4,100		
Commodities		1,800		
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		49,811		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	49,811		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

Justification

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Allocation to the Paralegal Assistant class is recommended because of the major felony cases handled by the position.

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New Position

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 Component Third Judicial District

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Anchorage		Election District 8/9/10/11/12/13
Justification				
Type of Expenditure			Amount	
1	2	3		
Salary	22,716			
Benefits	9,334			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		32,050		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		4,100		
Commodities		1,800		
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		37,950		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	37,950		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				
<p>This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.</p>				

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 Component Third Judicial District

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Org. Unit CCU
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Fairbanks		Election District 19/20A/21
Type of Expenditure		Justification		
		This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.		
Amount		Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.		
1	2	3		
Salary	25,620			
Benefits	9,978			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		35,598		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		4,100		
Commodities		1,800		
Equipment		-0-		
Other				
Total Cost		41,498		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	41,498		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Ketchikan		Election District 1
Justification				
Type of Expenditure:		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	11,358			
Benefits	4,667			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		16,025		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		2,000		
Commodities		900		
Equipment		-0-		
Other				
Total Cost		18,925		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	18,925		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.

Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.

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 Component First Judicial District

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Darg. Unit GGU
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Kodiak		Election District 27
Justification				
Type of Expenditure		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	12,432			
Benefits	4,905			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		17,337		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		2,000		
Commodities		900		
Equipment		-0-		
Other				
Total Cost		20,237		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	20,237		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSIB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.

Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Kotzebue		Election District 22
Type of Expenditure		Justification		
		This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.		
Amount		Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.		
1	2	3		
Salary	15,108			
Benefits	5,498			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		20,606		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		2,000		
Commodities		900		
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		23,506		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	23,506		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

**Request For
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 Component Second Judicial District

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Sitka		Election District 3
Justification				
Type of Expenditure		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	11,730			
Benefits	4,750			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		16,480		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		2,000		
Commodities		900		
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		19,380		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	19,380		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.

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FISCAL NOTE

RFQUEST: _____

Bill Version : HB 296
Publish Date : _____

Revision Date: _____
Title: "An Act relating to victims of
crime..."
Sponsor: Representative Donley
Requestor: Representative Donley

Agency Affected: Department of Law
BRU: Prosecution
Components: First, Second, Third and
Fourth Judicial Districts

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
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CONTRACTUAL		24.4	25.1	25.9	26.7	27.5
SUPPLIES		10.8	11.1	11.4	11.7	12.1
EQUIPMENT		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		267.6	275.6	283.9	292.4	301.2

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		267.6	275.6	283.9	292.4	301.2
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		4	4	4	4	4
PART-TIME		4	4	4	4	4
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached analysis.

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CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. HB 296

This bill amends existing law to require, among other things, that prosecuting attorneys provide certain information to the victims of crime, in three important respects.

In Section 5, the bill requires that prosecutors serve written notice upon a victim of the victim's right to appear and participate at hearings to establish aggravators or mitigators to be considered by a court in the sentencing of defendants for crimes against victims. This particular circumstance arises in most felony trials.

In Section 8, the bill requires, that upon the request of a victim of a crime, prosecuting attorneys shall: (1) confer with the victim of crime before the selection of the jury and the trial of the defendant; and (2) after trial notify the victim of the defendant's conviction and the crimes for which the defendant was convicted, including advising the victim of the victim's right to make an oral or written statement in preparation of the defendant's presentence report and sentencing, and advising the victim of the address and telephone number of the office preparing the presentence report, and advising of the time and place of sentencing.

Finally, Section 8, would require that prosecuting attorneys notify the victim in writing of the final disposition of the case within 30 days after final disposition of the case. The requirements of Section 8 would apply to both felony and misdemeanor crimes. It also appears that notification of final disposition would be required at both the trial and appellate levels.

Currently, of the 18,000 new criminal matters handled by the department each year, about 3,000 felony cases and 4,000 misdemeanor cases involve crimes having a victim. Many of the felony cases have multiple victims. Moreover, in cases where the victim has died, is a minor, or is incapacitated, the term victim includes a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or legal guardian of the victim. Consequently, a substantial amount of new work must be undertaken by all of the department's prosecution offices in order to satisfy the requirements of the bill. Most of this work would be handled by paralegals and legal secretaries, except for the requirement for prosecutors to confer with victims before the selection of a jury. Where the victim is to be a witness the requirement for attorneys to confer with victims will not cause additional work. Where victims are not witnesses this requirement could consume several hundred hours of the limited attorney time that is now, and will be available in the future.

Reductions in the criminal division's budget slated for FY 1988 will cause the loss of at least 18 full-time paralegal and clerical support positions, and this loss may be as great as 21 positions, or more. Although existing prosecutor support personnel will drop by

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For Bill/Resolution No. HB 296

nearly 20 percent, there will not be a corresponding drop in the workload handled by prosecution offices. The requirements of the bill, for literally thousands of notices, and numerous subsequent requests for assistance and further information, will place an enormous burden on a reduced prosecution support staff that simply cannot be borne without additional staff resources. This is particularly true in smaller offices where, in FY 1988, clerical support will be very thin, or nonexistent. And it is also an important consideration in the state's two largest prosecution offices, because of their overwhelming caseloads.

It will therefore be necessary to add back in part-time clerical assistance at Bethel, Ketchikan, Kotzebue, and Sitka that has been deleted in the FY 88 budget. Full-time clerical support will be needed at Barrow, which under current budget reduction plans will lose both of its support positions, a paralegal and a legal secretary. A full-time paralegal and a full-time legal secretary would be added back in for Anchorage, and a full-time paralegal added back in for Fairbanks, because of the large number of cases at these locations, including major felonies with multiple victims.

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Fiscal Summary - HB 296

	<u>Pers. Svcs.</u>	<u>Contractual</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Total</u>
Anchorage Paralegal Asst. II, PFT	42.7	4.1	1.8	48.6
Anchorage Legal Secretary I, PFT	30.9	4.1	1.8	36.8
Fairbanks Paralegal Asst. II, PFT	48.7	4.1	1.8	54.6
Barrow Legal Secretary I, PFT	40.0	4.1	1.8	45.9
Bethel Legal Secretary I, PFT	18.8	2.0	0.9	21.7
Ketchikan Legal Secretary I, PPT	15.4	2.0	0.9	18.3
Kotzebue Legal Secretary I, PPT	20.0	2.0	0.9	22.9
Sitka Legal Secretary I, PPT	15.9	2.0	0.9	18.8
	232.4	24.4	10.8	267.6

Costs beyond FY 88 include a 3 percent annual inflation factor.

Position Title Paralegal Assistant II		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 16A	Barg. Unit GGU	
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Fairbanks		Election District 19/20A/21	
Type of Expenditure		Justification			
Amount		<p>This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of HB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Paralegal Assistant class is recommended because of the major felony cases handled by the position.</p>			
1	2				3
Salary	37,596				
Benefits	11,104				
Premium Pay					
Other					
Total Personal Services					48,700
Travel					-0-
Contractual					4,100
Commodities					1,800
Equipment		-0-			
Other					
Total Cost		54,600			
Funding Source for Total Cost					
Federal Receipts	1002				
G. F. Match	1003				
General Fund	1004	54,600			
I-A Receipts	1006				
CIP Receipts	1061				
Other					

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Position Title Paralegal Assistant II		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 16A	Darg. Unit GGU
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Anchorage		Election District 8/9/10/11/12/13
Justification				
This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of HB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.				
Allocation to the Paralegal Assistant class is recommended because of the major felony cases handled by the position.				
Type of Expenditure		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	32,424			
Benefits	10,276			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		42,700		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		4,100		
Commodities		1,800		
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		48,600		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts 1002				
G. F. Match 1003				
General Fund 1004		48,600		
I-A Receipts 1006				
CIP Receipts 1061				
Other				

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Anchorage		Election District 8/9/10/11/12/13
Justification				
This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of HB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.				
Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.				
Type of Expenditure		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	22,716			
Benefits	8,184			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		30,900		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		4,100		
Commodities		1,800		
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		36,800		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	36,800		
I-A Receipts	1006			
CIP Receipts	1061			
Other				

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Barrow		Election District 22
Justification				
This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of HB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.				
Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.				
Type of Expenditure		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	30,216			
Benefits	9,784			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		40,000		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		4,100		
Commodities		1,800		
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		45,900		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	45,900		
I-A Receipts	1006			
CIP Receipts	1061			
Other				

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Org. Unit CGU
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Bethel		Election District 25
Justification				
Type of Expenditure			Amount	
1	2	3		
Salary	14,598			
Benefits	4,202			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		18,800		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		2,000		
Commodities		900		
Equipment		-0-		
Other				
Total Cost		21,700		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	21,700		
I-A Receipts	1006			
CIP Receipts	1061			
Other				

This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of HB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.

Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GCU
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Ketchikan		Election District 1
Justification				
This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of HB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.				
Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.				
Type of Expenditure		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	11,358			
Benefits	4,042			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		15,400		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		2,000		
Commodities		900		
Equipment		-0-		
Other				
Total Cost		18,300		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	18,300		
I-A Receipts	1006			
CIP Receipts	1061			
Other				

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGJ	
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Kotzebue		Election District 22	
Type of Expenditure		Justification			
1	2	3			
Salary	15,108	This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of HB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.			
Benefits	4,892				
Premium Pay					
Other					
Total Personal Services		20,000	Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.		
Travel		-0-			
Contractual		2,000			
Commodities		900			
Equipment					
Other					
Total Cost		22,900			
Funding Source for Total Cost					
Federal Receipts	1002				
G. F. Match	1003				
General Fund	1004	22,900			
I-A Receipts	1006				
CIP Receipts	1061				
Other					

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU	
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Sitka		Election District 3	
Type of Expenditure		Justification			
Amount		<p>This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of HB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.</p>			
1	2				3
Salary	11,730				
Benefits	4,170				
Premium Pay					
Other					
Total Personal Services					15,900
Travel					-0-
Contractual					2,000
Commodities					900
Equipment		-0-			
Other					
Total Cost		18,800			
Funding Source for Total Cost					
Federal Receipts	1002				
G. F. Match	1003				
General Fund	1004	18,800			
I-A Receipts	1006				
CIP Receipts	1061				
Other					

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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: January 20, 1988
Title: "An Act relating to victims of
crime..."
Sponsor: Representative Donlev
Requestor: House HESS

Agency Affected: Department of Law
BRU: Prosecution

Components: First, Second, Third and
Fourth Judicial Districts

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES		231.9	238.9	246.1	253.5	261.1
TRAVEL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CONTRACTUAL		24.4	25.1	25.9	26.7	27.5
SUPPLIES		10.8	11.1	11.4	11.7	12.1
EQUIPMENT		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		267.1	275.1	283.4	291.9	300.7

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		267.1	275.1	283.4	291.9	300.7
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		4	4	4	4	4
PART-TIME		4	4	4	4	4
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Please see attached analysis.

