

SB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 2/7/07

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 02/15/07
 (in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
 IN TO OFFICE: 2/21/07

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 75

SB 75 EXTENDING COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS SB 75 (STA)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

SENATE BILL:	
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HOUSE BILL:	
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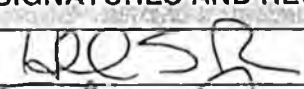
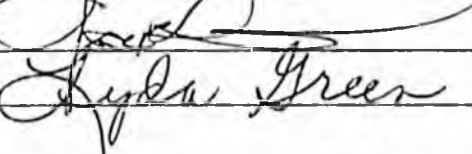
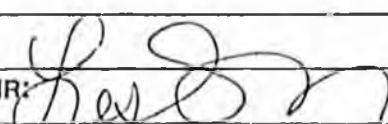
PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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DPS	02/14	✓			1
DPS	02/14	✓			2

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
	French	X			
	Green			X	
CHAIR: 	McBride	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: CSSB 75(STA)
(S) Publish Date: 2/21/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
Title "An act extending the Council on Domestic Violence.. RDU Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Component Batters Intervention Program
Sponsor Senator Elton
Requester Senate State Affairs Component No. 2241

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
1005 A Receipts						
1171 PFD Crim						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill extends the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to June 30, 2011.

Prepared by: Chris Ashenbrenner, Interim Program Administrator
Division: Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Approved by: Commissioner Walt Monegan
Agency: Department of Public Safety

Phone 465-5504
Date/Time 2/14/2007 4:00PM
Date 2/14/2007

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: CSSB 75(STA)
(S) Publish Date: 2/21/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
Title "An act extending the Council on Domestic Violence.. RDU Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Component CDVSA
Sponsor Senator Elton
Requester Senate State Affairs Component No. 521

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services	698.2	698.2	698.2	698.2	698.2	698.2
Travel	83.5	83.5	83.5	83.5	83.5	83.5
Contractual	939.2	939.2	939.2	939.2	939.2	939.2
Supplies	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3
Equipment	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.2
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	8,877.6	8,877.6	8,877.6	8,877.6	8,877.6	8,877.6
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	10,627.0	10,627.0	10,627.0	10,627.0	10,627.0	10,627.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	3,467.9	3,467.9	3,467.9	3,467.9	3,467.9	3,467.9
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	2,544.8	2,544.8	2,544.8	2,544.8	2,544.8	2,544.8
1007 I/A Receipts	824.7	824.7	824.7	824.7	824.7	824.7
1171 PFD Crim	3,789.6	3,789.6	3,789.6	3,789.6	3,789.6	3,789.6
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	10,627.0	10,627.0	10,627.0	10,627.0	10,627.0	10,627.0

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Part-time						
Temporary						

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Phone 465-5504
Date/Time 2/14/07 4:00PM
Date 2/14/2007



SENATOR KIM ELTON

**SB 75 – Sunset Extension for
The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

Sponsor Statement

SB 75 extends the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA), which is due to expire June 2007. Housed within The Department of Public Safety, CDVSA plays a vital role in communities across the state, providing “planning and coordination of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs”.

CDVSA is focused upon addressing the high rate of domestic violence and sexual assault in the state. Alaska has the highest rate of domestic violence and sexual abuse in the nation, with over 32,000 separate incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault reported in communities across Alaska between 2000 and 2004. During FY 2005, Alaska shelters provided services to 8,793 clients, with 381,729 individual services provided in categories such as childcare, clothing and food, crisis intervention, counseling and personal support, legal advocacy, safety checks, shelter/safe house, and transportation.

SB 75 is a necessary step toward addressing the continued threat of domestic violence and sexual assault, and an important part of increasing the safety and well being of children and families across Alaska. Extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault will provide continued program planning and coordination of services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who could otherwise lose access to the services they desperately need.

Senate STATE AFFAIRS Minute

Feb 20, 2007

SB 75-EXTENDING COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SENATOR KIM ELTON, Alaska State Legislature, said SB 75 extends the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which is due to expire in June. Between 2000 and 2004 there were over 32,000 incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault reported across Alaska. Extending the council will provide continued program planning and coordination of victim services. He noted that Legislative Budget and Audit supports the extension, and it has been endorsed by the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Juneau Police Department, Standing Together Against Rape, Sitkans against Family Violence, Abuse! Women, Women's Aid in Crises, Kenai LeeShore Center, Tundra Women's Clinic, Unalaskans against Sexual Assault and Family Violence, and the Alaska Women's Lobby.

