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Department of Public Safety
Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Sarah Palin, Governor
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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

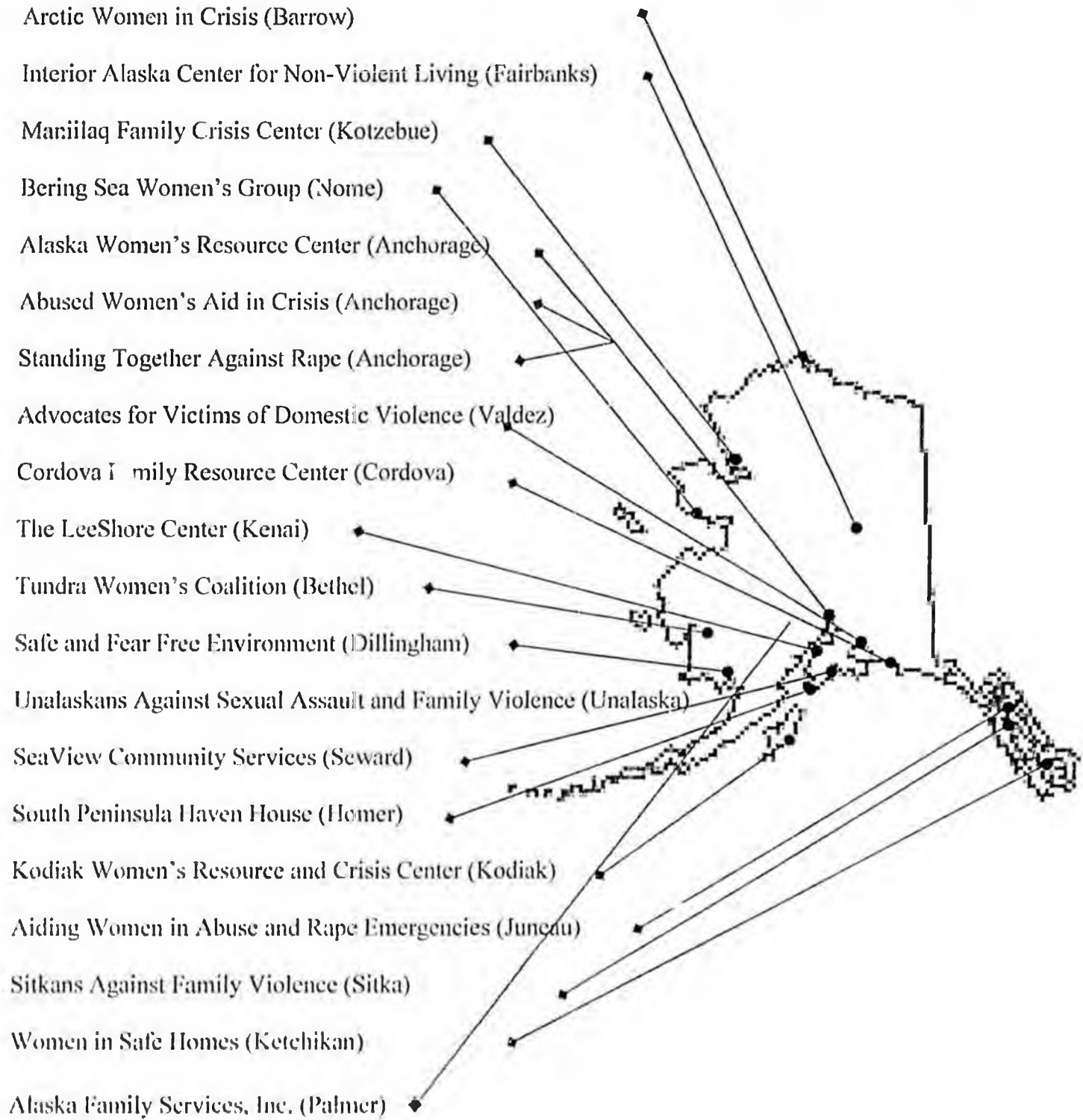
Goals:

- 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

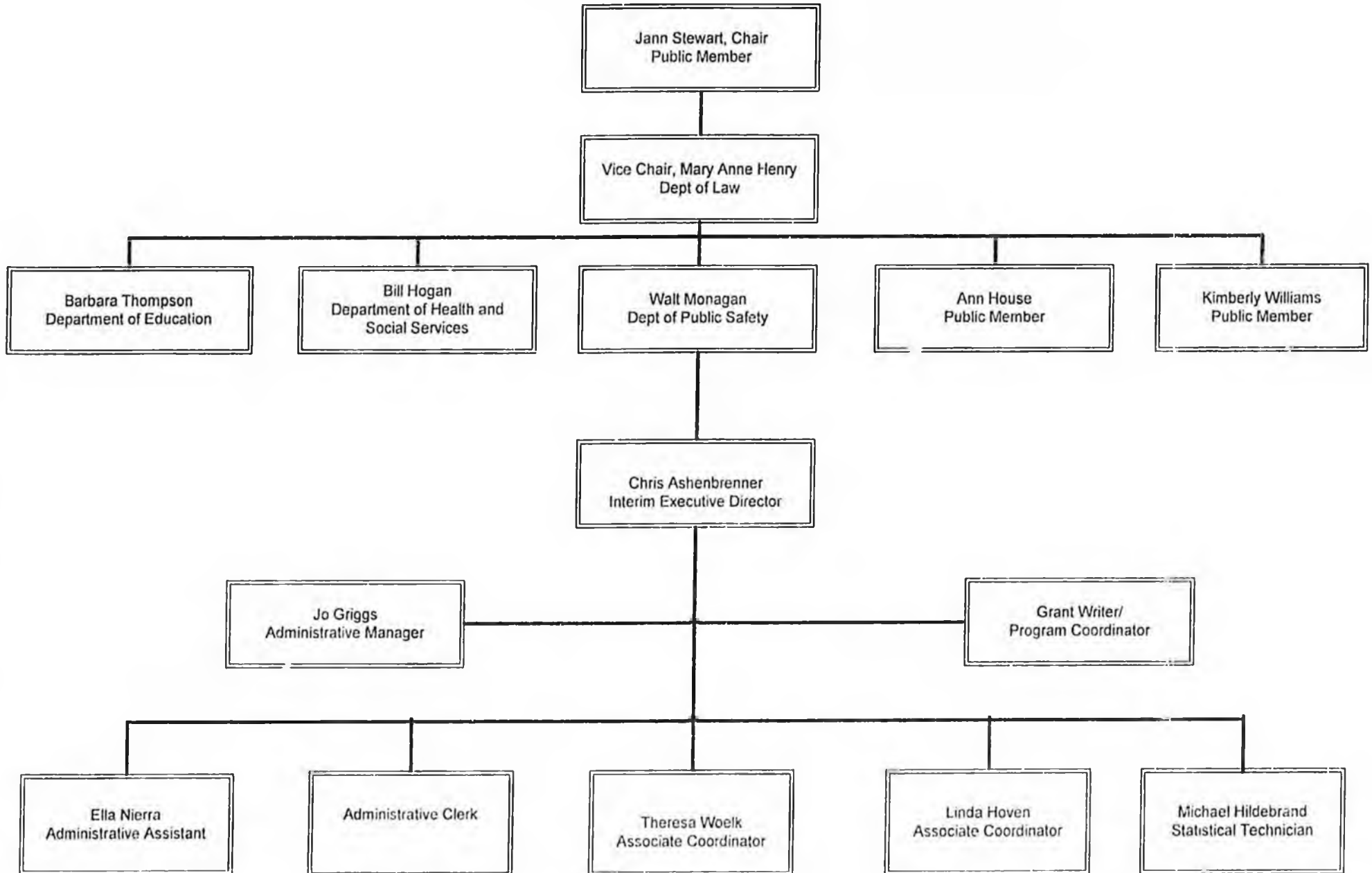
Activities:

- 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

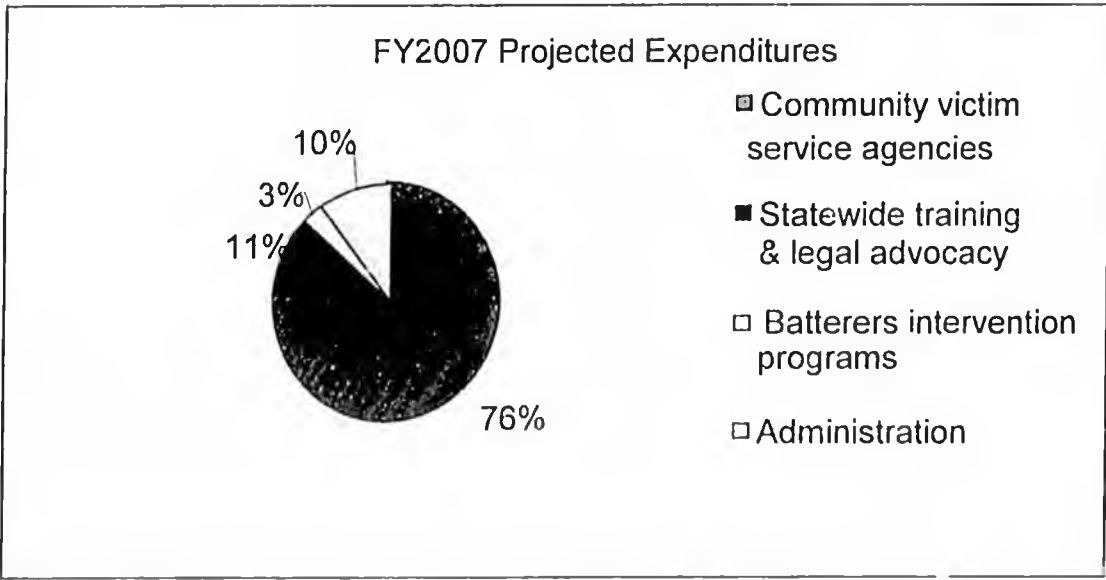
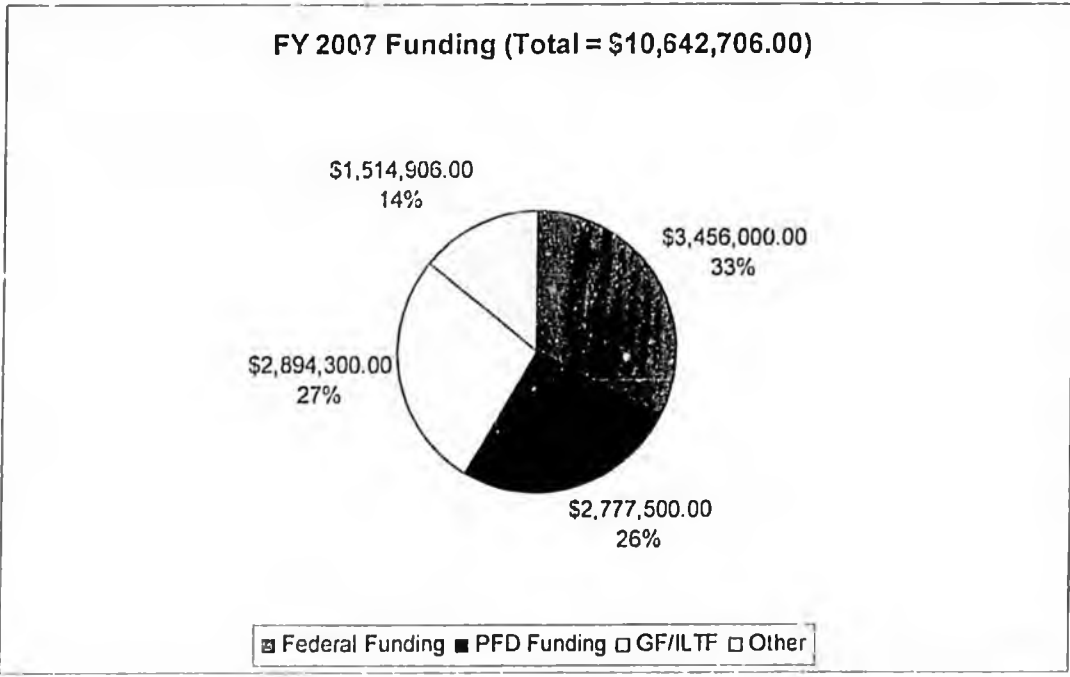
Programs Funded by Alaska Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault