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CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 296 (HESS)

The proposed committee substitute for this bill amends existing law to require, among other things, that prosecuting attorneys provide certain information to the victims of crime, in three important respects.

In Section 6, the bill requires that prosecutors serve written notice upon a victim of the victim's right to appear and participate at hearings to establish aggravators or mitigators to be considered by a court in the sentencing of defendants for crimes against victims. This particular circumstance arises in most felony trials.

In Section 9, the bill requires, that upon the request of a victim of a crime, prosecuting attorneys shall: (1) confer with the victim of crime before the selection of the jury and the trial of the defendant; and (2) after trial notify the victim of the defendant's conviction and the crimes for which the defendant was convicted, including advising the victim of the victim's right to make an oral or written statement in preparation of the defendant's presentence report and sentencing, and advising the victim of the victim's right to appear personally or by counsel at the defendant's presentence hearing to present a written or oral statement, and advising the victim of the address and telephone number of the office preparing the presentence report, and advising of the time and place of sentencing.

Finally, Section 7, would require that prosecuting attorneys notify the victim in writing of the final disposition of the case within 30 days after final disposition of the case. The requirements of Section 9 would apply to both felony and misdemeanor crimes. It also appears that notification of final disposition would be required at both the trial and appellate levels.

Currently, of the 18,000 new criminal matters handled by the department each year, about 3,000 felony cases and 4,000 misdemeanor cases involve crimes having a victim. Many of the felony cases have multiple victims. Moreover, in cases where the victim has died, is a minor, or is incapacitated, the term victim includes a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or legal guardian of the victim. Consequently, a substantial amount of new work must be undertaken by all of the department's prosecution offices in order to satisfy the requirements of the bill. Most of this work would be handled by paralegals and legal secretaries, except for the requirement for prosecutors to confer with victims before the selection of a jury. Where the victim is to be a witness the requirement for attorneys to confer with victims will not cause additional work. Where victims are not witnesses this requirement could consume several hundred hours of the limited attorney time that is now, and will be available in the future.

CONTINUATION of FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

For Bill/Resolution No. CSHB 296 (HESS)

The requirements of the bill, for literally thousands of notices, and numerous subsequent requests for assistance and further information, will place an enormous burden on a reduced prosecution support staff that simply cannot be borne without additional staff resources. This is particularly true in smaller offices where, in FY 1989, clerical support will be very thin. And it is also an important consideration in the state's two largest prosecution offices, because of their overwhelming caseloads.

It will therefore be necessary to add part-time clerical assistance at Ketchikan, Kotzebue, Sitka, and Kodiak. A full-time paralegal and a full-time legal secretary would be added in Anchorage, and a full-time paralegal and a full-time legal secretary would be added in Fairbanks, because of the large number of cases at these locations, including major felonies with multiple victims. All of these locations suffered support staff reductions in FY 1988.

In addition to the fiscal impact expected by the Department of Law, this bill could have substantial fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections and, to a lesser impact, the Department of Health and Social Services. These departments should be contacted for their comments.

Section 4 covers notification to victims of changes in the status of offenders committed to the custody of the commissioner of health and social services. The proposed section divides the responsibility for giving notice to victims between the commissioner of health and social services, the attorney general, or the prosecutor. Because offenders committed under AS 12.47 are in the custody of the commissioner of health and social services, responsibility for giving notice should reside with the commissioner.

The granting of rights to victims to participate personally or by counsel in aggravation or mitigation proceedings, sentencing proceedings and parole board meetings, as proposed by Sections 8 and 10, will result in more and lengthier hearings being held. Although the cost of this result is not quantifiable, some additional cost to the courts, prosecutors, public defenders, public advocates, connections, and the parole board will undoubtedly occur.

Lastly, the Department of Law is greatly concerned with the part of Section 8 that would give victims the right to access police reports related to the case in which the victim was involved. These reports often contain information that is provided confidentially by members of the general public and by confidential informants. The reports may also include unverified information and information that is unverifiable. Release of these reports would discourage people from coming forward with information about a crime, could expose confidential police sources and, in some cases, result in the dissemination of information that is incorrect or cannot be proven.

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Fiscal Summary - CSHB 296 (HESS)

	<u>Pers. Svcs.</u>	<u>Contractual</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Total</u>
Anchorage				
Paralegal Asst. II, PFT	43.9	4.1	1.8	49.8
Anchorage				
Legal Secretary I, PFT	32.1	4.1	1.8	38.0
Fairbanks				
Paralegal Asst. II, PFT	49.9	4.1	1.8	55.8
Fairbanks				
Legal Secretary I, PFT	35.6	4.1	1.8	41.5
Kodiak				
Legal Secretary I, PFT	17.3	2.0	0.9	20.2
Ketchikan				
Legal Secretary I, PPT	16.0	2.0	0.9	18.9
Kotzebue				
Legal Secretary I, PPT	20.6	2.0	0.9	23.5
Sitka				
Legal Secretary I, PPT	16.5	2.0	0.9	19.4
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	231.9	24.4	10.8	267.1

Costs beyond FY 89 include a 3 percent annual inflation factor.

Position Title Paralegal Assistant II		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 16A	Barg. Unit GGU	
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Fairbanks		Election District 19/20A/21	
Type of Expenditure		Justification			
Amount		<p>This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Paralegal Assistant class is recommended because of the major felony cases handled by the position.</p>			
1	2				3
Salary	37,356				
Benefits	12,580				
Premium Pay					
Other					
Total Personal Services					49,936
Travel					-0-
Contractual					1,100
Commodities					1,800
Equipment		-0-			
Other					
Total Cost		55,836			
Funding Source for Total Cost					
Federal Receipts	1002				
G. F. Match	1003				
General Fund	1004		55,836		
GF Program Receipts	1005				
Other					

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Position Title Paralegal Assistant II		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 16A	Barg. Unit GGU	
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Anchorage		Election District 8/9/10/11/12/13	
Type of Expenditure		Justification			
Amount		<p>This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Paralegal Assistant class is recommended because of the major felony cases handled by the position.</p>			
1	2				3
Salary	32,424				
Benefits	11,487				
Premium Pay					
Other					
Total Personal Services					43,911
Travel					-0-
Contractual					4,100
Commodities					1,800
Equipment					
Other					
Total Cost		49,811			
Funding Source for Total Cost					
Federal Receipts	1002				
G. F. Match	1003				
General Fund	1004	49,811			
GF Program Receipts	1005				
Other					

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Position Title Legal Secretary I,		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Anchorage		Election District 8/9/10/11/12/13
Type of Expenditure		Justification		
		This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.		
Amount		Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.		
1	2	3		
Salary	22,716			
Benefits	9,334			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		32,050		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		4,100		
Commodities		1,800		
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost		37,950		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	37,950		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Org. Unit GGU	
Time Status PFT	Staff Months 12	Location Fairbanks		Election District 19/20A/21	
Type of Expenditure:		Justification			
		<p>This full-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.</p>			
Amount					
1	2				3
Salary	25,620				
Benefits	9,978				
Premium Pay					
Other					
Total Personal Services					35,598
Travel					-0-
Contractual					4,100
Commodities					1,800
Equipment					-0-
Other					
Total Cost					41,498
Funding Source for Total Cost					
Federal Receipts	1002				
G. F. Match	1003				
General Fund	1004	41,498			
GF Program Receipts	1005				
Other					

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Ketchikan		Election District 1
Justification				
<p>This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.</p>				
Type of Expenditure		Amount		
1	2	3		
Salary	11,358			
Benefits	4,667			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services		16,025		
Travel		-0-		
Contractual		2,000		
Commodities		900		
Equipment		-0-		
Other				
Total Cost		18,925		
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	18,925		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions	Range/Step	IOB	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Kodiak		Election District 27	
Justification					
Type of Expenditure			Amount		
1	2	3			
Salary	12,432				
Benefits	4,905				
Premium Pay					
Other					
Total Personal Services		17,337			
Travel		-0-			
Contractual		2,000			
Commodities		900			
Equipment		-0-			
Other					
Total Cost		20,237			
Funding Source for Total Cost					
Federal Receipts	1002				
G. F. Match	1003				
General Fund	1004	20,237			
GF Program Receipts	1005				
Other					
<p>This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.</p>					

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU	
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Kotzebue		Election District 22	
Type of Expenditure		Justification			
Amount		<p>This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.</p>			
1	2				3
Salary	15,108				
Benefits	5,498				
Premium Pay					
Other					
Total Personal Services					20,606
Travel					-0-
Contractual					2,000
Commodities					900
Equipment					
Other					
Total Cost		23,506			
Funding Source for Total Cost					
Federal Receipts	1002				
G. F. Match	1003				
General Fund	1004	23,506			
GF Program Receipts	1005				
Other					

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Position Title Legal Secretary I		No. of Positions 1	Range/Step 10B	Barg. Unit GGU
Time Status PPT	Staff Months 12	Location Sitka		Election District 3
Type of Expenditure:		Justification		
1	2	3		
Salary	11,730	<p>This part-time position is needed to provide for the victim notification and liaison requirements of CSHB 296. Written notice of a victim's rights to participate in aggravation/mitigation hearings, to provide oral and written statements in respect to presentence reports, and notice of final disposition in several thousand criminal trials, will cause a substantial additional workload for the state's prosecution support staff.</p> <p>Allocation to the Legal Secretary I class is recommended because of the large amount of written notice to be handled, and the need to provide accurate, timely case scheduling information to victims.</p>		
Benefits	4,750			
Premium Pay				
Other				
Total Personal Services	16,480			
Travel	-0-			
Contractual	2,000			
Commodities	900			
Equipment				
Other				
Total Cost	19,380			
Funding Source for Total Cost				
Federal Receipts	1002			
G. F. Match	1003			
General Fund	1004	19,380		
GF Program Receipts	1005			
Other				

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
POSITION PAPER

BILL NO: HB 296

DATE: 5/7/87

TITLE: "An Act relating to victims of crime..."