9:45:34 AM

SENATOR GREEN said there have been many conversations about the network and the council including "a certain amount of questions." She said the extension is too long, and she has talked to people about having study groups gather information. There is some concern, she said. She asked to extend the council to 2011 instead of 2014.

SENATOR ELTON said he has been part of those conversations, and he agrees that there needs to be more. He said that everybody sees the need for the council and a need to continue discussions on how the council does business and who sits on the council. He advocates a rural designee, for example. The conversations can be done within the context of the extension, he stated. Alaska's House of Representatives bill extends the council to 2011. He doesn't have a strong opinion on the time period.

SENATOR GREEN said the task force to be formed would begin its work immediately. It would have a plan in place regarding "where the people come from and who's contributing to it and what is the role of whom, so there is a little more assurance that everyone is in agreement." She moved Amendment 1:

Page 1, line 6:
Delete "2014"
Insert "2011"

Hearing no objections, Amendment 1 passed.

CHAIR MCGUIRE said she has visited the Alaska Women's Resource Center in Anchorage, and she said, "In our community, Covenant House, certainly for young women, is a place that will often be a refuge for those who are seeking help in a domestic violence situation at a young age. Stepping Stones-to get in you've got to have been in a domestic violence situation and have a child. Then you have AWAKE, and so forth." She asked how this agency helps bring those groups together and facilitates help.

SENATOR ELTON said the council works with federal and state money and the process is semi-protected from decisions that are made by elected officials. The decisions are made by professionals. The council has members from the executive branch and from service providers. He said others can answer the question about delivery of services to the other groups.

9:51:27 AM

CHRIS ASHENBRENNER, Interim Program Administrator, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, said the council uses communication to coordinate the multiple services and agencies. The council funds the 20 victim service agencies around the state with a two-year funding cycle. The council funds training and participates with its sister agency-the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which is the advocacy agency for many of the victim service programs as well as other programs that may not be members of the network. She said the council coordinates trainings and venues for discussions on domestic violence and sexual assault.

CHAIR MCGUIRE asked about administrative overhead. When she goes onsite, it is always a tough day seeing people in a tough life, and the resources are never enough. She noted that people in Stepping Stones are trying to get back on their feet, get a job, and get their children in day care.

MS. ASHENBRENNER said overhead is about ten percent, which includes the council administrative offices that do auditing and the council itself, which has quarterly meetings. She said 76 percent of the funding goes directly to victim service programs.

9:54:58 AM

MS. ASHENBRENNER said she would be happy to participate in a report. She urged movement of the bill so the council can do its work instead of figuring out how to dismantle.

9:55:45 AM

WALT MONEGAN, Commissioner Designee, Alaska Department of Public Safety, said police officers responding to domestic violence or sexual assault only work on a problem to a certain point, and that is not enough. Organizations such as the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault are necessary to help people "get the rest of the way." He strongly supports the bill.

9:57:43 AM

SENATOR FRENCH moved SB 75, as amended, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s). There being no objection, CSSB 75(STA) passed from committee.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 120(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/21/07
Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FAIRCLOUGH, Harris, Samuels, Roses, Hawker, Meyer, Kelly, Seaton, Johnson, Lynn, Gatto, Gardner, Neuman, Edgmon, Chenault, Dahlstrom, LeDoux, Crawford, Gruenberg, Doogan, Doll, Wilson, Olson, Nelson, Joule, Holmes, Buch, Thomas, Kohring, Coghill, Kawasaki, Foster, Gara, Kerttula, Guttenberg, Cissna, Stoltze

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and providing**
2 **for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1. AS 44.66.010(a)(5) is amended to read:**

5 **(5) Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (AS 18.66.010)**

6 **- June 30, 2014 [2006];**

7 *** Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).**

November 23, 2005

Members of the Legislative Budget
and Audit Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 and Title 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), the attached report is submitted for your review.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

November 23, 2005
Audit Control Number
12-20039-06

This audit was conducted as required by AS 44.66.050 and under the authority of AS 24.20.271(1). Alaska Statute 44.66.050(c) lists criteria to be used to assess the demonstrated public need for a given board, commission, agency, or program subject to the sunset review process. Currently under AS 44.66.010(a)(5), the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2006. The Council would have one year from that date to conclude operations.

In our opinion, the termination date for the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault should be extended. The Council serves a public need and is operating in the public's interest. We recommend that the legislature extend the Council's termination date to June 30, 2014.

The audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government audit standards. Fieldwork procedures utilized in the course of developing the findings and discussion presented in this report are discussed in the Objectives, Scope, and Methodology.