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



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



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(e) 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

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OBJECTIVES, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY

In accordance with Titles 24 and 44 of the Alaska Statutes, we have reviewed the activities of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council) to determine if there is a demonstrated public need for its continued existence and if it has been operating in an efficient and effective manner. Currently, under AS 44.66.010(a)(5) the Council will terminate on June 30, 2006, having one year from that date to conclude its operations.

Objectives

There are two central, interrelated objectives of our report. They are:

1. To determine if the termination date of the Council should be extended.
2. To determine if the Council is operating in the public's interest. The assessment of the operations, and performance of the Council, was based upon AS 44.66.050(c). This statute sets out criteria to be used in determining a demonstrated public need for the Council.

Scope and Methodology

Our audit reviewed the operation and activities of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for the period of July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2005.

During the course of our examination, we attended the June 2005 funding meeting in Anchorage and interviewed various council members, staff, grantees, and individuals from state agencies. We also reviewed and evaluated the following:

- Applicable statutes and regulations
- Budget documents, session laws, and other legislative information related to the Council's operations
- Minutes of the Council meetings
- Grantee on-site monitoring performance and fiscal reviews prepared by the Council staff
- Statistical reports submitted by grantees
- Financial reports from the State Accounting System
- Other documents related to the Council's operations and mission, as necessary

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ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTION

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council) was established in the Department of Public Safety in 1981 by Alaska Statute 18.66. This statute gives the Council the authority "*...to provide for planning and coordination of services to victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or to their families and to perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault and to provide for crisis intervention and prevention programs.*"

The primary functions of the commission include:

- developing, implementing, maintaining, and monitoring crisis intervention and prevention programs in coordination with authorities in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault;
- coordinating services with the Departments of Law, Education and Early Development, Public Safety, Health and Social Services, Corrections, and other state agencies and community groups;
- consulting with public employers, state and community agencies to provide continuing education programs for employees, and to formulate standards and procedures for health care employees;
- providing technical assistance to programs, state and community agencies; and
- dispensing, overseeing, monitoring, and coordinating existing services and developing expanded services/programs to meet the needs of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

The Council consists of seven members—four of whom are the commissioners or their designees—from the Departments of Public Safety (DPS), Health and Social Services (DHSS), Education and Early Development (DEED), and Law (DOL). The balance of the Council is comprised of persons from the public, appointed by the governor.

By statute, before making an appointment, the governor receives recommendations from and consults with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Network) which is a nonprofit, private organization.¹

Council Members

As of November 23, 2005

Janna Stewart, Public Member, Chair
Susan Parkes, DOL, Vice Chair
Ann House, Public Member
Barbara Thompson, DEED
Karleen Jackson, DHSS
Kimberly Williams, Public Member
William Tandeske, DPS

The Council is staffed by an executive director, an administrative manager, three associate coordinators, a statistical technician, an administrative assistant, and an administrative clerk.

¹ The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is comprised of 20 programs, many of which are council-funded programs.

The Council is authorized to receive and disperse both state and federal funds. Traditionally, a large part of the Council's responsibilities involve administering grants made to local community organizations for domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs. Grant administration includes providing technical assistance and monitoring the activities of the various grantees and contractors.

The community programs funded by the Council provide a variety of services to the public. Most importantly, their efforts are directed toward providing victims a safe environment, either through housing at a community shelter or the use of a network of designated "safe homes." Additionally, the programs are involved in educating and counseling the victim about domestic violence and sexual assault issues and providing a batterer's intervention services.

The Council's coordination role and responsibilities with other state and local agencies is extensive. For FY 06, the Council approved 19 community-based victim services programs, four community-based batterer's intervention programs, and two prison-based batterers' programs. (See Appendix A)

Funding Sources

The Council receives state general funds from two separate funding sources: the state general revenue and withheld Permanent Fund Dividends from convicted felons and misdemeanants who are incarcerated.

The Council also receives state and federal funds through the use of interagency receipts from the Department of Corrections (DOC) and DHSS. DHSS funds are: Sexual Assault Prevention (SAP), Rape Prevention and Education (RPE), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Behavioral Health Alcohol Grant. Both SAP and RPE funds are part of the large Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant administered by DHSS.

Additionally, many of the grants issued by the Council are supported by direct federal funds. Federal funds are received by the Council from sources such as:

- Family Violence Prevention Services Act
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The Family Violence Prevention Services Act provides federal funding to all states. This funding is used for domestic violence programs throughout Alaska. The programs receiving grants provide assistance funds to victims of domestic violence and their children. These programs operate shelter facilities which are staffed around the clock and provide a full spectrum of services, including basic food and immediate shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, and medical/legal/personal advocacy.

- Crime Victims Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

This grant authorizes financial compensation for victims of crime and financial support for state and local agencies that provide services to crime victims. This fund is a U.S. Treasury account, generated entirely by the fines and penalties levied against criminals convicted of federal crimes. The majority of this funding is awarded directly to programs providing services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
U.S. Department of Justice

The grant services combine a series of federal sanctions and initiatives—as well as national, state, and local resources—to improve the response to crimes against women. These funds are delineated to five specific areas: prosecution, law enforcement, victim services, judicial, and discretionary. In April 1995, Governor Knowles designated the Council as lead agency for coordination and management of VAWA funds for the State of Alaska.

To accomplish this mission, the statewide Violence Against Women Planning and Implementation Committee (committee) was created.² The committee developed the annual plan for VAWA funding upon the Council's approval. The Council was then responsible for funding distribution, and subrecipient monitoring, of these projects.

In FY 04 the Council decided to disband the committee, citing inefficiency and duplication of duties performed by Council members and staff. The Council approves the spending plans of the Departments of Law and Public Safety, the Alaska Court System, and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for the prosecution, law enforcement, judicial, and victim services components, respectively. For the discretionary component, the Council distributes the fund through its Request for Proposal (RFP) grant process.

- Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies
U.S. Department of Justice

The Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies Program is a component of VAWA. This grant was focused on the development and implementation of laws, policies, and protocols that encourage or mandate the arrest of domestic violence offenders.

The Council currently receives supplemental funds to assist community-driven initiatives in providing regional state-tribal forums on domestic violence. The forums are attended by state troopers, local prosecutors, tribal/state judiciary, village public safety officers,

² The committee was comprised of 21 representatives of the VAWA components.

tribal members/citizens, victim advocates, probation/parole and other social service/care providers, to enhance their skills and develop a greater understanding of topics critical to the safety of women and their children, offender accountability, and coordinated response to domestic violence. The training is also designed to promote communication, cooperation, and a mutual respect among the tribal/state/federal response systems.

- Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization
U.S. Department of Justice

The Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant implements certain provisions of the Violence Against Women Act. While this grant closed out in FY 03, the program provided a unique opportunity for law enforcement and prosecution agencies, the courts and nongovernmental victim services, community organizations, businesses in rural communities, and Indian tribes to collaborate in creating protocols and strategies tailored specifically to meet the needs of rural populations.

- Supervised Visitation, Safe Havens for Children
U.S. Department of Justice

The Safe Havens programs provides an opportunity for communities to support the supervised visitation and safe exchange of children, by and between parents, in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.

The State of Alaska through the Council—and in a collaborative effort with the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc., Alaska State Court System, and Abused Women's Aid in Crisis—implemented the only supervised visitation center in the State.

- Denali Commission

To continue the capital improvement project started in FY 02 with private grants from the Wells Fargo Bank and the Rasmuson Foundation, the Council pursued grant funding with the Denali Commission. In FY 04, the Denali Commission received congressional direction to allocate \$5 million toward the upgrade and construction of shelters for victims of domestic violence. The Council has provided the Denali Commission with preaward, advisory input, and technical assistance to make optimal funding allocation decisions. As of March 2005, \$3.95 million has been committed for repair/renovation, new construction projects, or conceptual planning/design of shelter buildings.

REPORT CONCLUSIONS

Under AS 18.66, the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Council) is authorized to provide for the State's planning and coordination of full-range services to victims, their families, and perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault. Combating domestic violence and sexual assault is identified as an ongoing priority at both the state and national level.

Aside from the operational concerns addressed in this report, the Council is serving a public need and is operating in the public's interest. Currently, AS 44.66.010(a)(5) requires the Council to be terminated on June 30, 2006. We recommend the legislature extend the Council's termination date to June 30, 2014.