CONTACT: ^{BZ} Maj. Walter J. Gilmour
Acting Director
Alaska State Troopers

This legislation amends several statutes affecting the rights of victims of crimes. The bill affects the roles of the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and prosecutors in their dealing with prisoners and victims.

Passage of this proposed legislation will have no material effect upon the Department of Public Safety, either operationally or fiscally.

The Department of Public Safety is neutral on this legislation.


ARTHUR ENGLISH
Commissioner

STATE OF ALASKA 1987, LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: HB 296

Publish Date: _____

REQUEST

Revision Date: _____

Title: "An Act relating to victims
of crimes..."

Sponsor: Rep. Donley, etc.

Requestor: House HESS

Agency Affected: Public Safety

BRU: Alaska State Troopers

Components: Detachments & CIB

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING:: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

Prepared by: Francis C. Allan *G.C.A.*
Division: Alaska State Troopers

Phone: 269-5691

Date: 5/7/87

Approved by Commissioner: Arthur English *Y mroffs*
Agency: Public Safety

Date: 5/11/87

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BILL NO: HB 296

DATE: May 13, 1987

TITLE: An Act relating to victims of crime, claims arising from criminal conduct, and service of process on prisoners; amending Rule 12(d)(2) of the Alaska Rules of Children's Procedure; and amending Rule 32(d)(2) of the Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure

CONTACT: Barbara Miklos
Executive Director
Council on Domestic
Violence & Sexual
Assault

DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault supports HB 296, the "Victims Rights Bill", which addresses some of the recommendations of the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime. This task force was established by the federal government in 1982 in recognition of the problems crime victims face when encountering the criminal justice system. As the report of this task force stated:

Victims who do survive their attack, and are brave enough to come forward, turn to their government expecting it to do what a good government should - protect the innocent.... Without the cooperation of victims and witnesses in reporting and testifying about crime, it is impossible in a free society to hold criminals accountable. When victims come forward to perform this vital service, however, they find little protection. They discover instead that they will be treated as appendages of a system appallingly out of balance... Somewhere along the way, the system began to serve lawyers and judges and defendants, treating the victim with institutionalized disinterest.

The Council does not have sufficient expertise to comment upon legal issues raised in this legislation. We have comments on the following sections of the bill with which we have particular interest.

Section 4 of HB 296 adds the effect of a crime on the victim to the list of factors the court may consider in aggravation of a felony sentence; Section 5 requires written notice of the sentencing hearing be given to the victim. It is important for victims to receive written notice of the sentencing hearing so that they have the opportunity to present testimony or just to be present during the hearing if they wish. The victim's testimony regarding the effect of the crime on his or her life adds balancing information for the court by presenting the impact of the crime on the victim's physical, financial and psychological well-being. As the President's Task Force states, "a judge cannot evaluate the seriousness of a defendant's conduct without knowing how the crime has burdened the victim. A judge cannot reach an informed determination of the danger posed by a defendant without hearing from the person he has victimized".

The Council questions the amendments to the definition of victim in Section 6. We do not see the advantage of expanding the definition of victim when the victim has died, is a minor or is incapacitated.

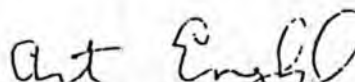
The term "victim" already includes spouse, parent, child, brother, sister and legal guardian. Adding aunt, uncle, parent-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law does not seem necessary. We also wonder who would have precedence to be considered, and what would happen if different relatives have conflicting views of the situation.

The Council also has concerns about Section 7 which gives the victim access to presentence reports and to police reports. While in general the Council supports victims having access to information about the case, we think there can be a danger in a victim having access to police reports prior to a case going to trial because the information in the reports might improperly influence the victim's testimony or expose the victim to unnecessary attack on cross-examination. In addition, we think police reports should be protected as confidential information since they give the victim's name, address and other information which might need to be protected. Since the victim definition is expanded, there may be a number of other people who could have access to the police reports, and we think this is problematical. We do however, support the victim's right to make a written or oral statement for use in preparation of the defendant's presentence report and at sentencing. We would also like to suggest that a section be added in this section that the victim has the right to be informed by the Department of Corrections when the defendant has been released from jail on bail. This provision would be particularly important to battered women since they must take extra precautions such as returning to a shelter to protect themselves and their children when the batterer is released.

Section 9 gives victims the right to attend meetings of the parole board. Victims have a legitimate interest in parole hearings, not only because of their desire for the service of a just sentence, but also because of their legitimate fear of revictimization once the defendant is released.

Section 10 and Section 11 provides for the parole board to notify the victim, prior to release, of the prisoner's future geographic area and of the prisoner's residence address and employer, if known. We would recommend that "geographic area" be changed to "community" as this is a more specific term. Also, we do not see the need to release the prisoner's residence address and employer to the victim and can envision problems caused by releasing this information.

In conclusion, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault supports efforts to ensure that the rights of crime victims are better taken into account by the criminal justice system.



Art English
Commissioner

POSITION PAPER

HOUSE BILL NO. 296

For an Act entitled: "An act relating to victims of crime, claims arising from criminal conduct, and service of process on prisoners; amending Rule 12(d)(2) of the Alaska Rules of Children's Procedure; and amending Rule 32(d)(2) of the Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure."

The Department supports the goals of protecting the rights of victims of crime, providing for appropriate participation of victims in court proceedings, and ensuring that victims are informed of the outcome of proceedings relating to perpetrators, including juveniles, who commit crimes. However, the Department opposes granting a blanket right to victims to attend otherwise confidential children's proceedings. The Department believes that the limited benefit from establishing such a right is not justified in light of the potential reduction in the system's effectiveness and the availability of other mechanisms for accomplishing the same goals without the potential adverse effects.

Section 13 of this bill would establish the right of a person (or related representative) to attend a children's proceeding under AS 47.10.070 if the person is the "victim of an offense that is the subject of the hearing...". This language implies that the victim may attend any child proceeding in which the offense is in any way a consideration. This would almost certainly include any adjudication, detention, and disposition hearing in delinquency cases but could include, under certain circumstances, parallel proceedings in child in need of aid cases. This provision would not provide victims with a role in these proceedings other than that of spectators nor would it oblige victims to maintain the confidentiality of information presented in these hearings.

Children's proceedings are closed to the public in order to promote the free discussion of sensitive psychological, social, and historical information concerning the child and the child's family which have relevance to the decision of the court concerning the child. Once the commission of an offense has been established (and in the vast majority of instances this occurs through admission of the youth rather than through trial) the focus of children's proceedings is not on the offense but on the causes of the child's behavior and on actions necessary to meet the needs of the child and prevent further offenses. Such actions may include assignment of custody to the state and temporary detention or long term secure treatment. In child in need of aid proceedings these actions could include termination of the parent child relationship. Though information about the offenses(s) may be presented, it is within the context of the purpose of the hearing and is not the subject of the hearing.

Victim involvement in the process may occur in a variety of ways. Victims may be called to testify at any of the children's proceeding hearings, may provide information and opinion for presentation to the court in the predisposition report, and may be allowed to attend a hearing as a spectator with permission of the court.

HB 296 could reduce the effectiveness of these proceedings by compromising the confidentiality of information presented and inhibiting the presentation of full and complete information. The attendance of victims, particularly without obliging them to maintain confidentiality, may reduce the willingness of juveniles and their families to reveal sensitive information despite its bearing on the court's decision. However, the bill would not provide a role for victims in these proceedings other than as a spectator, nor would it provide a greater opportunity for input than is already available.

The Department believes that mechanisms are available to provide appropriate and effective methods for victim involvement in delinquency proceedings and to ensure the provision of information to victims about the outcome of these proceedings without statutory change. However, because the Department supports the intent of HB 296 the Department will reexamine its administrative procedures to ensure:

1. that probation officer contact with victims occurs in juvenile cases;
2. that victims are informed about the juvenile process and encouraged to participate appropriately;
3. that information provided by victims is considered in the decision-making processes in juvenile proceedings;
4. that appropriate contact of victims with the court is facilitated;
5. that victims are informed of the outcome of juvenile proceedings.

Department Position

Because of its potential for reducing the effectiveness of juvenile proceedings without providing meaningful additional benefit to victims, the Department does not support HB 296. However, the Department could support HB 296 if section 13 were removed from the bill; thereby maintaining the confidentiality of children's proceedings.

POSITION PAPER/Department of Health & Social Services

RECOMMENDED: *Yvonne M. Chase*
Yvonne M. Chase, Director
Division of Family and
Youth Services

DATE: *1/19/88*

APPROVED: *Myra M. Munson*
Myra M. Munson, Commissioner
Department of Health and
Social Services

DATE: *Jan 19, 1988*

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____ Dept. of Health & Soc. Svcs.
Agency Affected: Div. of Family & Youth Svcs.
Title: "An Act relating to victims of
crime...." BRU: Youth Services
Sponsor: Donley Components: Probation Services
Requestor: House HESS

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -

CAPITAL	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
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REVENUE	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
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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)

Because this bill would not require additional activities by the agency, it would have no fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Yvonne M. Chase, ACSW, Director *YMC* Phone: 465-3170
Division: Family and Youth Services Date: _____

Approved by Commissioner: Myra M. Munson *Myra M. Munson* Date: Jan 19, 1988
Agency: Department of Health and Social Services

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

April 22, 1987

SUBJECT: Sectional analysis of victims rights bill
(Work Order No. 15-0242)

TO: Representative Dave Donley

FROM: Keith B. Levy *KB*
Legislative Counsel

The following is a sectional analysis of Work Order 15-0242, relating to victims of crime, claims arising from criminal conduct, and service of process on prisoners.

Section 1 provides that AS 12.61, relating to victims rights, may be cited as the "Alaska Victims Rights Act."

Section 2 provides that service of process on people in the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections in civil cases may be accomplished by delivering or mailing the summons to the Commissioner of Corrections (AS 09.05.050(a)). The commissioner is required to keep a record of each summons served and to deliver a notice of the service and a copy of the summons to the prisoner within 10 days after the date of service (AS 09.05.050(b)). The commissioner must also file, with the court having jurisdiction of the civil case, a copy of the summons and an affidavit showing that service of the summons on the prisoner has been made (AS 09.05.050(c)). Finally, the court is given authority to extend the time in which the defendant can respond to the summons (AS 09.05.050(d)).