Pat Davidson, CPA
Legislative Auditor

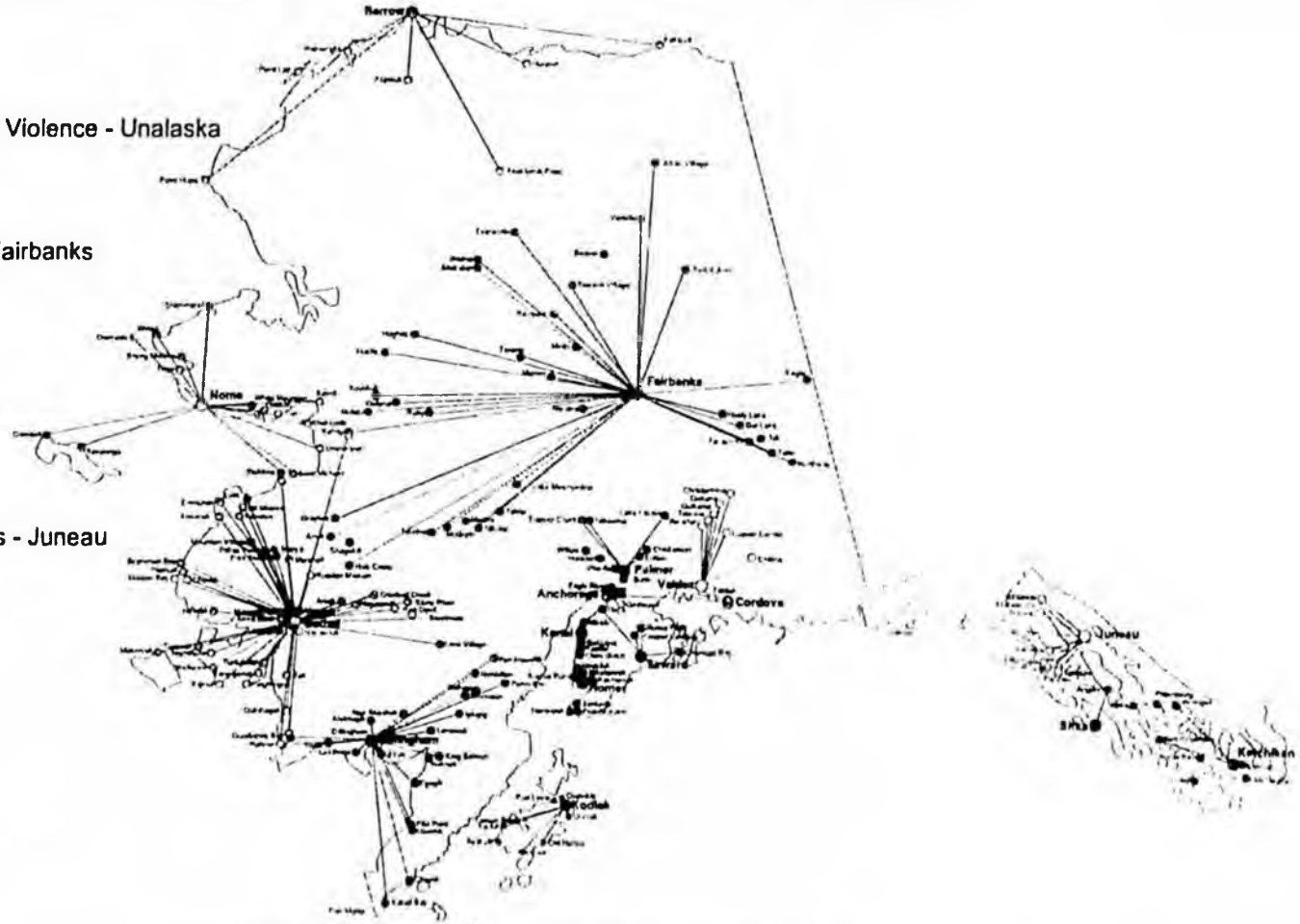
CDVSA Funded Service Provider Catchment Areas Fiscal Year 2006

Shelter Service Providers

- Arctic Women In Crisis - Barrow
- Bering Sea Women's Group - Nome
- Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence - Unalaska
- Tundra Women's Coalition - Bethel
- Seaview Community Services - Seward
- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living - Fairbanks
- Alaska Family Services - Palmer
- Advocates for Victims of Violence - Valdez
- Safe and Fear-Free Environment - Dillingham
- The LeeShore Center - Kenai
- Women In Safe Homes - Ketchikan
- Abused Women's Aid In Crisis - Anchorage
- Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies - Juneau
- Sitkans Against Family Violence - Sitka
- South Peninsula Women's Services - Homer