The Council is still facing personnel issues resulting from continual staff turnover. The Council has worked on developing personnel policies, procedures, and desk manuals to assist the staff; but due to limited staff, the Council was forced to focus primarily on grant maintenance and monitoring responsibility. Two of the Council's statutory mandates were not addressed. (See Recommendation 2)

The Council intends to work on a strategic plan to assess the effectiveness of services currently being provided by grantees and other state and local entities. The plan's overall goal is to identify and address existing gaps in service. One of the missions of the Council is to provide leadership in meeting the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims. A long-term strategic plan is certainly needed to assist the staff in establishing priorities. The work plan will help Council staff to effectively plan and coordinate services with state and community agencies, as well as provide services previously not offered to reduce the causes and incidence of domestic violence and to alleviate their effects.

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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's (Council) prior sunset audit³ reported several administrative weaknesses. Recommendation No. 1 is not resolved and reinstated below as Recommendation No. 2. Prior audit Recommendations No. 2 and 3 were resolved. Recommendations No. 4 and 5 were partially resolved and are readdressed and combined into Recommendation No. 1 below.

Recommendation No. 1

The Council should address its statutory responsibilities to consult with the Department of Education and Early Development and the Department of Health and Social Services.

Prior Finding

Statutory changes implemented in July 1, 1996, significantly increased the scope of the Council's responsibilities. In response, the Council's budgeted staff increased from four to eight positions. During our last sunset audit, the Council was unable to or ineffective in addressing some of their statutory responsibilities due to administrative weaknesses and lack of prioritization.

The prior sunset audit reported that grantees had varying degrees of success in gaining access to their local schools and used a variety of methods to address domestic violence and sexual assault education needs. In addition, although the Council collaborated with the Alaska Family Violence Prevention Project, Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), on a domestic violence and child abuse workshops, the Council has not worked with DHSS to develop standards and procedures as required in AS 18.66.300.

Alaska Statute AS 18.66.050(3) and (12) states the Council shall:

(3) consult with authorities in the field, develop, implement, maintain, and monitor domestic violence, sexual assault, and crisis intervention and prevention programs, including education programs...and school curricula on the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault. [emphasis added]

(12) consult with the Department of Health and Social Services in the formulation of standards and procedures for delivery of services to victims of domestic violence by health care facilities and practitioners of healing arts and personnel in those facilities as required in AS 18.66.300.

³ Audit Control Number 12-20014-02, Department of Public Safety, Sunset Audit on Council on Domestic Violence Assault dated October 31 2001

Legislative Audit's Current Position

The Council has faced personnel issues resulting from position turnover since FY 01, particularly in the executive director and associate coordinator positions. During the past four years, three individuals were hired for the executive director's position. The executive director and associate coordinators are key positions for the Council to fulfill its 14 mandates.

With limited staffing and several mandates, the Council chose to focus primarily on their grant funding and oversight role. This is to ensure continued funding of grant programs. Grant accountability and reporting is time consuming, but essential for the programmatic and administrative oversight of grants for victim services and batterers intervention programs.

However, there is still a need for a more coordinated effort with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) towards education in school districts throughout the State. AS 14.30.360(b) states "*the state board shall establish guidelines for a health and personal safety education program. Personal guidelines shall be developed in consultation with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault...*" There are currently no health and personal safety education guidelines available on domestic violence and sexual assault for school personnel to use. The Council should consult with DEED, school district representatives, and grantees who have worked toward curriculum development, in creating a comprehensive standardized curriculum to be used within the schools statewide.

There is also a need for the Council to become involved with DHSS to ensure that standards and procedures are available for the delivery of services by health care facilities and its personnel. Council-funded grantees are often approached by health care providers on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

However, as the statewide representative, the Council should coordinate this effort at the departmental-level rather than at the grantee-level. The Council should consult with DHSS regarding development of comprehensive standards and procedures to be used by all agencies for the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, including council-funded grantees and health care providers within the State.

AS 18.66.050(3) and AS 18.66.050(12) discuss the Council working with state departments to develop standards, procedures, and education programs. However, due to limited staffing and the Council's focus on grant maintenance and monitoring, the Council has been unable to fully address these statutory mandates. Given the significance of these mandates, we recommend that the Council take immediate action and implement procedures to address both statutes.

Recommendation No. 2

The legislature should amend the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault's statutes related to appointment of council members.

Prior Finding

The Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Network) submits recommendations, to the Governor, of public members qualified to serve on the Council. The Network also receives grant funds from the Council. The Council consists of four state officials and three public members appointed by the governor. Alaska Statute 18.66.020(a)(1) and AS 18.66.020(b), in part, states:

(a)(1) The council consists of three persons appointed by the governor after consultation with the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, a non profit corporation; The Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault shall submit a list to the governor of persons recommended for appointment.

(b) ... A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the governor after consultation with the Network on Domestic Violence.

The Network also annually receives a grant from the Council for a legal advocacy project. The grant is the victim services⁴ allocation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) federal funding received by the Council.

The appearance of a conflict of interests exists when a council member reviews, evaluates, approves, and monitors a grant to the same nonprofit corporation which was responsible for recommending that individual to the council membership.

It is entirely appropriate for the governor to consult with any interested parties when making appointments to the Council. However, it is a statutory mandate for the governor to consult with the Network, over the appointment of public members, when the Network itself is a subgrantee of the Council that raises an appearance of a conflict of interest.

Legislative Audit's Current Position

Since the last audit, AS 18.66.020 has not been revised and the Network continues to get funding from the Council. However, of the last five public members appointed to the Council, only two were recommended by the Network.

⁴ The VAWA federal funds are distributed in the following manner: 5% for judicial; 25% for law enforcement; 25% prosecution; 30% for victim services; and 15% to discretionary funds.

To avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest between public member appointments and receiving funding, we continue to recommend the legislature amend AS 18.66.020 to: (1) eliminate the mandate for the Network to recommend individuals to the governor for appointment to the Council, and (2) eliminate the requirement for the governor to consult with the Network on the appointment or reappointment of the council's public members.

ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC NEED

The following analyses of board activities relate to the public need factors defined in AS 44.66.050(c). These analyses are not intended to be comprehensive, but address those areas we were able to cover within the scope of our review.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or program has operated in the public interest.

The Council has awarded and administered grant funds to local community organizations and programs that provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, batterer intervention services to perpetrators of domestic violence, and crisis intervention and prevention programs. The presentation element of the funding meeting is generally accepted and approved by all of the grantees. Public participation was encouraged and legislative intent was considered in the funding process. The Council strives to treat urban and rural participants fairly throughout the grant award process. The Council exercises oversight and performs on-site audits of most grant recipients.

The Council coordinates the efforts of many state and community agencies, working toward a comprehensive statewide system, to combat domestic violence and sexual assault. Overall, we conclude that the Council is performing its coordination duties.

The Council provides technical assistance in various forms to state agencies, law enforcement agencies, grantees, and community groups on a regular basis.

The Council worked on getting private and federal funding for capital improvement projects for the facilities of victim services providers. In addition, the State of Alaska, through the Council—in a collaborative effort with the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Alaska State Court System, and Abused Women's Aid in Crisis—implemented the only supervised visitation center in the State with federal funding.

The Council has provided funds to assist in the development of training materials and participation in training events related to domestic violence and sexual assault. The Council has also provided statewide training with the regional State-Tribal forum on domestic violence. Training has been used by law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judicial officers, tribal citizens, probation parole officers, social service providers, grantees, and community groups.

The Council provides domestic violence and sexual assault education on a local level through its grantees. The Council maintains a lending library with educational and reference materials available that are both adequate and appropriate to address the cause, prevention, and treatment of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Determine the extent to which the operation of the board, commission, or agency program has been impeded or enhanced by existing statutes, procedures, and practices that it has adopted, and any other matter, including budgetary, resource, and personnel matters.

The Council's board members have been appointed in accordance with Alaska statutes. All appointed members have shown an interest in matters dealing with the domestic violence and sexual assault. In addition, the Council is in a position to facilitate the resolution of coordination issues at the local level with representatives who oversee these areas at the state level.

The Council installed a new web-based database system in early FY 05. Although fairly new, the database system will be able to provide accurate, unduplicated statistical programmatic information for decision making. Overall, this system is expected to meet a critical need for coordinated standardized measurement and recording of statistical data between agencies.

AS 18.66.050(10) requires the Council to submit an annual report to the governor, and notify the legislature about the availability of the report. Although the statute is silent if such report is to be based on the calendar year or fiscal year, customarily the Council has submitted reports on fiscal year basis. The Council submitted the report to the governor on time for FY 02; but a few months late for FY 03 and FY 04 due to staff vacancy.

For the FY 06 grant award, the Council did not fund new programs choosing to maintain core services with existing council-funded programs. With a shrinking budget, the Council faced tough grant-funding decisions. The Council's grant award process is objective. The Council members reviewed the overall needs, economies of scale, duplication of services within geographic areas, and sustainability of existing programs. During the FY 05 funding meeting, grantees presented their financial struggle in keeping staff due to increasing operational costs, such as heating, lighting, and health insurance.

Other than occasional operational costs, the victim services programs have not received substantial core services funding increases.⁵ In addition, the batterers intervention programs have not seen any increase in their grant awards. In fact, the community-based batterers intervention programs had their budget reduced from \$320,000 to \$200,000 in FY 04. The schedule of grants awarded between FY 03 through FY 06 is located on Appendix A.

The financial schedule shown in Exhibit 1 (on the following page) depicts the Council's actual operating expenditures and funding sources between FY 02 through FY 05. The Council's funding sources are federal, state general funds, permanent fund dividends⁶, and interagency receipts from DHSS and the DOC. Overall, the Council's operating budget has decreased between FY 02 and FY 05 and amounts paid by the general fund continue to fall.

⁵ Using carry over authorization from prior year federal grants, the Council funded an extra \$513,159 to cover health insurance cost increases in FY 03 for victim services programs. For the FY 06 grant awards, the legislature also appropriated an additional \$200,000 for the victim services programs to cover operational costs.

⁶ These are Permanent Fund Dividend amounts withheld from convicted felons and misdemeanants who are incarcerated. The PED is the main source of funding for the Council's batterers intervention program.