Section 3 amends AS 09.38.065(a) to permit a creditor to levy against property that would otherwise be exempt from execution in order to enforce a claim arising from criminal conduct that resulted in a felony or misdemeanor conviction. However, certain items such as tools and professional books up to \$750, and household goods and wearing apparel up to \$250, remain exempt from execution.

Section 4 adds to the factors which a court may consider in aggravation of a felony sentence the question of whether the defendant's conduct caused substantial physical, emotional, or financial harm to the victim, or the victim's immediate family if the victim died as a result of the defendant's conduct (AS 12.55.155(c)(27)).

Section 5 provides that if the state seeks to establish a factor in aggravation of a felony or the defendant seeks to establish a factor in mitigation of a felony, the prosecutor must serve written notice of the sentencing hearing on the victim. This section also gives the victim the right to appear at sentencing hearings and to present evidence. The court is required to consider the evidence presented by the victim (AS 12.55.155(f)).

Section 6 amends the definition of the term "victim," as used in the sentencing provisions, to include the victim's aunt, uncle, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law, in cases where the victim has died, is a minor, or is incapacitated (AS 12.55.185(11)). The term already includes the victim's spouse, parent, child, brother, and sister.

Section 7 adds to the list of victim's rights the right, without a court order, to obtain access to the presentence reports from the court and to obtain access to the relevant police reports from the appropriate law enforcement agency and the right to make a statement for presentencing and sentencing. (AS 12.61.010(a)). This section has the effect of amending Alaska Rule of Criminal Procedure 32(d)(2), because that section does not permit release of presentence reports without a court order, except in limited circumstances. Accordingly, this effect on the court rules is reflected in the title of the bill and is also explained in Section 14.

Section 8 adds two new provisions to AS 12.61. AS 12.61.015 sets out a list of duties of the prosecuting attorney with respect to victims of crime. These include the duty to

(1) confer with the victim before jury selection and trial;

(2) notify the victim of the defendant's conviction, the victim's right to make a sentencing statement and that the defendant will see the sentencing statement, the address and telephone number of the office that will prepare the sentencing statement, and the time and place of the sentencing proceeding; and

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(3) notify the victim in writing of the final disposition of the case within 30 days.

AS 12.61.017 makes it a class B misdemeanor for an employer of a victim of crime to penalize the victim because of the victim's cooperation in a prosecution.

Section 9 amends AS 33.16.120(c) to give victims the right to attend meetings of the parole board.

Section 10 amends existing law to provide that the parole board must notify a victim not only of its decision to grant parole, but also if it decides to deny parole (AS 33.16.120(e)).

This section also provides that the notification must include the prisoner's residence address and employer, if known.

Section 11 provides that notification to a victim of a prisoner's early release for good time served must also include the prisoner's residence address and employer, if known (AS 33.16.120(f)).

Section 12 amends AS 33.30.011 to require the Commissioner of Corrections to notify the victim or the victim's family if the offender escapes or is released on a furlough, to a correctional restitution center, or any other early release program.

Section 13 amends AS 47.10.070 to give the victim of an offense by a minor the right to attend a hearing involving the minor. In certain cases, the victim's family may attend. This section has the effect of amending Rule 12(d)(2) of the Alaska Rules of Children's Procedure by giving victims access to the children's hearing. Accordingly, this effect is reflected in the title of the bill and is also explained in Section 15 of the bill.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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STATE OF ALASKA THE LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

January 14, 1988

SUBJECT: Sectional analysis of CSHB 296 ()
TO: Representative Dave Donley
FROM: Jack Chenoweth
Legislative Counsel

The following is a sectional analysis of the proposed committee substitute, denoted CSHB 296 ().

Section 1 adds a short title to existing AS 12.61, the chapter defining a victim's rights. It provides that the chapter may be cited as the "Alaska Crime Victim's Rights Act."

Section 2 provides that service of process on people in the custody of the commissioner of corrections in civil cases may be accomplished by delivering or mailing the summons to the commissioner of corrections (AS 09.05.050(a)). The commissioner is required to keep a record of each summons served and to deliver a notice of the service and a copy of the summons to the prisoner within 10 days after the date of service (AS 09.05.050(b)). The commissioner must also file, with the court having jurisdiction of the civil case, a copy of the summons and an affidavit showing that service of the summons on the prisoner has been made (AS 09.05.050(c)). The court may extend the time in which the defendant can respond to the summons (AS 09.05.050(d)).

Section 3 amends AS 09.38.065(a) to permit a creditor to levy against property that would otherwise be exempt from execution in order to enforce a claim arising from criminal conduct that resulted in a felony or misdemeanor conviction. However, certain items such as tools and professional books up to \$750, and household goods and wearing apparel up to \$250, remain exempt from execution.

Section 4 adds a new section, AS 12.47.095, that places new duties on the commissioner of health and social services and the attorney general for offenders who are determined to be

guilty but mentally ill or, alternatively, are found to be not guilty by reason of insanity. The section enumerates instances when either of these officials must communicate to the victim, or to certain persons other than the victim, a change in the status of the offender if the victim or person other than the victim has requested notice of the change of status and has maintained a current address on file with the two state officers.

Section 5 adds to the factors that a court may consider in aggravation of a felony sentence the question of whether the defendant's conduct caused substantial physical, emotional, or financial harm to the victim, or the victim's immediate family if the victim died as a result of the defendant's conduct (AS 12.55.155(c)(27)).

Section 6 provides that if the state seeks to establish a factor in aggravation of a felony or the defendant seeks to establish a factor in mitigation of a felony, the prosecutor must serve written notice of the sentencing hearing on the victim. This section also gives the victim the right to appear, personally or by legal counsel, at sentencing hearings and to present evidence. The court is required to consider the evidence presented by the victim (AS 12.55.155(f)).

Section 7 revises the definition of the term "victim" as that term is used in the sentencing provisions. Victims are natural persons. As persons to whom obligation may be due under AS 12.55 in cases where the victim has died, is a minor, or is incapacitated, the definition presently includes the victim's spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, or legal guardian. The revision adds the victim's aunt, uncle, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law (AS 12.55.185(1)).

Section 8 adds to the list of victim's rights the right to make a statement for presentencing and sentencing, either in person or by legal counsel, the right to make a statement, in person or through legal counsel, in the event the defendant moves to modify or reduce sentence, and the right to make a written statement to the governor in the event the governor considers executive clemency. (AS 12.61.010(a)).

Section 9 adds two new provisions to AS 12.61. AS 12.61.015 sets out a list of duties of the prosecuting attorney with respect to victims of crime. These include the duty to

(1) confer with the victim before jury selection and trial;

(2) notify the victim of the defendant's conviction, the victim's right to make a sentencing statement and that the defendant will see the sentencing statement, the address and telephone number of the office that will prepare the sentencing statement, the time and place of the sentencing proceeding, and of the victim's right to appear, in person or by counsel, at the sentencing hearing to address the court; and

(3) notify the victim in writing of the final disposition of the case within 30 days.

AS 12.61.017 makes it a class B misdemeanor for an employer of a victim of crime to penalize the victim because of the victim's cooperation in a prosecution.

Section 10 amends AS 33.16.120(c) to give victims the personal right to attend meetings of, or to be represented by legal counsel before, the parole board and to address the parole board, directly or through legal counsel, about proposed action that the board is considering concerning the offender. The rights granted under this subsection, as amended, may only be exercised by the victim or the victim's legal representative.

Section 11 amends existing law to provide that the parole board must notify a victim not only of its decision to grant parole, but also if it decides to deny parole (AS 33.16.120(e)). This section also provides that the notification must include the prisoner's residence address.

Section 12 provides that notification to a victim of a prisoner's early release for good time served must also include the prisoner's residence address (AS 33.16.120(f)).

Section 13 adds a new section, AS 33.30.013, that requires the commissioner of corrections to notify the victim or the victim's family if the offender escapes, is released on a furlough to a correctional restitution center, or any other early release program. It also requires the commissioner to notify the victim if the offender is considered for screening investigation to determine the need for further treatment in the event the offender has been transferred to the commissioner's custody if the offender was adjudicated guilty but mentally ill.

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Section 14 amends AS 47.10.070 to give the victim of an offense by a minor the right to attend, or to be represented by legal counsel at, a hearing involving the minor. In certain cases, the victim's family may attend. This section has the effect of amending Rule 3(c) of the Alaska Child in Need of Aid Rules and Rule 3(c) of the Alaska Delinquency Rules, by giving victims access to the children's hearing. Accordingly, this effect is reflected in the title of the bill and is also explained in section 15 of the bill.

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Enclosure

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Honorable Johnny Ellis
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Health, Education & Social Services Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
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Dear Chairmen Ellis and Koponen:

The staff of several Representatives have requested the Parole Board to comment on House Bill 296. Since the bill has substantial impact on many segments of the criminal justice system, and others are expected to testify on the bill, we will confine our comments to those sections of the bill that pertain directly to the parole process. Members and/or staff of the Board will be available at the hearing on November 20 to answer questions if they arise.

On page 4, lines 1-4, the definition of victim is expanded significantly. Since the definition applies to the parole process under AS 33.16, this section will have an impact on the Board. Absent some way of limiting testimony, having more than one relative of the victim testify at a parole hearing could draw a hearing out to many hours or even more than one day. Currently, we usually conduct up to 10 to 12 parole hearings a day. The financial impact could reach into the many thousands of dollars quickly.

On page 5, lines 1-5, the victim would have the right to obtain the presentence report and other reports that may be used in preparation for that report. There is no prohibition in this bill on redisclosure and even if there was, it would probably be very difficult to enforce. Currently, the presentence report and attachments provide the Board with a lot of relevant background information on which to make good parole decisions. Many community sources are helpful in preparing these reports. Many citizens will not cooperate if they thought their comments would be used by persons outside the criminal justice system. The same is true of defendants, their families and friends. Also, much of the criminal justice system information contained in the presentence report might be eliminated from the report if this bill passes, since many state and federal laws prohibit the redisclosure of those records to non-criminal justice people. If we don't get comprehensive presentence reports and attachments, our ability to make the most rational release decisions will be severely compromised. Frequently, there is information in the presentence about victims of uncharged crimes. Many of these victims are children. They or their families would not want their names or information regarding circumstances of the crimes released to the public.

