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**SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

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MAY 15 2007
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: 4/20/07

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Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
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Finance Committee considered SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

SR 7 SENATE VPSO TASK FORCE

Creating and relating to the Senate VPSO Task Force.

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS SR 7 (FIN)
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
Legislature	4/29/07	45.0			

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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CO-CHAIR:	Stedman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CS FOR SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR OLSON

A RESOLUTION

1 **Creating and relating to the Senate VPSO Task Force.**

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4 system, depend on village public safety officers for police protection and law enforcement;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS** nonprofit regional corporations, coordinating with the state, administer
7 village public safety officer programs; and

8 **WHEREAS** it is in the interest of the entire state to ensure that rural areas are
9 provided with adequate law enforcement services;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate VPSO Task Force is established in the legislative
11 branch by the senate, consisting of the attorney general or the attorney general's designee, the
12 commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee, three senators, and two public
13 members appointed by the president of the senate, who shall also designate one of the senate
14 members to serve as chair; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public members of the task force may receive per
16 diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180, subject

1 to available funding and approval by the task force chair; and be it

2 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the task force shall

3 (1) consider the role of the village public safety officer program and ways in
4 which the program can be improved to better serve rural areas of the state, including areas
5 located on roads;

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7 ways those problems might be addressed;

8 (3) review statutes and regulations that deal with the village public safety
9 officer program and consider whether statutory changes are necessary or desirable;

10 (4) prepare and deliver to the senate, by February 15, 2008, a report of the
11 findings and recommendations of the task force; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that, subject to available funding, the chair of the task force
13 may hire staff and that the Legislative Affairs Agency shall provide administrative support to
14 the task force as needed; and be it

15 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate VPSO Task Force is terminated on
16 February 15, 2008.

17 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Talis J. Colberg, Alaska
18 Attorney General; and the Honorable Walt Monegan, Commissioner, Department of Public
19 Safety.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: SR7
() Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Legislature
Title "Creating and relating to the Senate VPSO Task.." RDU Legislative Council
Component Council and Subcommittees
Sponsor Senator Olson
Requester Senator Olson Component No. 783

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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	44.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	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)

SR7 creates the Senate VPSO Task Force. The Task Force will consist of three Senators, two public members, and the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee. The Chair of the Task Force will be a Senator. The Task Force will review the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program and deliver a report to the Senate by February 15, 2008 containing their recommendations and findings. For the purposes of the fiscal note, it is assumed an existing employee of the Chair of the Task Force will staff the Task Force. Travel funding for Senators and public members for 6 meetings of the Task Force is included in this fiscal note. Travel costs for Executive Branch members will be paid for by Executive Branch Departments. A small contractual budget is included in this fiscal note for minimal phone expenses and postage to mail the report to interested parties. The Legislative Affairs Agency will absorb the costs for printing the report and teleconferencing the meetings.

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Agency: Legislative Affairs Agency

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SR 7

"A Resolution creating and relating to the Senate VPSO Task Force"

SR 7 establishes a task force to find ways to strengthen and improve public safety in rural Alaska by identifying problems with the Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program and ways those problems might be addressed.

Many rural areas of the state, including those located on the road system, depend on VPSOs for protection and public safety. However, residents of rural Alaska, the public in general, and the Department responsible for the VPSO program all agree there are problems with the program as it now exists. Recruiting and retention of VPSOs; as well as other problem areas with the program, prevent rural Alaskans from having adequate public protection as they deserve.

It is time to look for ways to better protect the safety of the residents of rural Alaska. The Senate, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Attorney General are willing to work together, and include the public, to generate ideas for needed changes to the VPSO program.

This task force will look at the role of the VPSO program and ways in which the program can be improved to better serve rural areas of the state, including areas located on roads.

Members of the task force will meet over the interim in various areas of the state. A report of findings and recommendations will be prepared and delivered to the Senate by February 15, 2008, at which time the task force will terminate.

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CHAIR:					

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