Exhibit 1
Schedule of Operating Expenditure and Funding Sources

	<u>FY02</u>	<u>FY03</u>	<u>FY04</u>	<u>FY05</u>
Expenditures:				
Personal Services	432,156	486,533	441,162	380,137
Travel	54,548	47,743	87,933	116,594
Contractual	544,252	536,279	539,782	529,788
Supplies	7,233	15,273	6,001	14,418
Equipment	4,474	1,997	9,382	-
Grants to Programs ⁷	7,950,647	8,555,081	8,262,676	7,742,461
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 8,993,310	\$ 9,642,906	\$9,346,936	\$8,783,398
Funding Sources				
Federal Receipts	2,363,358	2,966,083	4,452,958	3,627,593
Interagency Receipts from DHSS ⁸	1,351,840	1,592,114	494,237	1,007,221
Interagency Receipts from DOC ⁹	155,382	174,565	174,700	157,990
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	291	507	701	428
General Fund Appropriations	5,122,439	4,909,637	4,224,340	3,990,156
Total Funding Sources	\$ 8,993,310	\$ 9,642,906	\$9,346,936	\$ 8,783,398

Additionally, in order to maintain funding for the grantee programs, the Council decided to fill their FY 05 budget shortfall through vacancies in Council staff. Although this is a reasonable decision, the Council has not fulfilled its statutory mandates due to limited staff resources, see Recommendation No. 1.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has recommended statutory changes that are generally of benefit to the public interest.

The Council is generally asked by other agencies to review statutory changes contained in proposed legislation. Typically, Council members/staff review and comment on proposed legislation rather than developing and seeking support for its own measures. The Council discusses pertinent bills deciding which legislation the Council should support, remain neutral on, or oppose. The executive director develops, analyzes, and testifies on bills at the direction of the Council.

⁷ Grant amounts exclude capital improvement expenditures funded through capital appropriations.

⁸ Department of Health and Social Services' RSA mostly funds the victim services programs.

⁹ \$98,238 of the Department of Corrections' RSA funds the prison-based batterers intervention programs, with the remainder amount funding the administrative costs for both community-based and prison-based batterers intervention programs.

Legislation that was supported by the Council include the following:

- HB 332 (Chapter 91 SLA 2002) – amended the Council’s statute where the Council hires the executive director and the executive director now hires the staff. This legislation also placed the executive director and staff into exempt service.
- HB 328 (Chapter 15 SLA 2004) – related to certain victim’s rights and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.
- HB 385 (Chapter 111 SLA 2004) – related to awarding child custody
- HB 398 (Chapter 19 SLA 2004) – established the domestic violence fatality review teams in areas of the State.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged interested persons to report to it concerning the effect of its regulations and decisions on the effectiveness of service, economy of service, and availability of service that it has provided.

The Council encourages interested parties to comment on its decisions or regulations by publicly announcing its meetings. The Council holds at least four meetings per year, normally in Anchorage or Juneau. Meetings held in Juneau are typically teleconferenced statewide.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has encouraged public participation in the making of its regulations and decisions.

The Council encourages public participation by posting the Council’s meeting schedule on their website. Time is provided on the agenda of every public meeting for public comment. Grantee agencies are allocated time to speak directly to the Council at the main “funding” meeting. Also at each of its meetings, the Council schedules time for presentations from the Network and other community groups involved in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Determine the efficiency with which public inquiries or complaints regarding the activities of the board, commission, or agency filed with it, with the department to which a board or commission is administratively assigned, or with the office of victims’ rights or the office of the ombudsman have been processed and resolved.

We found no problems in this area. Complaint procedures are in place, followed when complaints are made, and files are maintained. No complaint activity was noted from FY 02 through FY 05.

Determine the extent to which a board or commission that regulates entry into an occupation or profession has presented qualified applicants to serve the public.

Since the Council does not regulate any occupations or professions, this is not applicable.

Determine the extent to which state personnel practices, including affirmative action requirements, have been complied with by the board, commission, or agency to its own activities and the area of activity or interest.

No complaints against the Council were identified.

Determine the extent to which statutory, regulatory, budgeting, or other changes are necessary to enable the agency, board, or commission to better serve the interests of the public and to comply with the factors enumerated in this subsection.

The previous sunset audit reported administrative issues with the line of authorities and undefined job responsibilities with the staff. Although the administrative weaknesses have been resolved, the Council is still facing personnel issues related to constant staff turnover. It takes considerable time to train new personnel and finish projects due to staff turnover.

The Council chose to concentrate on fulfilling its mandates through grant funding although with fewer resources, and focused less on its other mandates such as: (1) consultation with Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) to develop and implement standardized school curricula, and (2) Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) to formulate standards and procedures for health care personnel.

There is still need for a more coordinated effort towards education in school districts across the State. The Council should consult with DEED's school district representatives and grantees, who have worked toward creating a comprehensive standardized curriculum to guide schools across the State.

There is also a need for statewide coordination efforts between the Council and DHSS, ensuring standards and procedures are available to health care facilities and practitioners of the healing arts and personnel in those facilities that provide services for victims of domestic violence in the communities across the State.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency has effectively attained its objectives and purposes and the efficiency with which the board, commission, or agency has operated.

The Council's purpose is to provide planning and coordination of services for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault or to their families, to perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault, and to provide for crisis intervention and prevention programs.

The Council, as the state agency responsible for administering the majority of crime victim assistance funding resources in Alaska, has been very effective with their coordination of services and outreach efforts through their grant award process. As an effective means to use and spread limited funds, the Council has ensured that Council-funded programs provide

coordinated efforts within the local communities such as law enforcement agencies, tribal groups, social service providers, hospitals, schools, courts systems, among others.

To continue with its mission, the Council plans to work on strategic planning to assess the effectiveness of services currently being provided by grantees and other state and local entities. The overall goal of the plan is to identify and address existing gaps in service.

Determine the extent to which the board, commission, or agency duplicates the activities of another governmental agency or the private sector.

One of the Council's major objectives is the coordination of agencies, both state and local, that share the similar objective of combating the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault. No other agency is in a position to have an impact on this issue in this manner. Its existence is to help ensure that various agencies work together to effectively respond to Alaska's high rate of domestic violence and sexual assault. As a result, its activities do not duplicate the activities of the governmental agencies or the private sector.

Appendix A
 Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
 Schedule of Grants Awarded FY 03 through FY 06
 (unaudited)

	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Victim Services Program Grants				
Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (Anchorage)	\$ 843,816	\$ 805,816	\$ 805,816	\$ 828,616
Advocates for Victims of Violence (Valdez)	237,598	213,181	213,181	219,576
Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (Juneau)	561,147	489,641	489,641	504,330
Alaska Family Services (Palmer)	418,486	418,486	418,486	453,575
Alaska Women's Resource Center (Anchorage)	215,636	197,836	197,836	199,634
Arctic Women in Crisis (Barrow)	244,703	242,571	242,571	249,848
Bering Sea Women's Group (Nome)	420,706	420,706	420,706	465,406
Cordova Family Resource Center	55,504	51,421	51,421	52,964
Emmonak Women's Services	180,855	183,599	183,599	-
Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (Fairbanks)	694,295	679,296	679,296	702,642
Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center	285,551	264,326	264,326	272,256
LeeShore Center (Kenai-Soldotna)	413,389	397,401	397,401	409,323
Safe and Fear-Free Environment (Dillingham)	353,716	330,116	330,116	385,116
Seaview Community Services (Seward)	77,811	77,811	77,811	80,145
Sitka's Against Family Violence	339,766	303,401	303,401	312,503
South Peninsula Women's Services (Homer)	273,145	249,091	249,091	283,555
Standing Together Against Rape (Anchorage)	436,706	396,706	396,706	412,789
Tundra Women's Coalition (Bethel)	625,809	608,133	608,133	704,133
Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence	133,607	123,001	123,001	126,691
Victims for Justice (Anchorage)	53,199	26,078	26,078	-
Women in Safe Homes (Ketchikan)	557,183	517,183	517,183	532,698
Total Victim Services Program Grants	7,422,629	6,995,800	6,995,800	7,195,800
Community Based Batterer Intervention Program Grants				
Alaska Family Services (Palmer)	\$ 57,000	\$ 55,812	\$ 55,812	\$ 55,812
Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (Fairbanks)	68,500	67,312	67,312	67,312
Island Counseling Services (Sitka)	42,500	-	-	-
Ketchikan Indian Corporation	52,500	51,313	51,313	51,313
Sound Alternatives (Cordova)	-	-	-	-
South Peninsula Women's Services (Homer)	29,500	25,563	25,563	25,563
Tongass Community Counseling Center	70,000	-	-	-
Total Community Based Batterer Intervention Program Grants	320,000	200,000	200,000	200,000

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Prison Batterer Intervention Program Grants				
Alaska Family Services (Palmer)	\$ 40,000	\$ 56,589	\$ 56,589	\$ 56,589
Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living (Fairbanks)	25,386	41,648	41,648	41,648
Tongass Community Counseling Center (Juneau)	<u>32,851</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Prison Batterer Intervention Program Grants	<u>98,237</u>	<u>98,237</u>	<u>98,237</u>	<u>98,237</u>
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grants				
Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	\$ 235,500	\$ 223,440	\$ 216,030	\$ 216,315
Dept. of Law Reimbursable Services Agreement	196,250	186,200	180,025	180,263
Dept. of Public Safety Reimbursable Services Agreement	196,250	186,200	180,025	180,263
Alaska Court System Reimbursable Services Agreement	39,250	37,240	36,005	36,052
Discretionary (See "Note" below)	<u>78,500</u>	<u>111,720</u>	<u>108,015</u>	<u>108,157</u>
Total VAWA Grants	<u>\$ 745,750</u>	<u>\$ 744,800</u>	<u>\$ 720,100</u>	<u>\$ 721,050</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 8,586,616</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,038,837</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,014,137</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,215,087</u></u>

Note: Between FY 02 through FY 05, the Council awarded the VAWA fund discretionary allocation to the Network, Wasilla Police Department, Safe and Fear-Free Environment (SAFE), South Peninsula Women's Services (SPWS), Aiding Women Against Rape Emergencies (AWARE), Tundra Women's Coalition (TWC), Standing Together Against Rape (STAR), and Bering Sea Women's Group (BSWG) for victim services projects.



State of Alaska
Department of Public Safety
Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

Frank H. Murkowski, Governor
William Tandeske, Commissioner

December 21, 2005

Pat Davidson
Alaska State Legislature
Legislative Budget and Audit Committee
Division of Legislative Audit
P.O. Box 113300
Juneau, Alaska 99811-3300

RE: Preliminary Report Response, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the findings and recommendations of the November 2005 audit.

The Council agrees with Recommendation No. 1, and has already entered into discussions with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) about developing a closer working relationship consistent with the statutory mandate. In our initial contacts, for example, we determined that several years ago DEED collaborated with the Council on statewide teacher training. Currently DEED is developing modules on domestic violence and sexual assault (DVSA). DEED and the Council have already established a process for the Council to be included in reviewing those modules. We will collaborate through meetings, teleconferences, work groups, and other avenues as appropriate.