Other Victim Services Providers

- ★ Standing Together Against Rape - Anchorage
- Cordova Family Resource Center - Cordova
- Victims For Justice - Anchorage



Alaska State Troopers Fire Prevention Statewide Services Admin Services

Public Safety

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Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**FY07 FUNDED VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAMS****AFS 746-4080**

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State of Alaska

Department of Public Safety

Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Sarah Palin, Governor
Walt Monagan, Commissioner

Council on Domestic Violence and Domestic Assault (CDVSA) Fact Sheet - 2007

Purpose:

- Plan and coordinate services to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault and their families
- Provide crisis intervention and prevention programs
- Coordinate intervention services for perpetrators of domestic violence

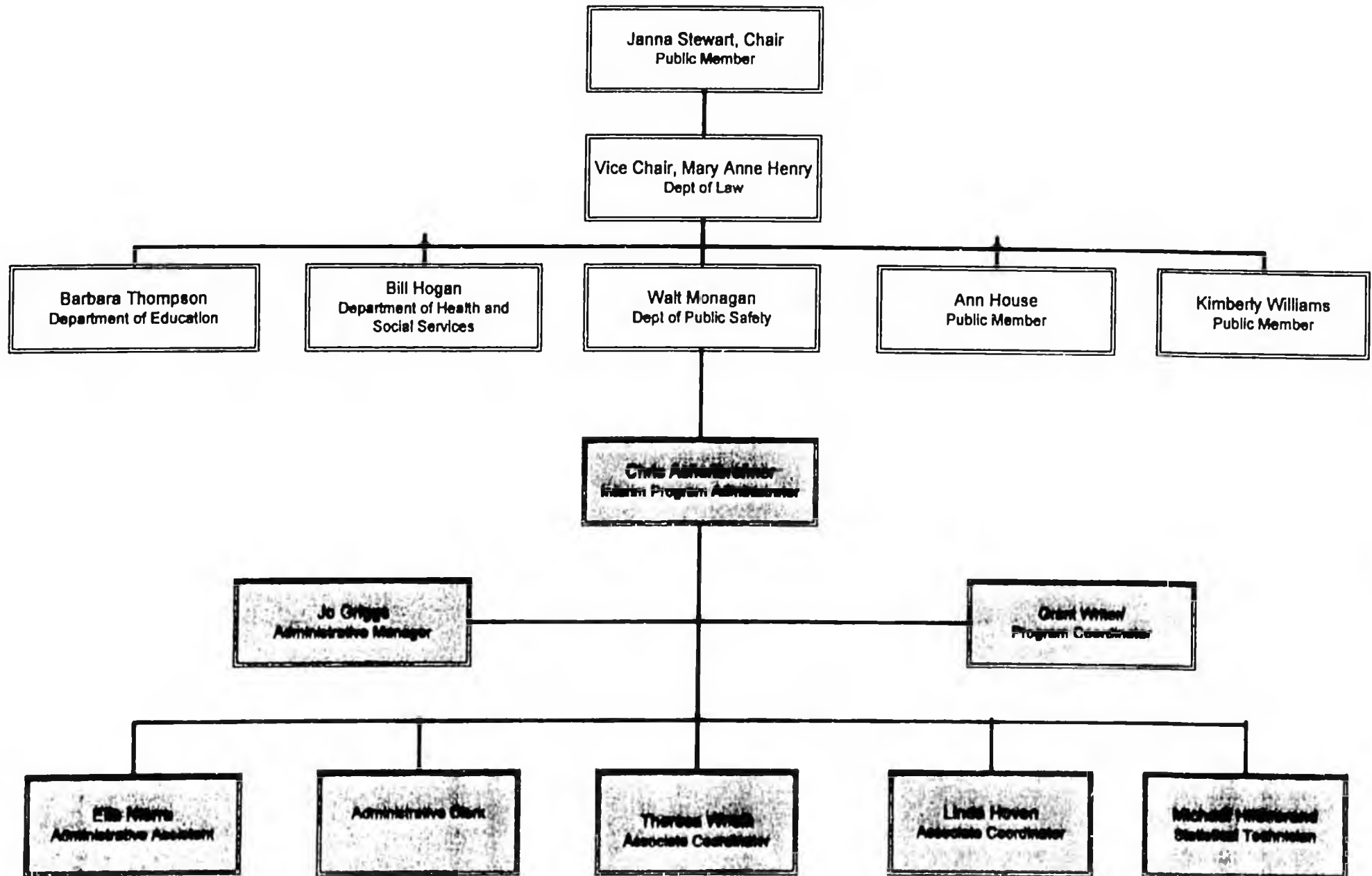
Goals:

