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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Referred to Committee: March 31, 2000

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/10/00

The FINANCE Committee considered:

SSHB 270

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 270

SEXUAL ASSAULT & SEXUAL ABUSE

"An Act relating to sexual assault and sexual abuse and to payment for certain examinations in cases of alleged sexual assault or sexual abuse."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute CS HB 270 LHC(S)  the same title  a new title

additional referral to \_\_\_\_\_ Committee  
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_  fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_  zero fiscal note(s) DPS 3/15/00

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS		DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Gene Therriault</i>	Therriault	X			
<i>Don Bunde</i>	Bunde	✓			
<i>John Kusterman</i>	Kusterman	X			
<i>Paul L. Davies</i>	Davies	X			
<i>Ben Grossinger</i>	Grossinger	X			
<i>Phil Moses</i>	Moses	X			
<i>Gene L. Davis</i>	G. Davis	X			
<i>W.B. Williams</i>	Williams	X			
<i>Phillip L. Stullis</i>	Stullis	✓			

CO - CHAIR'S SIGNATURE Gene Therriault

# FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: CSSSHB 270 (STA)

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**STATE OF ALASKA  
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Revision Date		Dept. Affected	Public Safety
Title	<u>SEXUAL ASSAULT &amp; SEXUAL ABUSE</u>	BRU	<u>Alaska State Trooper Detachments</u>
Sponsor	<u>Representative Croft</u>	Component:	<u>Alaska State Trooper Detachments</u>
Requester	<u>H. State Affairs Committee</u>	Component No.	<u>2325</u>

**Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>						

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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**FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)**

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

This bill is not expected to have an adverse impact on the budget.

Prepared by:	<u>Royce Weller, Special Assistant</u>	Phone	<u>465-4322</u>
Division	<u>Office of the Commissioner</u>	Date/Time	<u>3/3/2000</u>
Approved by:	<u><i>Ronald L. Otte</i></u>	Date	<u>3-6-00</u>
Agency	<u>Commissioner Ronald L. Otte, Dept. of Public Safety</u>		

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Co./Dept.	HR 270	Co.	Women's Resource		
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Monday, April 10, 00

To Whom it May Concern,

Last year, on March 7, 99, the police took me to Bartlett Regional Hospital in Juneau for a rape exam. The care was thorough, and necessary, and left me with a bill I was unable to pay. To date I am still indebted for this bill, and have since required 2 follow-up exams with blood screens, both of which I am unable to pay, and as personal health + public concern for screening possibly transferred S.T.D.'s require this care + caution, I have incurred the unpaid costs + am held responsible. If there is any possible public funding available for women in my circumstances, I urge your support in making it available.

These kinds of medical costs can not become a deterrent to seeking care + should not be overlooked by our public for the safety + health of the individual, and the far reaching impacts on us all.

Thank you.

Lisa R.A. Greenleaf

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February 3, 2000

Representative Eric Croft  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Croft:

Thank you for providing us yesterday with a copy of the current (attached) work draft of CSHB 270.

Our original opposition was to the financial responsibility for testing for sexually transmitted diseases and emergency contraception. Those matters were not law enforcement related. Now that those components have been removed from the bill, we have changed our position. We agree that victims should not have to pay for evidentiary exams. We've reviewed the changes and now endorse the attached work draft of CSHB 270.

You may contact us at the APOA office in Anchorage at 277-0515.

Sincerely,

John Charbonneau  
State President

Attachment

cc: Representative Jeannette James



Representative Eric Croft

## Sponsor Statement

### Sponsor Substitute for House Bill 270

#### *"Payment of Evidentiary Forensic Exams"*

SSHB 270 makes sure that adult victims of sexual assault are not charged the costs of evidentiary forensic exams.

A victim of sexual assault has by definition been victimized once. In order to facilitate investigation of the crime and prosecution of the criminal, a victim is often asked to submit to a forensic exam to gather evidence. The forensic exams often involve taking physical samples and photographs. While it is the ordinary police practice to pay for these evidence gathering exams, some victims now report that they have been asked to pay for the cost of the forensic exam itself through their medical insurance. To victims of sexual assault, this is a third victimization.

When a house is burglarized and law enforcement takes photos or fingerprints of evidence, the victim is never sent the bill, directly or indirectly, or asked to have their homeowners' insurance billed. Nor should they. We have faith that most law enforcement agencies take responsibility for victims' needs and appropriately pay for evidentiary exams as needed. Those few agencies that attempt to transfer this cost to the victim should be stopped.

With the passage of HB 270, victims would be assured that they could not be required to pay for evidentiary forensic exams.