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Lines 19-20 on page 6 allow victims to attend parole hearings. We have a number of concerns with this section. First, the bill does not define what is intended by "attend meetings". Do you intend the victims/relatives to be present before the Board just to make a statement? Do you intend the victims/relatives to sit through the entire hearing but leave before the Board begins deliberations? Do you expect the victims/relatives to sit through the deliberations? Clearly this section is in conflict with AS 44.62.310(d)(3), which states Board hearings, like jury deliberations, are closed. Having any person who could be aligned for or against parole would be a violation of the intent of the Alaska Supreme Court, In the Matter of Robson, 575 P.2d 771 (Alaska 1978). Whatever the Legislature decides to do, this section needs to be clear on your specific intent.

The Board does not oppose having victims come to Parole Board hearings. However, the decision to allow victim attendance at hearings is expected to have a substantial impact on the cost of operating the system, on the victim, and on the ability of the Board to get the best possible information to make good parole decisions. This impact must be carefully reviewed to see if the costs to the public and the actual advantages to the victim outweigh the disadvantages.

First, let us talk about the issues impacting the victim. In Alaska, many victims are friends or family of the defendant. Many of the cases we hear involve sexual assault by a friend or family member. A lot of these victims are children. Oftentimes, there is a tremendous amount of pressure from friends or family for the victim to minimize the impact of the crime or even recant. We sometimes get letters from victims that are put in this situation now, but at least they don't have to face the defendant in person. Sometimes during the very frank and pointed questioning of Board members and staff, the names of victims of other uncharged crimes are discussed. Clearly, these folks would not like their names known to the public or their family members and this is quite possible if the victim/relative of the current crime decides to speak after leaving the hearing.

Another very important issue with victims attending hearings and speaking against defendants is possible retribution. Most defendants now show little animosity toward their victims when we discuss issues at parole hearings. However, we believe the likelihood of retribution would increase significantly if the victim were to testify against a defendant at a parole hearing. Reading a letter written by the victim is much less likely to provoke a defendant than if the victim is sitting across the table, eyeball to eyeball. We might be doing most victims more harm than good by allowing the personal appearance.

Second, let us talk about the possible impact of this section on the Board's ability to get the best possible information to make good parole decisions. The current Board hearings are closed and usually only the persons in attendance besides the Board are the prisoner and the parole officer that

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completed the preparole report required by statute. Prisoners get the clear message from many sources we expect to get all pertinent information when the prisoner applies for parole. Prisoners sometimes give us information damaging to their chances for parole because they think we might somehow find out about the negative information and rescind parole before they could be released from jail. In many cases, having one or more victims/victim's relatives in the room would have a chilling effect on a prisoner offering information. Not getting their pertinent information could in some cases even endanger other potential victims in the public. Even though some prisoners committed very serious crimes, some are embarrassed about the circumstances of their crimes and would be unwilling to discuss the details in front of others. Prisoners are aware that Board members and parole officers understand in the confidentiality laws regarding the material in the files and would be liable for disclosure of information outside the hearing. Therefore, they are more willing to be frank with us, not worrying about public disclosure. If we do not get the best possible information, the Board might unknowingly release a prisoner who would pose a significant risk to the public.

Third, let us look at the increased costs of this section. Here are some of the areas of impact if victims come to parole hearings.

- a. Lengthen parole hearings, resulting in increased per diem and compensation for members and additional time for Corrections employees.
- b. Money for security staff to screen both prisoners and victims before they are allowed to come together in the hearing room.
- c. Money for security staff to be present for the protection of victims and in some cases the prisoners at parole hearings.
- d. Money to pay for representation of prisoners by counsel at parole hearings, most being represented by the Public Defender. Although rare now, with the more adversarial nature of hearings under this bill, we would expect a substantial increase in prisoners being represented by attorneys. Of course, this would also lengthen hearings.
- e. Money to pay for the increased costs of incarcerating some prisoners for longer periods of time. Some prisoners who would not pose a risk to the public and would likely be paroled now if they apply, would not apply under this bill if they had to face the victim face to face because of added embarrassment, and therefore would stay in jail.

If the committee members want the victim to be able to respond to such issues as the prisoner's comments to the Parole Board, let me suggest the following solution. We can send a copy of the prisoner's application for parole (without proposed residence or employer addresses) to the victim. Then the victim would have the information the prisoner gives the Board members regarding the crime, release plan, reasons why the prisoner thinks he/she should be granted parole, conditions to be imposed, etc. The victim could then forward their written comments to the Board.

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Another issue the Legislature has to deal with is equity. What impact would this section have in ensuring all prisoners and victims are treated similarly? First of all, many victims could not afford to travel outside of their areas of residence to testify at parole hearings. Prisoners are housed in over a dozen instate institutions scattered from Ketchikan to Nome as well as the Federal Bureau Prison facilities throughout the country. Many prisoners are not incarcerated in the same town where the victim lives. This means a victim with more money might have a more significant impact on a decision to grant or not grant parole than a victim without the money, even though the impact on the victims might be identical. This legislation would favor residents of our major cities. I expect you will begin to hear from indigent victims in a couple of years.

Lines 26-28 on page 6 would require the Board to notify a victim of a decision to grant or deny parole if the victim requested. We already notify interested victims of any decision to grant parole and so notifying victims on decisions to deny would not pose a problem. However, we strongly oppose the last sentence of this same section at lines 2-3 on page 7 that would have us notify the victims of the prisoner's residence address and the employer. This would greatly increase the likelihood of confrontations between the parolee and the victim---nobody would be served by that. Many parolees have a tough enough time getting reasonable employment now--having a victim/relative/friend contact the parolee's employer at work isn't going to do anybody any good. If a prisoner can not obtain and maintain lawful employment, his/her chances of returning "to a life of crime" are increased significantly. If for some reason the victim has a dispute with the parolee, contacts should be made through the court, Parole Board, or parole officer.

These same comments apply to line 11 on page 7, regarding mandatory parolees.

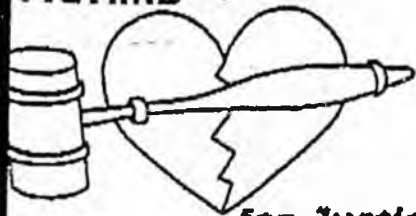
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 296. We hope these issues can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Very truly yours,



Alonzo B. Patterson, Jr.
Alaska Parole Board Chairman

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for Justice

MAY 13, 1987

Representative Dave Donley
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Donley,

Thank you for writing a victim's bill. In response to your bill I will use some of my personal experiences in responding. I hope this will help legislators to better see how some of the present laws are working on the streets.

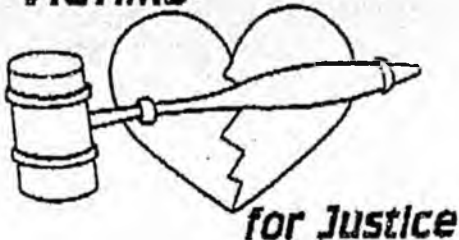
Section 3. I trust section 3 includes this example. My brother does not work and has lived and supported himself from illegal gain most of his teenage and adult life. He now has a large inheritance. He bills most of his medical, hotels, etc. to our business. We turn it over to his trust officer. His trust officer informs us that he does not pay Tom's bills. He can give Tom the money to pay the bills, but if he chooses not pay too bad for the creditor. Tomy's lifestyle has never supported the paying of bills. When my dad was alive he ended up helping Tom.

Rehabilitation is making a person responsible for his actions. Whatever means it takes the person who steals must be required to repay the victim, even to the extent of paying the medical or funeral of the victim. I wish there was a way that a prison could be centered around a gold mine or some money producing project. This would alleviate the state burden and keep idle time from the prisoners. Hard work would eliminate time to feed on pornography and other mind destroying materials.

Section 5 and section 15 are so important to help the healing process of the victim. In our case, I was first enraged that this young girl could come into my families private domain and brutally murder them and than have the right to determine if I could be a part of the trial!

Our mind is the biggest enemy or our biggest friend. When your loved ones die tragically there are so many unanswered questions that flood your mind and torment you. Whenever your life is not filled with business your mind wanders to those precious lives you love and their last moments. Knowing all the gorey details was the beginning of our healing. Not knowing keeps one in a quandary. After our \$10,000 court battle, (which was so unfair and unjust) knowing was the most painful thing I ever experienced, yet

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after I knew, and understood I found I thought about it less and was able to deal with the pain better. Not knowing you wonder, day dream and become even more preoccupied with your thoughts.

Section 6 defining victims to include family members is imperative. When a crime is committed against a person the extended family is also affected emotionally and must be considered.

Section 7 It is about time that the victim's rights are enumerated. We certainly are careful to make sure the criminal's rights are protected. The criminal forces himself on others, hurts others and is so protected! It is hard for the perpetrator to accept responsibility for his actions because of his rights. A sociopathic mind only becomes more manipulative.

Section 8 I like the idea of the prosecuting attorney having to conferring with the victim. The prosecuting attorney should also see the whole picture. He also needs to be aware of the victim's pain. Most prosecuting attorney's tend to want to avoid the victim's pain.

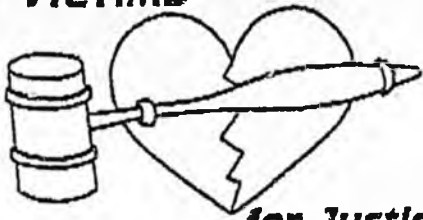
Section 9 It is important for the victim to be informed of the perpetrators jail time, bail, hearings etc. The more you know the better you learn to cope and protect yourself. It is most helpful to let the victim be a part of the parole hearing. The more the victim feels he has input the better he will accept the perpetrator's release even if they disagree. I found that writing the judge a letter concerning the sentencing of Winona and Cordell to be very helpful. We even had the relatives and friends do the same. It is an impactful release to the victim and family to feel that their feelings are considered.

Section 10 Especially in murder and violence the victim's family needs to know that the perpetrator is being released.

Section 11 I support. In some cases, the prisoner's residence address and employer might be misused, but should always be known in murder or violence cases. But whatever the charge, the conditions of parole should always be extended to the victim or close family members.

Section 12 (6) I totally support and if there is a question of safety to the victim upon the escape of the offender, somehow the state needs to provide protection for the victim.

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Section 13 I totally support. Every close member of a family is so affected by tragedy they always need to be considered.

Section 15 absolutely needs to be put in place. No one should have to go through what I went through in our case.