- Provide statewide leadership and coordination in addressing the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and meet the needs of victims of violent crimes
- Meet the needs of victims of violent crimes
- Manage the State and Federal funds to programs that provide services to those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes

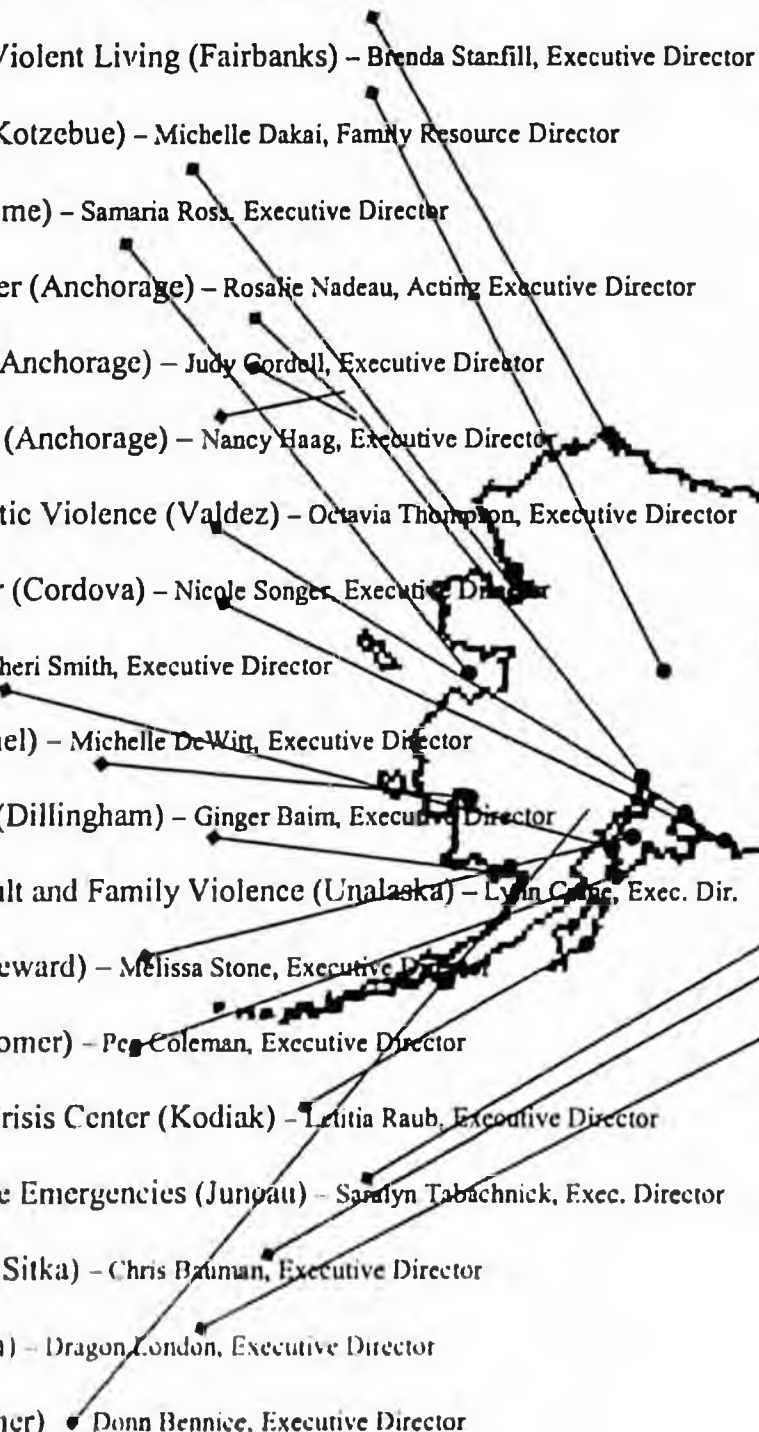
Activities:

- Coordinate services with the Departments of Law, Education, Public Safety, Health and Social Services, and other state and community groups dealing with our identified population
- Request, receive and disperse funds from the State of Alaska and the federal government for domestic violence and sexual assault programs
- Gather data on domestic violence, sexual assault and crisis intervention and prevention
- Fund and audit 20 funded victim service programs in 18 Alaska communities
100 individuals served in 2006 (25% children - 75% adults)
Crisis lines provided statewide - 24/7
- Administer the state certified Batterer Intervention Programs - 6 funded of the 11 certified
- Coordinate and fund training on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault to government agencies, law enforcement, community agencies and the public
- Conduct public meetings on a quarterly basis and participate in public forums on a regular basis