Regarding Recommendation No 1 and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHSS), the Council has begun targeted discussions regarding the interface between the DHSS programs and DVSA issues. Many of the DHSS program areas assist individuals and families with multiple problems including DVSA as it impacts families, children, and elders. In reviewing potential areas of coordination and planning, we have identified some areas that should provide for fruitful collaboration, including the development of program staff training and the possibility of requiring relevant training for service providers under contract with DHSS. We will continue to coordinate through teleconferences, meetings, and workgroups, as appropriate, to assess and prioritize the impact of DVSA issues within DHSS.

Regarding Recommendation No. 2, while the Council recognizes and understands the merit of this issue, it is important to note that the Governor is not bound by any recommendation made by the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (Network). Because of this safeguard, the Council believes that obtaining input from the Network which has significant knowledge and expertise outweighs any limitations or theoretical conflicts.

Finally, in general, the Council continues its strategic planning efforts, continues to explore grant and foundation funding for statewide domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and continues to strengthen and develop its own personnel and office resources.

We appreciate the work of the Division of Legislative Audit and look forward to working with you in the future.

Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
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Sincerely,

Janna L. Stewart
CDVSA, Chair

Cc: CDVSA Board Members

HB

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORTED OUT
FEB 26 2007
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: 2/23/07

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 2/26/07

Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 120(FIN)

HB 120 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 HB 120 (FIN)
 [] adopt previous [] SCS or [] C. CS FORTHCOMING (_____)
 [] attached amendment(s)
 [] adopt _____ Letter of Intent
 [] further referral to _____ Committee

SENATE BILL:
 [] Same Title
 [] New Title

HOUSE BILL:
 [] Same Title
 [] Technical Title Change
 [] New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
House Finance for DPS/Batterers	2/21/07			✓	3
House Finance for DPS/CDVS	2/21/07			✓	4

[] APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	E. L. ...	✓			
	THOMAS	✓			
	DYSON	✓			
	HUGGINS	✓			
	...	✓			
CO-CHAIR:	Hoffman	✓			
CO-CHAIR:	...	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA
 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 3
 Bill Version: CSHB 120(FIN)
 (H) Publish Date: 2/21/2007

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title: "An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence RDU CDVSA
 Component Batterers Intervention Program
 Sponsor Representative Fairclough
 Requester House Finance Committee Component No. 2241

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

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		
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1171 PFD Crim						
TOTAL	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						
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 (CDVSA) to June 30, 2011.

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Prepared by: House Finance Committee Phone 465-4945
 Division: _____ Date/Time: _____
 Approved by: Representative Meyer Date: _____
Representative Chenault

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Bill Version: CSHB 120(FIN)
(H) Publish Date: 2/21/2007

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Public Safety
Title: "An Act extending the Council on Domestic Violence" RDU: CDVSA
Component: CDVSA
Sponsor: Representative Fairclough
Requester: House Finance Committee 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		*	*	*	*	
Travel		*	*	*	*	
Contractual		*	*	*	*	
Supplies		*	*	*	*	
Equipment		*	*	*	*	
Land & Structures		*	*	*	*	
Grants & Claims		*	*	*	*	
Miscellaneous		*	*	*	*	
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Approved by: Representative Meyer
Representative Chenault

Phone: 465-4945
Date/Time: _____
Date: _____

Attention: Miles
Of Senator Stedman's office
RE: HB 120
Date: 2/26/07 Time: 4:40 PM

The attached Senate Finance CS incorporates the amendment(s) your boss sponsored. Please review and approve so the bill can be forwarded to the Senate Secretary.

The CS is your copy.

Thanks,
Senate Finance Secretary
Mindy #4935
Robin #2618

Approved: MS
(please initial)

Return ASAP

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

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

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, Johansen, Salmon, Ramras

SENATOR Elton

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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6 - June 30, 2011 [2006];

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

Amend
#1



Official Business

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Senate Finance Committee

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DATE: 2/26/07 TIME: 10:15 AM

TO: Legal

NUMBER OF PAGES, INCLUDING COVER SHEET: 2

FROM: ROBIN PAUL
SENATE FINANCE CMTE. ASST. SECRETARY
PHONE: 465-2618
FAX: 465-2187

NOTES: FINAL Please
SCS HB 120 (FIN)

Version 25-LS0532/c

amended by

Amendment #1 (attached)

Thanks!
Robin

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

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
2 / 26 / 2007 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	HB 120	
Amendment	# 1	
Motion	to amend	
<u>Motion by</u>	ELTON	
<u>Objection by</u>	/	
<u>Removed</u>		
<u>Second Objection by</u>		
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	Vote N
Senator Huggins		
Senator Olson		
Senator Thomas		
Senator Dyson		
Senator Elton		
Co-Chair Hoffman		
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<u>Tally</u>		
Yea		
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Absent		
MOTION	ADOP T E D	



Alaska State Legislature

Representative Anna Fairclough — House District 17

House Bill 120

Extending Council on Domestic Violence

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

The reauthorization of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) is necessary to provide a focal point to address interpersonal violence in our state. CDVSA brings state agencies and victim service providers together to coordinate efforts. We in the Legislature should look to the CDVSA to not only help with delivery of services, but to help reduce and prevent interpersonal violence in our state.

For the past 10 years Alaska has ranked in the top three in the nation per the Uniform Crime Reporting code for domestic violence and sexual assault. Alaska has the highest rate per capita of men murdering women.

CDVSA's mission is to "reduce the causes and incidents; and to alleviate the effects of domestic violence and sexual assault."

The Council works in coordination with the Departments of Public Safety, Law, Education, Health and Social Services, and the Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to provide a safety net of services to meet the needs of those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault in our state.

In FY 06, the Council funded two prison-based batterers' programs and three community-based batterers' programs and 20 community-based victim's services programs.

The reauthorization of the CDVSA will ensure that Alaska receive its share of Federal funding to combat interpersonal violence and continue to educate our state on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault, while coordinating prevention and response services.

SITKANS AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

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February 7, 2007

Representative Fairclough
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Fairclough:

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





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February 7, 2007

Dear Representative Fairclough: *Anna*

I am writing to request your support for extending the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA).

As you know, the CDVSA is a key player in our important work to end domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska. We work closely with the CDVSA to secure adequate funding and to coordinate agency and community responses essential for safety for victims and accountability for offenders.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Saralyn Tabachnick
Executive Director





The Honorable Rep. Anna Fairclough
 State Capitol Bldg., Room 411
 Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Fairclough,

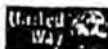
Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) is a community based agency which has provided sexual assault advocacy services to victims of sexual assault and their families in the greater Anchorage area for thirty years (30). STAR also provides individual legal advocacy services as well as community education and rural outreach programming. STAR is a member of the statewide coalition, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA). STAR relies on the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) to maintain necessary funding levels to meet the growing needs in our community.

The CDVSA is an important and vital link to the voices of Alaskans regarding the impact that sexual assault and domestic violence has in our communities. Through our relationship with CDVSA, STAR has been able to strengthen services to victims of sexual assault, increase community awareness, and build stronger relationships with area providers.

On behalf of STAR and the community of Anchorage we thank you for introducing House Bill 120, an Act that would extend the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, thus allowing the good work of the Council to continue to serve communities in Alaska.

Respectfully,

Nancy Haag
 Executive Director



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WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE



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

Representative Fairclough
State Capitol, Rm. 411
Juneau, AK 99801

Rep. Fairclough:

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,

Michelle DeWitt
Michelle DeWitt



The LeeShore Center

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

Representative Anna Fairclough
State Capitol, Room 411
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Fairclough,

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheri Smith".

Cheri Smith
Executive Director
The LeeShore Center

325 South Spruce Street
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Business Line . . . 283-9479
Crisis Line . . . 283-7257
Fax Line . . . 283-5844





To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter of support on behalf of the Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC) for House Bill No. 120.

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 House Bill No. 120 as written.

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

Respectfully,

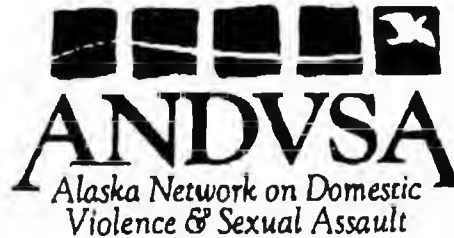
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Cordell".

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

Cc: Representative Fairclough
ANDVSA



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February 7, 2007

The Honorable Rep. Anna Fairclough
State Capitol Bldg. Room 411
Juneau AK 99801

Dear Representative Fairclough,

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 House Bill 120, "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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Support for HB 120, 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.