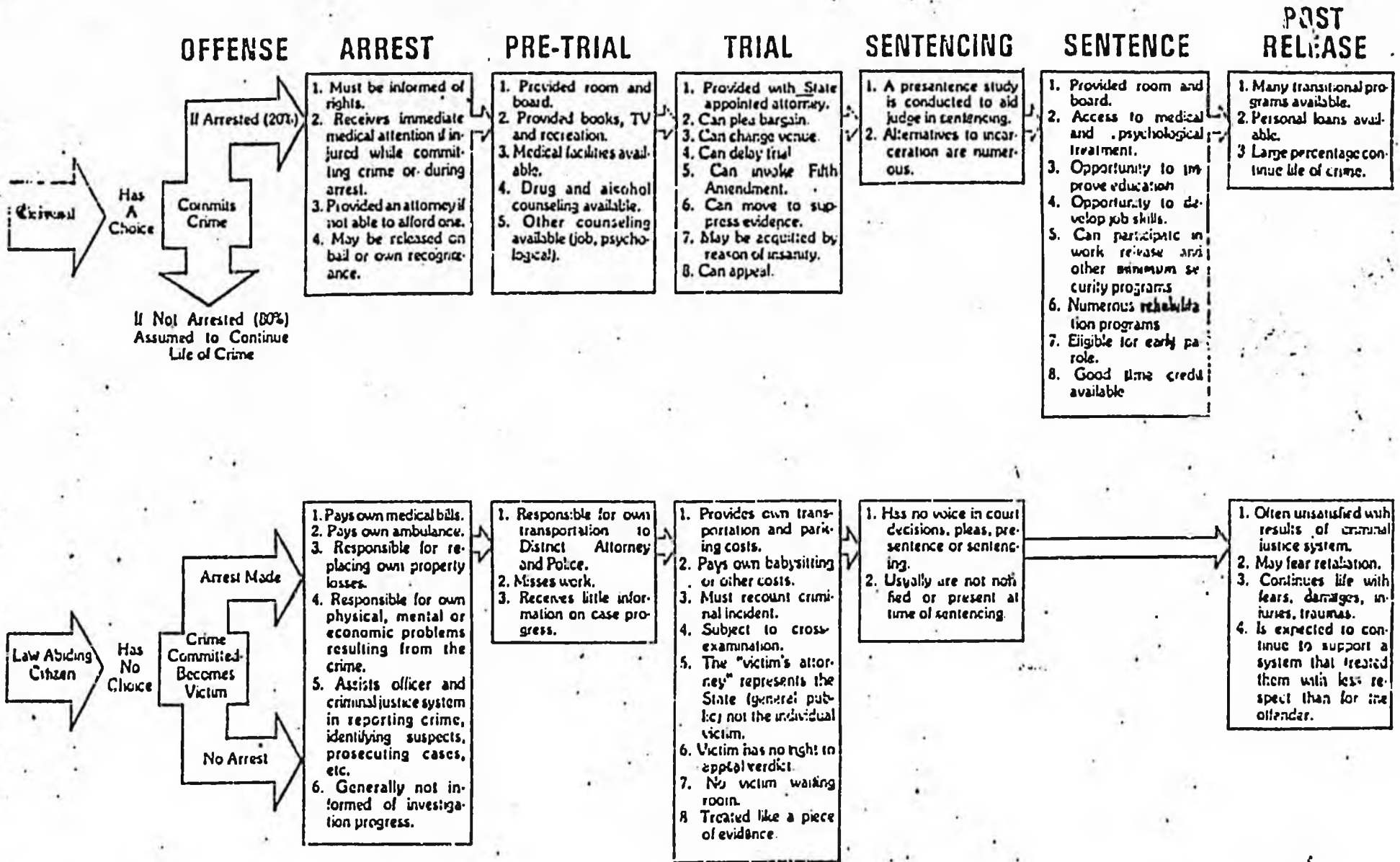
Thank you Dave for writing this legislation. It has long been needed. I trust the rest of the legislators will agree. We will certainly try to support and help you with this legislation.

Sincerely,

Janice Lienhart

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Murder suspect's testimony withheld

PALMER — Superior Court Judge Beverly Cutler has suppressed portions of an interview with Alaska State Troopers during which a man accused of killing a Point MacKenzie woodcutter admitted he knew of the killing. — page B-1

Miner forced off Hatcher Pass land

PALMER — Hatcher Pass placer miner Phil Plack's trailer and personal belongings were removed from his claim Friday, state officials said. — page B-1

Backers bet gambling can help

Proponents of legalized gambling are looking at a proposal to bring that idea to Alaska as a way to create jobs, but Anchorage's former police chief said that where there are slot machines, there is crime. — page B-1

Peace plan fails, gets no takers

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — The government's unilateral cease-fire and amnesty offer for leftist rebels ended at noon Friday. The truce was not observed and not a single guerrilla applied for amnesty. — page A-3

Gorbachev warns Soviet Communists

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev told Soviet Communists Friday they could be expelled from the party for not backing "perestroika," his wholesale reform of society and the economy. — page A-3

Police rescue kidnapped girl

ESTEPONA, Spain — A kidnapper's lost wallet led police to a hideout Friday where they rescued the 5-year-old daughter of a Lebanese millionaire after a brief shootout. — page A-3

Carlucci ousts Pentagon adviser

WASHINGTON — Incoming Pentagon chief Frank Carlucci has ousted Frank Gaffney, a hardliner distrustful of the Soviet Union, as the Defense Department's top adviser on arms-control policy, administration officials said Friday. — page A-4

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'Hidden tax' cut sparks debate

Wood: Trim utility budget payments

By George Front
Times Writer
Anchorage Assembly Chairman John Wood, preparing for Tuesday's budget hearings, has launched a controversial lobbying campaign to slice between \$3 million and \$15 million of municipal utility contributions from the proposed 1988 budget.

According to Wood, the consumers of city telephone service, electricity, water and garbage are paying a "hidden tax" to subsidize general government, and that should stop.

Wood wants to eliminate at least \$3 million of proposed Municipal Utility Service Assessment payments. He said \$10 million would be a better figure to cut from the assessments, which

are the equivalent of property taxes paid by the city utilities. The city also should refuse a \$3 million revenue distribution from the Anchorage Telephone Utility, said Wood, a philosophi-

cal foe of government-owned utilities. The money comes from a \$100 million pot of accumulated earnings. So far, Wood's idea has not secured a place in the political firmament. Budget chief Arnahee McConnell said the loss of \$3 million. See Proposal, page A-12



Everything's ducky for waxwings
Bohemian waxwings have made their annual appearance in many areas around Anchorage to feast on mountain ash berries and other ornamental fruit.

Gramm-Rudman may send shock through economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The budget cuts imposed on the federal government by the Gramm-Rudman law would force reductions, as one senator put it, as painful "as if somebody dropped a toaster in the bathtub."

At least three areas will feel the effects almost immediately: Medicare, guaranteed student loans and dairy price supports, according to the administration's Office of Management and Budget.

But the ax will fall more slowly with most of the \$23 billion, across-the-board slashes. Officials at many federal agencies are putting off permanent reductions in anticipation of a reversal by Congress.

Lawmakers, in effect, have 10 days to change their minds on the Gramm-Rudman cuts by adopting the \$73 billion, two-year deficit reduction package agreed to Friday by congressional leaders and President Reagan.

mediate effects of the automatic cuts:
• Medicare payments to hospitals are being reduced 2.3 percent after Friday. The law limits the annual reduction in Medicare, the federal health care insurance program for people aged 65 and older. It exempts Medicaid, the federal-state program for the needy.
• The Department of Agriculture's dairy price support program will drop by 8.5 percent. The price for milk is dropping from \$11.10 per hundredweight to \$10.20. Prices paid for cheese, butter and non-fat dry milk are dropping by the same margin.
• Cash payments for other crops will also be reduced by 8.5 percent, but not unless the automatic cuts stand when the sign-up period rolls around for those programs.
• The origination fee for Guaranteed Student Loans made after Oct. 20 will increase on the average from \$2,400 from \$120 to \$132. The interest rate subsidy to banks making the loans will be reduced by a quarter percent. Students, however, will see no change in the 8 percent limit on the interest they pay after graduation.
• Cuts would not take effect in other education programs until the start of the 1988-89 academic year next fall.
• If Congress rejects the compromise announced by Reagan on Friday and the Gramm-Rudman cuts are allowed to stand, more automatic belt-tightening will ripple through the government.
The cuts "may hit them about See Budget, page A-12

Victims seek greater role in judicial system

By Paul Harper
Times Writer
The person who murdered Debbie Broolans' husband last Friday has not been found. But if at some point the killer is found, convicted, and comes up for parole, Broolans told state legislators Friday, she wants to be there. Right now victims can write letters to the parole board, but they are not allowed to attend parole hearings.

"There's a lot that the heart and eyes say that a piece of paper can't reflect," she testified at a teleconference hearing of the House Committee on Health, Education, and Social Services. "I think it's very important for some of those emotions to come through," said Broolans, who represented Victims for Justice at the hearing.

The Committee is working on a victims' rights bill introduced last session by Rep. Dave Donley, D-Anchorage, which would broaden the rights of victims to participate in various aspects of the criminal justice system, and seek compensation from those who wronged them. Donley's own experience as a victim spurred his authorship of the legislation, he said. "I came

in one night and there were four guys in my house burglarizing it." One smashed his knee with a baseball bat and the group held him and a companion tied up for four or five hours, he said. "It was a nightmare." Provisions of Donley's bill that would give victims the right to get copies of pre-sentence reports, to learn the proposed resis-

dence address and employer of a prisoner to be released, and to be present and testify at parole hearings highlighted the discussion Friday. The state's five-member parole board raised a number of concerns about these provisions in a letter to the committee. The chairman of the board, Rev. Alonzo Patterson, said he See Victims, page A-12

Permanent fund initiator favors hands-off policy

By Debbie Reinwand
Times Writer
Former Gov. Jay Hammond — regarded as the father of Alaska's \$8 billion Permanent Fund account — says he applauds Anchorage Mayor-elect Tom Fink's decision not to ask the legislature to tap the fund's earnings without a public vote. Prior to his election as mayor, Fink had advocated using fund earnings to stimulate economic development in Anchorage and other cities across the state, but later amended that statement to say he wouldn't push the plan unless voters approved it. Hammond, who has long advocated preservation of the Permanent Fund, said he was heartened by Fink's statements

that Alaskans should decide whether fund earnings should be tapped. "Tom had not been an advocate of the Permanent Fund during its formation, but he has now made a commitment not to pursue use of the earnings without a vote," Hammond told reporters in Anchorage Friday. A Lake Clark bush pilot who served two terms as governor of Alaska, Hammond acknowledged that a time may come when earnings from the \$3 billion savings account are tapped but urged leaders to look elsewhere before casting an eye to the fund. "We live in a state where there is no income tax, there is no sales tax and the government provides a lot of programs. See Hammond, page A-12



Jessica McClure ... outside the hospital

Doctors send Jessica home for holidays

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — A smiling Jessica McClure teetered out of a hospital in a cast Friday, a month after the nation watched determined rescuers pull the toddler from an abandoned well where she had survived a grueling 56 1/2 hours. The 19-month-old girl who was rescued Oct. 16 rode down a ramp at Midland Memorial Hospital in a toy wagon, then got up and tried out her cast with her parents. "Thanks to the grace of God and some heroic men, we've got our baby back," said Jessica's father, Chip McClure, before the family got in a car and drove away. See Jessica, page A-1



Jay Hammond
... let voters decide

... provide for a public vote before any portion of fund earnings could be appropriated.