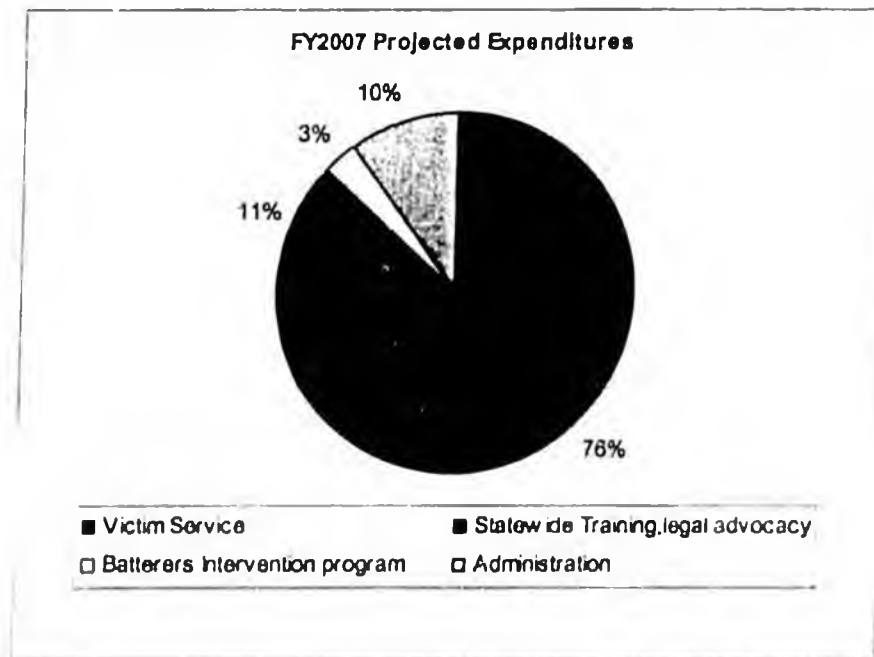
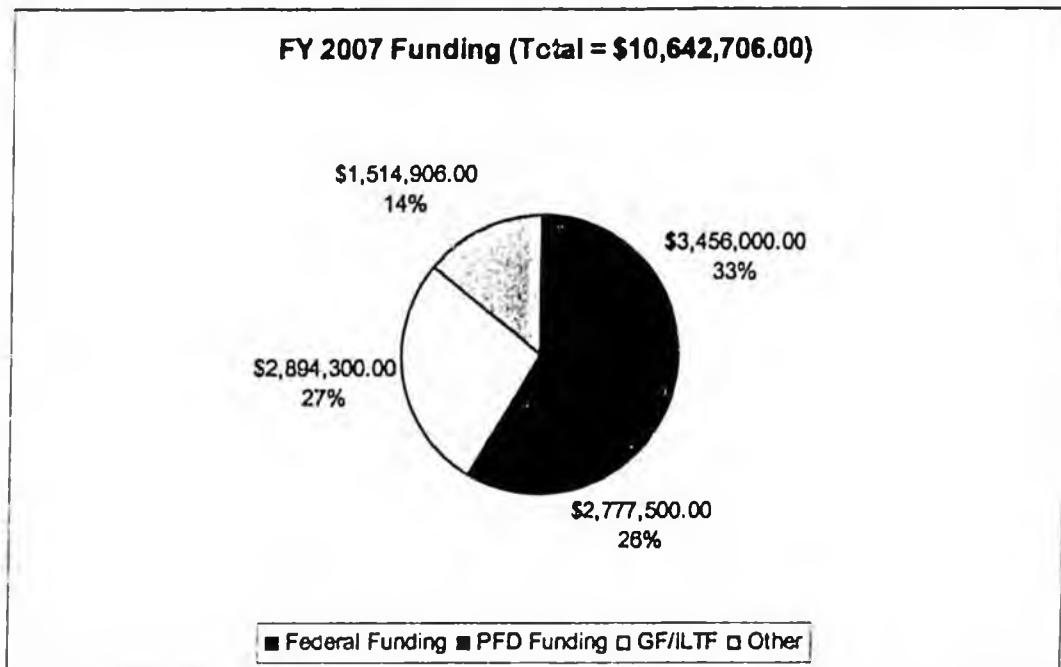
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
ALASKA COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT
FY 2007