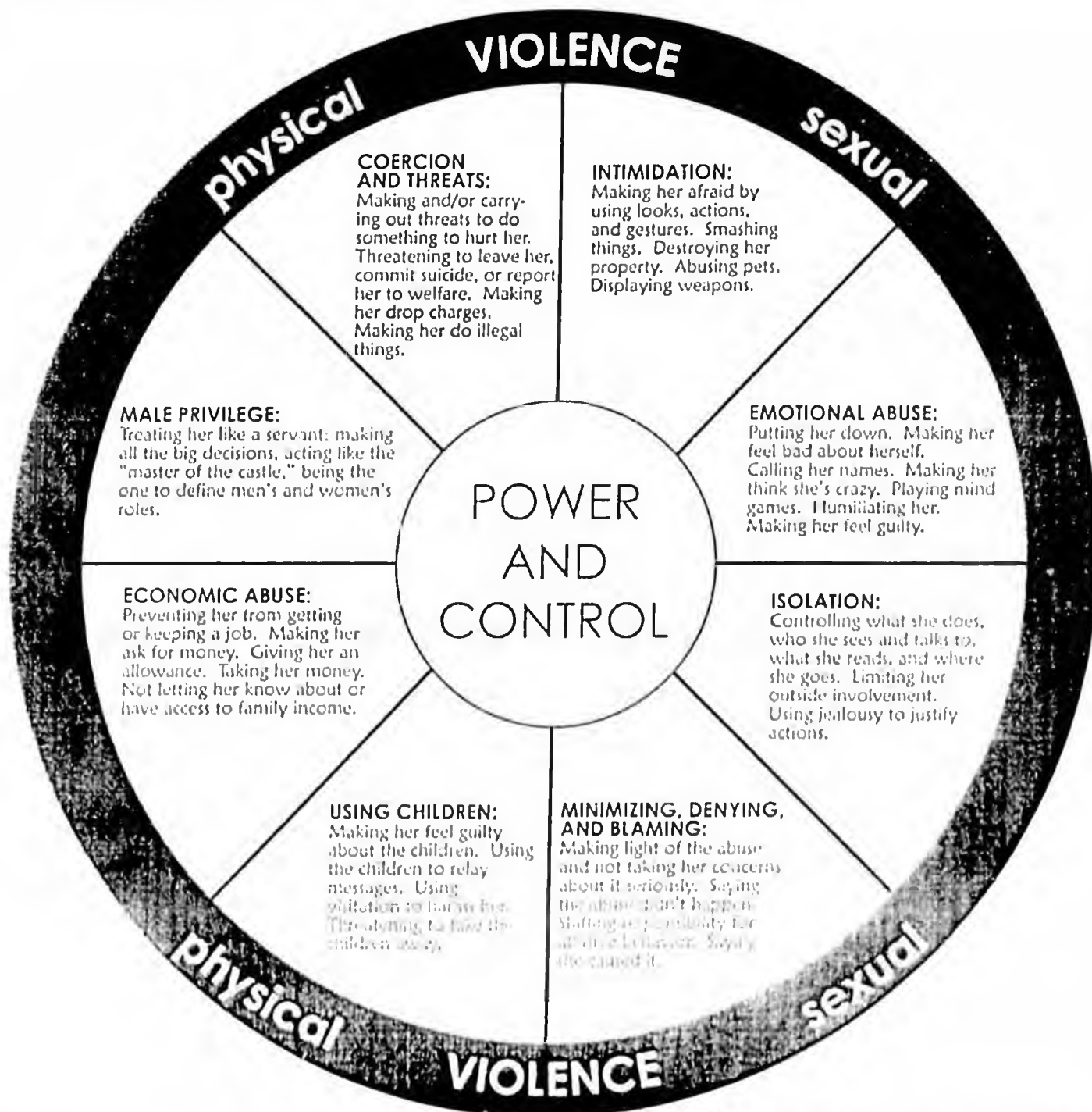
The Council also serves as the primary state funding mechanism for services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and for rehabilitative services to batterers. Coordinating training, providing monitoring to ensure consistency in offered services and working together with the public to develop 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.

POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL

Physical and sexual assaults, or threats to commit them, are the most apparent forms of domestic violence and are usually the actions that allow others to become aware of the problem. However, regular use of other abusive behaviors by the batterer, when reinforced by one or more acts of physical violence, make up a larger system of abuse. Although physical assaults may occur only once or occasionally, they instill threat of future violent attacks and allow the abuser to take control of the woman's life and circumstances.

The Power & Control diagram is a particularly helpful tool in understanding the overall pattern of abusive and violent behaviors, which are used by a batterer to establish and maintain control over his partner. Very often, one or more violent incidents are accompanied by an array of these other types of abuse. They are less easily identified, yet firmly establish a pattern of intimidation and control in the relationship.



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HB 121 WORKERS' COMPENSATION RECORDS

"An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
Labor	2/16/07			✓	2
ADMIN	2/19/07			✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
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FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA
 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: CSHB 121(L&C)
 (H) Publish Date: 2/22/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): 2/15/2007 Dept. Affected: Administration
 Title An act relating to release of individual RDU Risk Management
information in workers' compensation records Component Risk Management
 Sponsor Representative Wilson
 Requester House Labor and Commerce Component No. 71

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						
Travel						
Contractual						
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Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
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1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	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						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Risk Management is not affected by this legislation

Prepared by: J. Brad Thompson, Director Phone: 465-5723
 Division: Risk Management Date/Time: 2/15/07 8:00 AM
 Approved by: Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner Date: 2/19/2007
 Agency: Department of Administration

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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Fiscal Note: 2
Bill Version: CSHB 121(L&C)
(H) Publish Date: 2/22/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Department: Labor and Workforce Development
Title: Workers' Compensation Records RDU: Workers' Compensation
Sponsor: Representative Wilson Component: Workers' Compensation
Requester: House L&C Component Number: 344

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

There is no anticipated financial impact to the department as a result of this legislation.

Prepared by: Paul Lisankle, Director Phone: 465-2700
Division: Division of Worker's Compensation Date/Time: 2/16/07 1:16 PM
Approved by: Click Bishop, Commissioner Date: 2/16/2007
Agency: Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES WILSON, Ramras, Olson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records;
2 and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. AS 23.30.107(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) Medical or rehabilitation records, and the employee's name, address,
6 social security number, electronic mail address, and telephone number contained
7 on any record, in an employee's file maintained by the division or held by the board
8 or the commission are not public records subject to public inspection and copying
9 under AS 40.25. This subsection does not prohibit

10 (1) the reemployment benefits administrator, the division, the board,
11 the commission, or the department from releasing medical or rehabilitation records in
12 an employee's file, without the employee's consent, to a physician providing medical
13 services under AS 23.30.095(k) or 23.30.110(g), a party to a claim filed by the
14 employee, or a governmental agency; or

1 (2) the quoting or discussing of medical or rehabilitation records
2 contained in an employee's file during a hearing on a claim for compensation or in a
3 decision or [AND] order of the board or commission.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 23.30.107 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (d) An employee may elect to authorize the disclosure of the employee's
6 name, address, social security number, electronic mail address, and telephone number
7 contained in a record described in (b) of this section by signing a declaration on a form
8 provided by the division.

9 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).



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NOTES: Final Please: (SCS HB 121 (FIN))

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No Changes

Thanks!
Robert

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/4/07

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DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 5/8/07

Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(L&C) am

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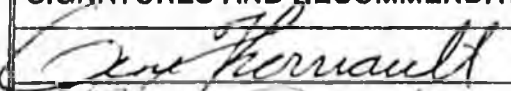

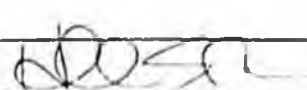
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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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	McBurne			✓	
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FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

DATE: May 4, 2007

TO: Finance Committee
(Mindy, Room 520)

FROM: Office of the Senate Secretary

SUBJ: Referral Change

The Senate President has added/changed the referral(s) on the following bills(s):

RETRIEVE

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(L&C) am
"An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records; and providing for an effective date."

Please give the bill file(s) to the page delivering this message for forwarding to the Judiciary Committee.

Thank you.

Alaska State Legislature

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House District 2

Putting Alaska's Families First

SPONSOR STATEMENT

Committee Substitute House Bill 121(L&C) am

"An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records; and providing for an effective date."

With the call for more transparency in government, it is equally important to protect personal information from falling into the wrong hands. In this day and age of computers and extensive databases, government agencies have the potential to accumulate a tremendous amount of information on their employees.

Under the Alaska Division of Workers' Compensation, some personal information is considered public record since it is not specifically prohibited by state statute. CSHB 121 will correct this oversight by prohibiting the release of the employee's social security number, electronic mail address, and telephone number contained on any of the divisions' files, the Workmen's Compensation Board's files, and the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission. As amended on the House floor, employee names and addresses can still be released to the general public.

Currently, some of this personal information regarding employees who file workers' compensation claims can be and has been released for public inspection. For example, a private company outside of Alaska has been requesting the names and addresses of injured workers. They have then used that information for direct marketing purposes of one kind or another.

This practice is very disturbing considering that identity theft is on the rise and a scourge on our society. It should be the right of any individual to keep personal information as cited above confidential. This data should not be revealed without the consent of that individual. This bill does add a provision to allow such disclosure, but only after the employee signs an affidavit to that effect.

March 21, 2007

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Alaska State Legislature

Representative Peggy Wilson

House District 2

Putting Alaska's Families First

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

Committee Substitute House Bill 121(L&C) am

“An Act relating to release of information in individual workers’ compensation records; and providing for an effective date.”

CSHB 121 amends Title 23 under the Labor and Workers’ Compensation Act. It deals specifically with the section for release of information.

Section 1. Amends AS 23.30.107(b) with language specifying that an employee’s social security number, electronic mail address, and telephone number contained within the employee’s file under the Division of Workers’ Compensation or held by the Workmen’s Compensation Board or held by the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Commission are not public records subject to public inspection.

Section 2. Amends the statute reference above by adding a subsection (d). This provision allows for an employee to authorize the Division of Workers’ Compensation, the Board, or the Commission to disclose his or her personal information as described above. This will be accomplished by the employee signing a declaration on a form provided by the division.

Section 3. This bill has an immediate effective date. In effect, the bill becomes law the day after it is signed by the governor.

March 21, 2007

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Cliff Stone

From: Paula D Scavera (paula_scavera@labor.state.ak.us)

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 10:20 AM

To: Cliff Stone

Subject: FW: Workers Compensation Claimants

Cliff- Here is the email that was sent to the Division of Workers' Compensation. The request for information is public information but we have edited out the name of the staff person. Thank you. Paula

From: Rick Tripp [mailto:rtripp@obryanlaw.net]

Sent: Friday, February 23, 2007 6:45 AM

To:

Subject: Workers Compensation Claimants

Dear Mr.

Please provide us with a list of all Workers' Compensation claimants for injuries reported from 11/30/04 to the present, including names, addresses and phone numbers, against the following companies: American Seafoods, Icicle Seafoods, Deep Sea Fisheries, Norquest Seafoods, Ocean Beauty Seafoods Inc., Pacific Star Seafoods, Peter Pan Seafood, Inc., Petersburg Fisheries, Saltwater, Inc., Seafood Producers Co-op, Sitka Sound Seafoods, Snopac Products, Trident Seafoods, Unisea, Inc., Alaska Ocean Seafood, Inc., Artic Storm, Inc., Glacier Fish Co., LLC, Highland Light and Starbpond LLC.
Call me when you receive this email. Time is of the essence.

Rick Tripp
O'Bryan Baun Cohen Kuebler
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248.258.6047 (f)

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Please note the date of Feb. 23, 2007 on the request from this law firm.
This is the day after the original HB 121 was heard and passed out of the
House Labor and Commerce Committee on Feb. 22, 2007.*

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Census Bureau inadvertently posts personal data on Web site

STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Census Bureau inadvertently posted personal information from 302 households in Alaska and other states on a public Internet site multiple times over a five-month period, the bureau said Wednesday.

The information included names, addresses, phone numbers, birth dates and family income ranges, said Ruth Cymber, the agency's director of communications. No Social Security numbers were posted, and there is no evidence that the data was misused, Cymber said.

But, she added, posting the information violated bureau policies and federal law.

The bureau is in the process of contacting the households, located in nine states and the District of Columbia, to offer free credit-monitoring services.