Halford, during the 1987 legislative session, introduced a bill to do just that and a group in Juneau led by economist Dr. George

... called the legislature's most ardent advocate of protecting fund earnings. Hammond said Halford could keep the check if he was successful in pushing his legislation through the 1988 session.

... about 30 bystanders. "She really means a lot to us here."

Later, Reba Wilborn, Jessica's grandmother, said the family members were "with friends now and they'll be spend-

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Proposal: Could prompt job losses, decline

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lion would cause a serious but unspecified deterioration of city services, forcing the layoffs of 90 more city workers. The budget already contemplates the loss of 150 positions. Since many of those positions are unfilled, and some workers can be put into part-time work, about 60 to 70 current workers would lose their jobs, she said.

And some of his assembly colleagues questioned Wood's tactics, saying he sent a "misleading" and inflammatory questionnaire to his constituents in East Anchorage and Muldoon.

The maverick assemblyman is unapologetic about either his utilities proposal or his questionnaire.

"I got one (response to his questionnaire) saying, 'We are losing our home and it is too late for us, but thank you for trying to

keep our taxes down'" said Wood. "Somebody has got to speak up for these people."

While Wood's plan is probably the most controversial of the 1988 budget deliberations, there are plenty more that will produce a gnashing of teeth.

These include the mainstays of Mayor Tony Knowles' \$191.7 million budget: Raise taxes by \$3.8 million, cut 150 city positions and negotiate a rollback of the 5 percent wage and benefit increase for city workers already contained in 1988 contracts. All of those elements are in trouble.

McConnell said negotiations with city unions have stalled because they are waiting to see what Mayor-elect Tom Fink will do.

In his mayoral campaign, Fink said he would not raise taxes and would try not to lay anyone off or to reduce salaries and benefits. He said he hopes to get more state aid to maintain

current service levels.

But lawmakers will not return to Juneau until mid-January — well after layoff notices have been sent out, McConnell said.

A majority of assembly members have said they oppose any tax increase regardless of the outcome.

That probably means more layoffs, each saving about \$55,000 in salary and benefits, McConnell said.

There is sure to be discussion, too, of whether to fund a \$900,000 subsidy for the performing arts center.

Other hot topics include whether to spend \$1.74 million to help the Anchorage Parking Authority meet its bond obligations, \$200,000 or more for the city's new economic development corporation and \$106,680 for community councils.

In his budget, Knowles proposed an average tax rate of 8.18 mills, up from 7.16 mills this

year. A mill is equal to \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Property values, which fell 21 percent overall in 1987, are expected to drop another 10 percent in 1988. So a home valued at \$100,000 this year, with the increased mill rate and falling property values, would be taxed an additional \$15.70, according to budget officials.

Assemblyman Jim Barnett said that Wood was "deceiving people" in the questionnaire he sent out.

He said Wood exaggerated the size of actual property tax increases by failing to mention lower property values. "It's a wash," he said.

In his questionnaire, Wood asked voters what they think about paying sharply higher rates — \$16.7 million across the board — for utility services, which he linked to increased

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the same as if somebody dropped a toaster in a bathtub," Senate Budget Committee Chairman Lawton Chiles, D-Fla., warned in an earlier plea to avoid the Gramm-Rudman cuts.

Chiles and the staff of his committee offered a number of examples of Gramm-Rudman's ultimate impact:

- The Federal Aviation Administration would be unable to fill 1,100 new air traffic controller slots authorized by Congress earlier. The Department of Transportation officials said Friday that a new class of controllers would begin as scheduled on Dec. 4.

- However, if the department is forced to absorb across-the-board reductions on an extended basis, "we would literally have a disaster on our hands," the acting transportation secretary, James Bumley, warned earlier this week.

- The U.S. Customs Service's helicopter program for intercepting drug smugglers could have to cut operations — recently expanded to seven days a week, 24 hours a day — down to five days a week, eight hours a day.

Victims: Want more rights

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wanted to make it clear that the law is not anti-victim and not against the legislation.

"We say 'Do it, but know what the cost will be,'" Patterson said.

Pre-sentence reports are background reports on a convicted criminal which judges and parole boards use to assess the person's remorse, chances for rehabilitation, and danger to the community.

Patterson told the committee that releasing the reports to victims could decrease their value, because people interviewed for them might be less candid. He said the state could also find itself the object of lawsuits from people who felt that release of the information had caused them problems.

The committee is considering a suggestion that identities be deleted from copies to be given to victims.

For a victim, the value of having the pre-sentence report would be a better ability to assess what they think is appropriate punishment for the criminal, and getting information which might be helpful in a civil suit

seeking compensation for a crime, said several speakers.

"I might have sympathy for them, when I find out what their life was like, when they grew up," Bill Bredeson said of men who stole his car this year.

The parole board strongly objected to the idea that victims should be notified of a released prisoner's residence address and employer.

"This would greatly increase the likelihood of confrontations between the parolee and the victim — nobody would be served by that," Patterson wrote.

Donley said this provision would simply give victims information the criminal usually knows about them.

Brookins said knowing the whereabouts of her husband's murderer would be very important to her for a very different reason — so she could avoid him.

The parole board's biggest concern about having victims testify at parole hearings is the potential cost. Patterson said increased security would be needed at hearings to stifle potential confrontations, that the state would have to house prisoners for a longer time if they passed over the parole option because they didn't want to face

their victim, and that hearings might take much longer than they do now.

In cases where a person has died, the definition of victim under the law includes many relatives.

Patterson said the parole board already has an increasing load of cases to hear, which has jumped from about 300 per year to 1,000 per year recently.

Adding testimony from relatives of victims could turn the part-time board into a full-time board with a price tag to match, he said.

There were suggestions that the right to testify at parole hearings be limited to the people against whom an offense had been committed.

Brookins was concerned that would exclude people like her.

"I think it's real important that a person with skin on speak," she said.

Janice Lienhart, whose parents, Tom and Ann Faccio, were murdered in their home by teenagers, told the committee through a letter that gaining access to normally closed juvenile hearings was an important part of the healing process for her family.

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Sec 14. Adding a new section AS 47.10.065.

Sec. 47.10.065 VICTIM'S ACCESS TO HEARING.

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Delete "is a minor, or is incapacitated,"

Page 8, line 22, after "may":

Insert: "attend meetings of the parole board, and may comment in writing on the proposed action of the board, but may"

Page 8, line 22, after "right":

Delete: "provided"

Insert: "to comment on the proposed action of the board in person or by counsel that is provided to the victim"

House Health Education and Social Services Committee
Letter of Intent:

CS for House Bill No. 296

within 10 days after the effective date of this legislation

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19 the commissioner of corrections. Service of the summons is made by
20 registered mail or delivery of a copy of it to the commissioner of
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22 served under this section and the day and hour of service. This
23 service is sufficient service on the prisoner.

24 (b) The commissioner of corrections shall deliver a notice of
25 the service and a copy of the summons to the prisoner within 10 days
26 after the date of service.

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28 showing that service of the summons on the defendant has been made as
29 provided in (b) of this section. The affiant shall attach to the

1 affidavit a copy of the summons and shall file the affidavit and
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21 improve, preserve, store, or transport the property; and

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23 public improvement benefiting the property;

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27 of property remain exempt within the specified value limitations:

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9 notice of a pending change in the status of the offender. The notice
10 required by this section shall be given

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12 (A) if the offender has been continued in commitment
13 following expiration of the maximum term of imprisonment under
14 AS 12.47.090(f) and the commissioner petitions for release of the
15 offender; or

16 (B) if the court is to consider modification of an
17 order of conditional release for the offender under AS 12.47.-
18 092(e);

19 (2) by the attorney general, or the prosecutor, as applica-
20 ble,

21 (A) if a court is to consider conditional release of
22 the offender under AS 12.47.090(k) and 12.47.092(a); or

23 (B) if the offender petitions for discharge under
24 AS 12.47.092(f).

25 (b) If the victim has died, is a minor, or is incapacitated, the
26 commissioner of health and social services, the attorney general, or
27 the prosecutor shall give notice, when required by (a) of this sec-
28 tion, to the victim's spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, aunt,
29 uncle, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or legal

1 guardian.

2 (c) A state officer is required to give notice of a change in
3 the status of an offender under this section only if the victim or a
4 person entitled to notice under (b) of this section has requested
5 notice of the change.

6 (d) A victim, or a person who is entitled to notice under (b) of
7 this section, shall maintain a current, valid mailing address on file
8 with the commissioner of health and social services or the attorney
9 general. The address of record is the address for all communication
10 of notice from the commissioner of health and social services or the
11 attorney general required by this section. Mail that is transmitted
12 by the commissioner or the attorney general to the address of record
13 satisfies the legal requirements with respect to notice under this
14 section.

15 * Sec. 5. AS 12.55.155(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

16 (27) the defendant's conduct caused substantial physical,
17 emotional, or financial harm to the victim or, if the victim has died
18 as a result of the defendant's conduct, to the victim's immediate
19 family.