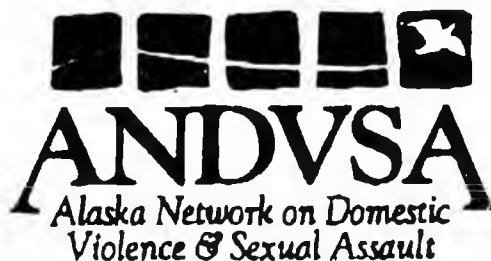
Alaska Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Victim Service Programs Funded in FY2007

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- Arctic Women in Crisis (Barrow) – Linda Stanford, Executive Director
- Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (Fairbanks) – Brenda Stanfill, Executive Director
- Maniilaq Family Crisis Center (Kotzebue) – Michelle Dakai, Family Resource Director
- Bering Sea Women's Group (Nome) – Samaria Ross, Executive Director
- Alaska Women's Resource Center (Anchorage) – Rosalie Nadeau, Acting Executive Director
- Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (Anchorage) – Judy Cordell, Executive Director
- Standing Together Against Rape (Anchorage) – Nancy Haag, Executive Director
- Advocates for Victims of Domestic Violence (Valdez) – Octavia Thompson, Executive Director
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- The LeeShore Center (Kenai) – Cheri Smith, Executive Director
- Tundra Women's Coalition (Bethel) – Michelle DeWitt, Executive Director
- Safe and Fear Free Environment (Dillingham) – Ginger Baim, Executive Director
- Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (Unalaska) – Lynn Chang, Exec. Dir.
- SeaView Community Services (Seward) – Melissa Stone, Executive Director
- South Peninsula Haven House (Homer) – Peg Coleman, Executive Director
- Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center (Kodiak) – Letitia Raub, Executive Director
- Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (Juneau) – Sarahlyn Tabachnick, Exec. Director
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- Alaska Family Services, Inc. (Palmer) – Donn Bennice, Executive Director

**Alaska Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
FY2007 Funding & Expenditures Snapshot**



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February 7, 2007

The Honorable Senator Kim Elton
State Capitol Bldg. Room 506
Juneau AK 99801

Dear Senator Elton,

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) is a statewide coalition of 19 member shelter and community based programs that provide direct services and advocacy for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We would like to thank you for introducing Senate Bill 75, "An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA)". ANDVSA strongly supports the extension of CDVSA in the Department of Public Safety. The "Council" and the "Network" have a long history of working together. Over the last twenty-seven years, we have seen tremendous change in the knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and behaviors of Alaskans around the issue of domestic and sexual violence. We have worked together to coordinate services to victims of domestic and sexual violence; to provide trainings, conference workshops and tribal forums to law enforcement, judicial and medical professionals, tribal organizations, public health professionals and community members. We've collaborated on grants, projects, policies, legislation and systems change. We have a tremendous amount of work ahead of us, and CDVSA is an invaluable partner.

Sincerely,

Peggy Brown
Executive Director

Cc: Chris Ashenbrenner
Executive Director, CDVSA
Janna Stewart
Chair, CDVSA

Member Programs

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Senator Kim Elton
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Elton,

I am sure that you know that Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault continue to be two of the most difficult and prevalent problems Alaska's law enforcement officers deal with on a daily basis.

In Juneau, and towns across Alaska, we unfortunately have a much higher rate of reported sexual assault than do most communities in the rest of the United States. Meanwhile, domestic violence continues to take a tremendous toll on Alaska's families.


The Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual assault was created to combat these sometimes interrelated issues. It was a good idea. Here in Juneau, the AWARE shelter, partially funded by the council, has performed a critical service for our community's victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The need for such programs and the council has not diminished. I urge you to support legislation to extend the existence of the CDVSA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Greg Browning
Chief of Police



The Honorable Senator Kim Elton.
State Capitol Bldg., Room 506
Juneau, Alaska 99801

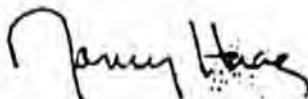
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Respectfully,



Nancy Haag
Executive Director

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February 7, 2007

Senator Elton
Alaska Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Elton:

Please support the bill which extends the sunset of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) has been working with the Council for more than 20 years. The Council not only provides over half of our funding, they are also at the forefront of State issues around domestic violence and sexual assault. We have teamed up with them on training, federal grant applications, and strategic planning. SAFV also utilizes Council staff for technical assistance. I urge you to support their extension. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Bauman
Executive Director





To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC) for Senate Bill No. 75.

AWAIC has provided domestic violence services in Anchorage for the past thirty years and 65% of operations are currently financed via federal, state and local grants. AWAIC's main grant is awarded by the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA). We are therefore in full support of Senate Bill No. 75 as written.