"A breach of this kind is unacceptable," Census Director Charles Louis Kincannon said in a statement. "We are strengthening our internal procedures to further safeguard our data to prevent a recurrence."

The information was on and off the public Web site from October to Feb. 15 as Census employees working from home tested new software, Cymber said. The workers were supposed to use fictitious information to test the site, but they inadvertently mingled data from the bureau's Current Population Survey, a monthly survey best known for generating the nation's employment statistics.

Cymber said the real and fictitious data were indistinguishable. The information could have been accessed through a search engine on the Census Bureau's Web site used to disseminate large data files. She said she didn't know whether the data actually was accessed by anyone.

Cymber declined to say how many employees were involved, though a release from the bureau said "appropriate administrative action" has been taken, pending the outcome of an ongoing investigation.

The bureau also referred the matter to the Commerce Department's inspector general. The Census Bureau is part of the Commerce Department.

The affected households were located in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Connecticut and Washington, D.C.

The incident occurs six months after the Census Bureau acknowledged losing 672 laptop computers since 2001, including 246 that contained personal data. Most of the computers were used by workers gathering survey information in communities.

On The Net: Census Bureau:

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ICICLE

February 19, 2007

Representative Kurt Olson, Chair
House Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Olson and Committee Members,

On behalf of Icicle Seafoods, Inc., I want to express our strong support for HB 121, "An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records".

It has come to our attention, thanks in large part to one of our employees, that a private party outside of Alaska has been soliciting Alaska worker compensation claimants by obtaining personal information about them from the Alaska Dept. of Labor. After obtaining the names and addresses of injured workers, they use this private information for direct marketing purposes.

We find this practice incredibly disturbing and believe this information should not be made available without the consent of the person the information is about.

House Bill 121 would stop this objectionable practice and we fully support its adoption. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kris Norosz
Government Affairs
Icicle Seafoods, Inc

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February 21, 2006

The Honorable Kurt Olson, Chairman
Labor and Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Olson

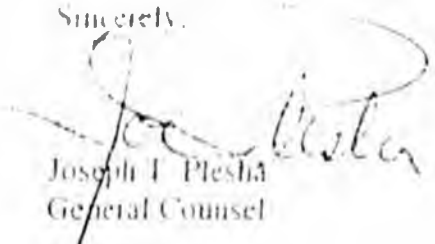
I am writing on behalf of Trident Seafoods Corporation to express our strong support for HB 121. Our employees have been surprised to learn that the Alaska Department of Labor's Division of Workers' Compensation is disclosing the names and addresses of all individuals who are injured in the seafood processing industry. We believe the law should be changed so that this information is released only with the employee's consent.

This issue has come to our attention because a law firm from Michigan has been requesting information from the State about all the individuals in the seafood industry who have filed workers' compensation claims. This firm then solicits business from these individuals, seeking to bring claims under maritime law instead of under the State's workers' compensation system. This has resulted in some unusual maritime claims, including one lawsuit filed against the "vessel" Sand Point. Sand Point, of course, is not a vessel. It is a community in the Aleutians East Borough where Trident has a shorebased processing plant.

More importantly, many of the people at Trident who file workers' compensation claims do not want their personal information released to the public. They are upset about lawyers contacting them about their injury. Those employees who do not object to having personal information disclosed should be free to consent to having such information released. Without such authorization, however, we believe this type of information should remain private.

Thank you for considering our views on this legislation.

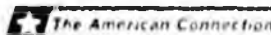
Sincerely,


Joseph T. Plesha
General Counsel

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February 15, 2007

Representative Peggy Wilson
Alaska State Legislature
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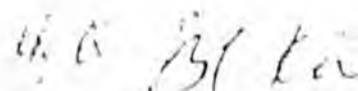
Dear Representative Wilson,

Thank you for sponsoring House Bill 121. I am in full support of this bill that will put an end to the release of personal information of worker compensation claimants by the State of Alaska, Dept. of Labor, and the Workers Compensation Board without the consent of the claimants.

I have attached a letter that I wrote last year in support of a similar measure. As a worker compensation claimant, I had my personal information released to a third party commercial operator (a Michigan law firm) who then used the information to solicit business from me. I did not appreciate this type of contact and do not feel personal information should be released in this situation without my personal consent.

Thank you for working to end this unpleasant practice. Please feel free to provide my letter to other legislators as the bill moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,


Hyo R. Kim
P.O. Box 705
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

April 15, 2005

Senator Con Bunde, Chair,
Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Bunde and Committee Members,

My name is Hyo R. Kim and I have been an Alaska resident for over 27 years. Approximately 5 months ago, I received a letter from an out of state attorney that somehow learned of an injury I had at work. He indicated in his letter that if I contacted his firm, they could possibly get me more money for my injury.

I called the attorney to find out what this was about and how he had access to my personal information. During our conversation, the attorney asked me many questions about how I was injured, what the injury was, etc. After talking, the attorney indicated that he could not do anything for me since the injury was not substantial. I got the feeling he thought there was not enough money for him to get involved.

I asked him how he was able to get my personal information and he basically said he had his sources in the State of Alaska. This really bothered me since I really don't want people other than those that I approve of having access to my personal and private information. This especially concerns me the most now that there are so many cases in the news of identity theft and fraud.

After discussing with my friends the conversation I had with this attorney, I learned that he most likely got my personal information from the Workers Compensation Board and the Alaska Dept. of Labor. If this is the case, it irritates me a lot as I do not want people to have access to my private information and I assumed that what I filled out on the Alaska Workers Compensation forms was confidential.

I am very surprised the State of Alaska would allow this information to be released about its residents. My injury is my private concern and should only involve me, my employer, my doctor, my family and not an out of state attorney. I ask you to please take the appropriate steps to make sure this does not happen again in the future.

Sincerely,



Hyo R. Kim
P.O. Box 705
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

February 19, 2007

The Honorable Kurt Olson
Chairman, Labor & Commerce Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Olsen:

I have been told that you are chairing a hearing on a bill that would keep confidential the personal information of people who file worker's compensation claims. I am writing in strong support of this legislation. I do not want any of my personal information made available to the public merely because I have filed a worker's compensation claim and respectfully ask that you enact the bill during this session of the legislature.

My husband, Gene, and I have both had minor injuries while we were working at Trident Seafoods Corporation shoreplant in Sand Point, Alaska. We each received unwelcomed solicitations from some lawyers back East asking if we were injured on a floating processing vessel. I do not want my personal information made available to the public and wondered how these lawyers got my name in the first place. I do not believe it is appropriate for the State of Alaska to release this information without my consent.

To be blunt, the fact I have suffered an injury in the workplace and filed a claim under worker's compensation should not entitle the public to my home address and other personal information. I certainly do not want some ambulance-chasing lawyer soliciting me because of my claim. If I had wanted to hire a lawyer to represent me, there are plenty of local attorney's available. They advertise in the Alaska Airlines magazine and every fishing magazine published.

I urge you to pass this legislation and appreciate you listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,


Gloria J. Copenspire

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/23/07

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 5/1/07

Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(L&C) am

HB 121 WORKERS' COMPENSATION RECORDS

"An Act relating to release of information in individual workers' compensation records; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

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

SENATE BILL:	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title

HOUSE BILL:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
CABOX	2/16/07			✓	2
ADMINISTRATIVE	2/19/07			✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DC NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>P. Bunde</i>	Bunde				✓
<i>B. Davis</i>	DAVIS				✓
<i>Stewart</i>	STEWART				✓
CHAIR: <i>J. Ellis</i>	ELLIS			X	

HB

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: March 5, 2007

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: March 14, 2007

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 125

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

LONG-RANGE FISCAL PLAN

"An Act relating to budget planning and a long-range fiscal plan for the State of Alaska."

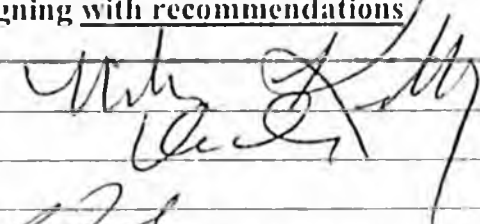
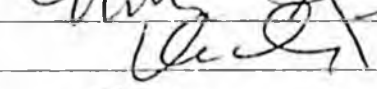
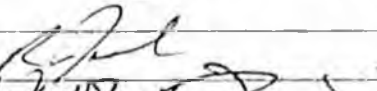
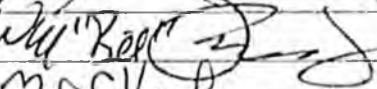
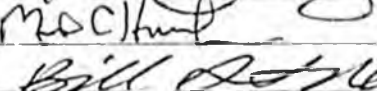
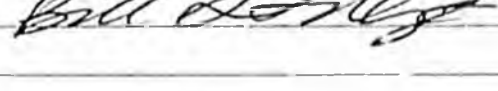
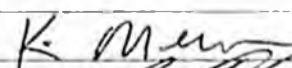

Recommends it be replaced with [] HCS or [X] CS for HB 125 (FIN)
 For Senate Bills with new title: [] Technical Title [] New Title: HCR _____ Same Title [X] New Title

- [] attach amendments
- [] add new referral to _____ Committee
- [] Letter of Intent _____ Committee

List of Abbrev for Depts.:
 ADM
 CED
 COR
 CRT
 EED
 DEC
 DFG
 GOV
 HSS
 LWF
 LAW
 LEG
 MVA
 DNR
 DPS
 REV
 DOT
 UA

<u>NEW FISCAL NOTES</u>				
*Assigned by Chief Clerk's Office				
List by Dept(s):	*FN#	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero

<u>PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES</u>				
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REV	1		✓	
GOV	2	✓		

<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
	KELLY			X	
	Gorb				✓
	Soule	✓			
	Thomas	✓			
	Hawker	✓			
	STOLEE	✓			
Chair: 	Meyer	✓			
Chair: 	Chewault			X	

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: CSHB 125(W&M)
(H) Publish Date: 3/5/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue 04
Title Long Range Fiscal Plan RDU Taxation and Treasury
Component Tax Division
Sponsor House Ways and Means
Requester House Ways and Means Component No. 2476

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						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	*	*	*	*	*	*

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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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						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Check 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)

See attached.

Prepared by: Nels Tomlinson Phone (907) 465-5636
Division Tax Date/Time _____
Approved by: Jerry Burnett Date 2/13/2007
Agency Department of Revenue

FISCAL NOTE #1

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 125(W&M)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Bill Language: This bill would require the governor to provide a long range financial plan for the state, covering projected sources " ... of funds during the succeeding 10 fiscal years. The long range fiscal plan must include sufficient details to identify significant sources of funds [Section 1 (b)(1)(A)]."