20 * Sec. 6. AS 12.55.155(f) is amended to read:

21 (f) If the state seeks to establish a factor in aggravation at
22 sentencing or if the defendant seeks to establish a factor in mitiga-
23 tion at sentencing, written notice must be served on the opposing
24 party and filed with the court not later than 10 days before the date
25 set for imposition of sentence. Written notice shall also be served
26 within that time by the prosecutor upon the victim of the defendant
27 indicating that the victim has a right to appear and participate. The
28 victim may appear personally or by counsel at aggravation or mitiga-
29 tion proceedings and sentencing proceedings to present evidence and

1 express opinions concerning the physical, emotional, or financial harm
2 caused to the victim and other factors relating to the crime, the
3 defendant, disposition of the defendant after sentencing, and the need
4 for restitution. The court in imposing sentence shall consider the
5 evidence and opinions presented by the victim at aggravation or miti-
6 gation proceedings and sentencing proceedings and in the presentence
7 report. Factors in aggravation and factors in mitigation must be
8 established by clear and convincing evidence before the court sitting
9 without a jury. All findings must be set out with specificity.

10 * Sec. 7. AS 12.55.185(11) is amended to read:

11 (11) "victim" means a natural person against whom the of-
12 fense has been perpetrated; [THE VICTIM OF THE OFFENSE OR,] if the
13 person [VICTIM] has died, is a minor, or is incapacitated, the term
14 includes the person's [A] spouse, parent, child, brother, sister,
15 aunt, uncle, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or legal
16 guardian [OF THE VICTIM].

17 * Sec. 8. AS 12.61.010(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) Victims of crimes have the following rights:

19 (1) the right to be informed by the appropriate law en-
20 forcement agency or the prosecuting attorney of the date of trial and
21 the date of sentencing of the case in which the victim is involved;

22 (2) the right to be notified that a sentencing hearing or a
23 court proceeding to which the victim has been subpoenaed will not
24 occur as scheduled;

25 (3) the right to receive protection from harm and threats
26 of harm arising out of cooperation with law enforcement and prosecu-
27 tion efforts, and to be provided with information as to the protection
28 available;

29 (4) the right to be informed of the procedure to be

1 followed to apply for and receive any victim compensation under
2 AS 18.67;

3 (5) at the request of the prosecution or a law enforcement
4 agency, the right to cooperate with the criminal justice process
5 without loss of pay and other employee benefits and without interfer-
6 ence in any form by the employer of the victim of crime; [AND]

7 (6) the right to obtain access to immediate medical assis-
8 tance and not to be detained for an unreasonable length of time by a
9 law enforcement agency before having medical assistance administered;
10 however, an employee of the law enforcement agency may, if necessary,
11 accompany the person to a medical facility to question the person
12 about the criminal incident if the questioning does not hinder the
13 administration of medical assistance;

14 (7) the right to make a written or oral statement for use
15 in preparation of the defendant's presentence report, and to appear
16 personally or by counsel at the defendant's sentencing hearing to
17 present a written or oral statement;

18 (8) the right to appear personally or by counsel to make a
19 written or oral statement to a court for consideration by the court if
20 the offender files a motion for a modification or reduction of sen-
21 tence;

22 (9) the right to make a written statement to the governor
23 for consideration by the governor if

24 (A) the governor considers a pardon, commutation of
25 sentence, reprieve, or suspension or remission of a fine or
26 forfeiture for the offender under AS 33.20.070; or

27 (B) the offender applies to the governor for clemency
28 under AS 33.20.080; and

29 (10) the right to obtain, without a motion, access to police

1 reports from the appropriate law enforcement agency related to the
2 case in which the victim was involved.

3 * Sec. 9. AS 12.61 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 Sec. 12.61.015. DUTIES OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. (a) Upon the
5 request of the victim of a crime, the prosecuting attorney shall

6 (1) confer with the victim before the selection of the jury
7 and the trial of the defendant;

8 (2) in a manner reasonably calculated to give prompt actual
9 notice, notify the victim

10 (A) of the defendant's conviction and the crimes for
11 which the defendant was convicted;

12 (B) of the victim's right to make a written or oral
13 statement for use in preparation of the defendant's presentence
14 report, and to appear personally or by counsel at the defendant's
15 sentencing hearing to present a written or oral statement;

16 (C) that the presentence report and any statement by
17 the victim will be made available to the defendant unless exempt-
18 ed from disclosure by the court;

19 (D) of the address and telephone number of the office
20 that will prepare the presentence report; and

21 (E) of the time and place of the sentencing proceed-
22 ing;

23 (3) notify the victim in writing of the final disposition
24 of the case within 30 days after final disposition of the case.

25 (b) The notice given under (a)(2) of this section shall inform
26 the victim that the victim's statement may contain any relevant infor-
27 mation including

28 (1) an explanation of the nature and extent of physical,
29 psychological, or emotional harm or trauma suffered by the victim;

1 (2) an explanation of the extent of economic loss or prop-
2 erty damage suffered by the victim;

3 (3) an opinion of the need for and extent of restitution
4 and whether the victim has applied for or received compensation for
5 loss or damage; and

6 (4) the victim's recommendation for an appropriate sen-
7 tence.

8 Sec. 12.61.017. INTERFERENCE BY VICTIM'S EMPLOYER. An employer
9 of a victim of crime who disciplines or discharges or threatens to
10 discipline or discharge the victim because the victim is subpoenaed or
11 requested by the prosecuting attorney to attend a court proceeding for
12 the purpose of giving testimony is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

13 * Sec. 10. AS 33.16.120(c) is amended to read:

14 (c) The victim has a right to attend, or be represented by
15 counsel at, meetings of the parole board and to comment in writing, in
16 person or by counsel on the proposed action of the board. Copies of
17 any written [THE] comments shall be provided to the prisoner and the
18 prisoner's attorney before action by the board. Notwithstanding
19 AS 33.16.900(10), if the victim has died, is a minor, or is incapac-
20 itated, the victim's spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, aunt,
21 uncle, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or legal guardian
22 may not exercise the right provided under this subsection.

23 * Sec. 11. AS 33.16.120(e) is amended to read:

24 (e) Upon request of the victim, [IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO RELEASE
25 ON PAROLE A PRISONER WHO IS CONVICTED OF A CRIME AGAINST A PERSON,]
26 the board shall make every reasonable effort to notify the victim of
27 its decision to grant or deny discretionary parole as soon as prac-
28 ticable [BEFORE THE PRISONER'S RELEASE DATE]. Notification under this
29 subsection must include the expected date of the prisoner's release,

1 the geographic area in which the prisoner is required to reside, the
2 prisoner's residence address, and other pertinent information concern-
3 ing the prisoner's conditions of parole that may affect the victim.

4 * Sec. 12. AS 33.16.120(f) is amended to read:

5 (f) Upon request of the victim, if a prisoner is released under
6 AS 33.16.010(c), the board shall make every reasonable effort to
7 notify the victim before the prisoner's release date. Notification
8 under this subsection must include the expected date of the prisoner's
9 release, the geographic area in which the prisoner is required to
10 reside, the prisoner's residence address, and other pertinent informa-
11 tion concerning the prisoner's conditions of parole that may affect
12 the victim.

13 * Sec. 13. AS 33.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 Sec. 33.30.013. COMMISSIONER TO NOTIFY VICTIMS. (a) The com-
15 missioner shall notify the victim of an offense if the offender

16 (1) escapes from custody;

17 (2) is released to the community on a furlough;

18 (3) is released to a correctional restitution center;

19 (4) is released on an early release program; or

20 (5) who was found guilty but mentally ill under AS 12.47.-

21 050(a) is named in a petition filed by the commissioner under AS 12.-
22 47.050(e) for a screening investigation to determine the need for
23 further treatment.

24 (b) If the victim has died, is a minor, or is incapacitated, the
25 commissioner shall give notice, when required by (a) of this section,
26 to the victim's spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle,
27 parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or legal guardian.

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10 * Sec. 14. AS 47.10.070 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 47.10.070. HEARINGS. The court may conduct the hearing in
12 an informal manner in the courtroom or in chambers. A hearing may be
13 held before a young adult advisory panel in accordance with AS 47.10.-
14 075. The court shall give notice of the hearing to the department and
15 it may send a representative to the hearing. The court shall also
16 transmit a copy of the petition to the department. The representative
17 of the department may also be heard at the hearing. The public shall
18 be excluded from the hearing, except that the victim of an offense
19 that is the subject of the hearing may attend the hearing, or be
20 represented at the hearing by counsel. If the victim has died, is a
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26 compatible with the best interests of the minor. Nothing in this
27 section may be applied in such a way as to deny a child's rights to a
28 public trial and to a trial by jury.

29 * Sec. 15. AS 47.10.070, as amended by sec. 14 of this Act, has the

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2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 296 (HESS)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to victims of crime, claims arising
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23 the victim.

24 * Sec. 13. AS 33.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 Sec. 33.30.013. COMMISSIONER TO NOTIFY VICTIMS. (a) The com-
26 missioner shall notify the victim of an offense if the offender

- 27 (1) escapes from custody;
28 (2) is released to the community on a furlough;
29 (3) is released to a correctional restitution center;

1 (4) is released on an early release program; or

2 (5) who was found guilty but mentally ill under AS 12.47.-
3 050(a) is named in a petition filed by the commissioner under AS 12.-
4 47.050(e) for a screening investigation to determine the need for
5 further treatment.

6 (b) If the victim has died, is a minor, or is incapacitated, the
7 commissioner shall give notice, when required by (a) of this section,
8 to the victim's spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, aunt, uncle,
9 parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or legal guardian.

10 (c) The commissioner is required to give notice of a change in
11 the status of an offender under this section only if the victim or a
12 person entitled to notice under (b) of this section has requested
13 notice of the change.

14 (d) A victim, or a person who is entitled to notice under (b) of
15 this section, shall maintain a current, valid mailing address on file
16 with the commissioner. The address of record is the address for all
17 communication of notice from the department required by this section.
18 Mail that is transmitted by the commissioner to the address of record
19 satisfies the legal requirements with respect to notice under this
20 section.

21 * Sec. 14. AS 47.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

22 Sec. 47.10.072. VICTIM'S ACCESS TO HEARING. The victim of a
23 crime committed by a minor who is scheduled for a hearing under
24 AS 47.10.070 may request the court to attend the hearing. If the
25 victim requests, the Department of Health and Social Services shall
26 assist the victim in preparing a written submission to the court
27 requesting access to the hearing. The Department of Health and Social
28 Services shall make reasonable efforts to inform victims of the
29 availability of this assistance. In this section, "victim" has

1 the meaning given in AS 12.55.185(11).

2 * Sec. 15. AS 12.61.010(a), as amended by sec. 8 of this Act, has the
3 effect of amending Alaska Rule of Criminal Procedure 32(d)(2) by making
4 presentence reports available to victims of crime without a court order.
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