If I can be of further assistance regarding consideration of this bill please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J Cordell".

Judy Cordell, M.S., L.P.A.
Executive Director, AWAIC, Inc.

Cc: Senator Elton
ANDVSA





The LeeShore Center

*Services for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Support for the Central Peninsula's Families*

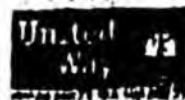
Senator Kim Elton
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Dear Senator Elton,

Please support the bill which extends the sunset of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The LeeShore Center has been providing emergency shelter, crisis intervention and supportive services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault for over 20 years. The Council is our agency's main funding source; it's vital they continue to exist.

Sincerely,

Cheri Smith
Executive Director
The LeeShore Center



TUNDRA WOMEN'S COALITION

WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE



Michelle DeWitt
Executive Director
Tundra Women's Coalition
February 7, 2007

Senator Elton
State Capitol, Rm. 506
Juneau, AK 99801

Senator Elton:

Tundra Women's Coalition supports the bill which extends the sunset of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. TWC has received funding from the CDVSA for more than 20 years. Council funds are critical in providing victim safety for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. TWC has also coordinated with CDVSA staff and contractors on a number of educational projects; most recently, a tribal-state forum to discuss violence held last year in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle DeWitt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle DeWitt

FAX

TO: Senator Kim Elton, State Capital, Juneau, Alaska
907-465-2108.

FROM: Rosie Glorso, Board Member, Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault
and Family Violence
907-581-4181

RE: **Please support the bill which extends the sunset of the CDVSA**

Dear Senator:

Please support the bill extending the sunset of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. I am a board member for USAFV, Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence. CDVSA has made a huge and positive difference here in Unalaska. CDVSA is very much needed throughout all of Alaska, and I ask that you please support its continued existence.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Rosie Glorso
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Support for SB 75, CDVSA Extension February 2007

The Alaska Women's Lobby is a statewide citizens group dedicated to advancing and protecting the rights of women and families. **We support extending the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.** Unfortunately, Alaska continues to nationally rank in the top five for both of these crimes and we need a Council to coordinate the state's response to them.

Providing formal time and space to allow the Departments of Public Safety, Law, Health and Social Services and Education to work together with the public to develop resources, protocols and procedures to be implemented in reducing domestic violence and sexual assault is essential in a state with our geographic and communications challenges.

The Council also serves as the primary state funding mechanism for services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and for rehabilitative services to batterers. Coordinating training, providing monitoring to ensure consistency in offered services and working together with the public to develop and implement strategies to increase victim safety are critical components of the Council's work.

Thank you for your prompt action in hearing HB 120. Please support the passage of this bill from committee and vote yes when it reaches the Floor.



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February 8, 2007

Senator Kim Elton
State Capital
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To Whom It May Concern:

We cannot begin to state the positive effects of the CDVSA in assisting us in working toward a healthy community.

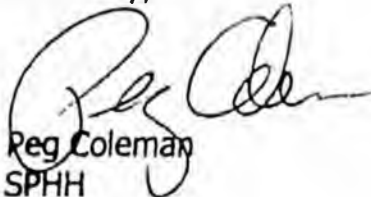
We believe providing a healthy home for children is a great benefit not only for each individual child but also for the community as a whole.

Because of the assistance of the CDVSA, we have been able to focus on reducing the incidence of domestic violence, thereby providing a safe and healthy environment for our children in the community.

The importance of the continued support of the CDVSA council cannot be overstated in order to continue our assistance for healthy and happy families.

Thank you for your efforts and we extend our sincere appreciation in all you are doing for us.

Sincerely,



Reg Coleman
SPHH

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February 12, 2007

The Honorable Senator Kim Elton
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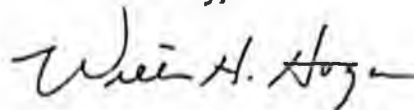
Dear Senator Elton:

As the member of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault representing Alaska's Department of Health & Social Services, I wholeheartedly endorse your introduction of extension legislation which continues the work of the Council and its community-based crisis intervention and prevention programs.

One of the most important aspects of our department's mission is to work collaboratively with our many partners to ameliorate the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault on Alaskan families. Our behavioral health, public health, juvenile justice and children's services programs all seek to reduce the causes of this significant social problem.

Thank you for this important piece of legislation. The department is supportive of your efforts. Please inform me of any assistance we might be able to provide. I can be contacted at 465-1610.

Sincerely,



William H. Hogan
Deputy Commissioner



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