The bill also would permit the governor to include recommendations to raise revenue for operation of state government while maintaining a stable tax environment [Section 1 (b)(4)].

Revenues: This bill will have no effect on revenues.

Expenditures: The additional expenditures associated with this bill are indeterminate. After consulting with the governor's Office of Management and Budget, we believe that the projections required by Section 1 (b)(1)(A) of this bill could be provided by a minor extension of our current revenue forecasts. The Department of Revenue currently produces semi-annual revenue forecasts, and the succeeding two years' detailed revenue forecasts are published in the Revenue Sources Book. The Department also publishes the succeeding ten years' forecasts of Total Unrestricted General Purpose Revenue. If the new projections can be fitted into our current framework of revenue projections, there would be no significant additional costs associated with this bill. Whether we can fit the required forecasts into our existing forecasting framework will depend upon the governor's eventual decision as to the level of accuracy and detail required.

The forecasts of potential taxes which might be required under Section 1 (b)(4) are outside of the current scope of our forecasts. Detailed forecasts of the revenues and economic impacts of new taxes would require additional expenditures.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 2
Bill Version: CSHB 125(W&M)
(H) Publish Date: 3/7/07

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Governor
Title: Long-range State fiscal plan RDU: OMB
Component: OMB
Sponsor: House Special Committee on Ways and Means
Requester: House Special Committee on Ways and Means Component No. 2144

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	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6

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	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6	102.6

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

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

POSITIONS

Full-time	1	1	1	1	1	1
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would amend the Executive Budget Act to require the Governor's Office to prepare an annual 10 year long-range fiscal plan.

While the Office of Management and Budget routinely provides fiscal information on various topics to the legislature, preparation of a formal annual 10 year fiscal plan would require additional staff. At one time, OMB had a research and planning staff of 13 people to conduct this type of work. However, budget reductions over the years have reduced the research and planning staff to two positions, which cover a broad range of duties.

Prepared by: John Boucher, Senior Analyst
Division: Office of Management and Budget
Approved by: Karen J. Rehfeld, Director
Agency: Office of Management and Budget

Phone: 465-4677
Date/Time: 3/6/07 10:15 AM
Date: 3/6/07

FISCAL NOTE #2

STATE OF ALASKA
2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 125(W&M)

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

We expect this work to require one new full time position. The total cost for this position at a Range 21A, including benefits, would be \$102.6 thousand per year.

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MEMORANDUM

March 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Budget planning and fiscal plan (CSHB 125(FIN),
Work Order No. 25-LS0546L)

TO: Representative Mike Chenault
Representative Kevin Meyer
Co-chairs of the House Finance Committee
Attn: Sharlene Smith

FROM: Tamara Brandt Cook
Director *TBC*

Here is the final committee substitute with changes as requested. One of these changes is the addition of the phrase "but not limited to" after "including" at page 2, line 9. Please be aware that we try to avoid adding the phrase to the Alaska statutes. AS 01.10.040(b) states: "When the words 'includes' or 'including' are used in a law, they shall be construed as though followed by the phrase 'but not limited to.'"

TBC:lmb
07-055.lmb

Enclosure

Amended
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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(W&M)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Offered: 3/5/07
Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to budget planning and a fiscal plan for the State of Alaska."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 * Section 1. AS 37.07.020(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) In addition to the budget and bills submitted under (a) of this section, the
5 governor shall submit a capital improvements program [AND FINANCIAL PLAN]
6 covering the succeeding six fiscal years, Except during the first year of the
7 governor's first term of office, the governor shall also submit a fiscal plan with
8 estimates of significant sources and uses of funds for the succeeding 10 fiscal
9 years. The fiscal plan

10 (1) must include sufficient details to identify

11 (A) significant sources of funds;

12 (B) significant uses of funds, including lump sum
13 projections of

14 (i) operating expenditures;

15 (ii) capital expenditures;

- 1 (iii) debt service expenditures;
- 2 (iv) fund capitalizations;
- 3 (v) appropriations of income of the Alaska
- 4 permanent fund (art. IX, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of
- 5 Alaska), if any;
- 6 (2) must balance sources and uses of funds held while providing
- 7 for essential state services and protecting the economic stability of the state;
- 8 (3) must include projected balances of significant funds held in
- 9 separate accounts, including ^{but not limited to} the budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17,
- 10 Constitution of the State of Alaska), the public education fund (AS 14.17.300),
- 11 and the Alaska capital income fund (AS 37.05.565);
- 12 (4) may, at the discretion of the governor, also include
- 13 recommendations to
- 14 (A) encourage economic growth and stability, maintain a
- 15 high quality of life, ^{responsibly} develop the state's natural resources, educate the
- 16 children of the state, and maintain public health, safety, and welfare;
- 17 (B) provide services as efficiently as practicable and reduce
- 18 state expenditures where possible;
- 19 (C) establish policies that protect the principal of the
- 20 Alaska permanent fund over time while using the income of the fund to
- 21 (i) offset the effect of inflation on the principal of the
- 22 fund;
- 23 (ii) maintain a strong permanent fund dividend
- 24 program;
- 25 (iii) retain the legislature's flexibility to determine
- 26 the appropriate use of the remaining income of the fund;
- 27 (D) raise revenue for the operation of state government
- 28 while maintaining a stable tax environment; and
- 29 (E) provide adequate reserve funds to mitigate the
- 30 consequences of market price volatility on state revenue from resources;
- 31 (5) may include a list of reports, plans, and other materials relied

1 on in the preparation of the fiscal plan, together with a brief description of the
 2 relevance of the materials and how to obtain paper or electronic copies of the
 3 material.

4 * Sec. 2. AS 37.07.020(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) Proposed expenditures may not exceed estimated revenue for the
 6 succeeding fiscal year. The expenditures proposed in the six-year capital
 7 improvements program [AND FINANCIAL PLAN] may not exceed the estimated
 8 revenue and bond authorizations passed and proposed.

9 * Sec. 3. AS 37.07.040 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 37.07.040. Office of management and budget. The Alaska office of
 11 management and budget shall

12 (1) except during the first year of the governor's first term of
 13 office, prepare for submission to the governor an annually updated 10-year fiscal
 14 plan and assist the governor in the preparation and explanation of the [PROPOSED
 15 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL] plan, including the
 16 coordination and analysis of state agency goals and objectives, plans, and budget
 17 requests;

18 (2) prepare for submission to the governor an annually updated six-
 19 year capital improvements program and the proposed capital improvements budget for
 20 the coming fiscal year, the latter to include individual project justification with
 21 documentation of estimated project cost;

22 (3) develop procedures to produce the information needed for effective
 23 policy decision making, including procedures to provide for the dissemination of
 24 information about plans, programs, and budget requests to be included in the annual
 25 budget and opportunity for public review and comment during the period of budget
 26 preparation;

27 (4) assist state agencies in their statement of goals and objectives to
 28 achieve, among other things, the legislature's mission and desired results, preparation
 29 of plans, assessments of the extent to which missions and desired results have been
 30 achieved, budget requests, and reporting of program performance; all documents
 31 forwarded by the office to a state agency containing instructions for the preparation of

1 program plans and budget requests and the reporting of program performance are
2 public information after the date they are forwarded;

3 (5) administer its responsibilities under the program execution
4 provisions of this chapter so that the policy decisions and budget determinations of the
5 governor and the legislature are implemented;

6 (6) provide the legislative finance division with the budget information
7 it may request;

8 (7) provide the legislative finance division with an advance copy of the
9 governor's budget workbooks by the first Monday in January of each year, except that
10 following a gubernatorial election year the advance copy shall be provided by the
11 second Monday in January;

12 (8) prepare the proposed capital improvements budget for the coming
13 fiscal year evaluating both state and local requests from the standpoint of need, equity,
14 and priorities of the jurisdiction; other factors such as project amounts, population,
15 local financial match, federal funds being used for local match, municipality or
16 unincorporated community acceptance of the facility, and all associated costs of the
17 facility may be considered;

18 (9) for each department in the executive branch, report to the
19 legislature by the 45th day of each regular session the amount of money appropriated
20 to the department that is expected to lapse into the general fund at the end of the
21 current fiscal year;

22 (10) establish and administer a state agency program performance
23 management system involving planning, performance budgeting, performance
24 measurement, and program evaluation; the office shall ensure that information
25 generated under this system is useful for managing and improving the efficiency and
26 effectiveness of agency operations.

27 * Sec. 4. AS 37.07.060 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 37.07.060. Governor's recommendation. (a) The governor shall
29 formulate the operating and capital budget, capital improvements program,
30 [PROGRAMS] and fiscal plan [FINANCIAL PLANS] required to be recommended
31 to the legislature by AS 37.07.020 after considering the state agency proposed

1 program and financial plans, and other programs and alternatives that the governor
2 considers appropriate. The plans must include the governor's recommended missions
3 and results, recommended strategies to implement the missions and results,
4 recommended measures for determining whether the missions and desired results are
5 achieved, including an assessment of whether prior year missions and desired results
6 have been achieved, recommended operating program for the succeeding fiscal year,
7 recommended capital improvements program for the succeeding six fiscal years,
8 recommended programs for the upgrading of public buildings and facilities prepared
9 in accordance with AS 35.10.015, and recommended revenue measures to support the
10 programs.

11 (b) The governor shall present the proposed comprehensive operating and
12 capital improvements programs, and fiscal plan if it is required under
13 AS 37.07.020(b), [FINANCIAL PLANS] in a message to a joint session of the
14 legislature before the fourth legislative day following the convening of the legislature
15 in regular session. The message must be accompanied by an explanatory report that
16 summarizes recommended goals, plans, and appropriations. The report must contain

17 (1) the coordinated program goals and objectives that [WHICH] the
18 governor recommends to guide the decisions on the proposed program plans and
19 budget appropriations;

20 (2) the governor's operating program and budget recommendations for
21 the succeeding fiscal year organized by agency as required by AS 37.07.020(a);

22 (3) the governor's capital improvements program and budget
23 recommendations for the succeeding fiscal year and capital improvements program for
24 the succeeding six fiscal years, which must include

25 (A) a description of each project, its estimated cost for the year
26 construction is to start and the estimated cost of the project adjusted for
27 inflation over the estimated period of construction, and the source of financing
28 for the project; the project description for a new building or a new facility or
29 for a major addition to a building or facility scheduled for the first three
30 years of the plan should include a site plan, preliminary drawings, and
31 architect's or engineer's total cost estimate for the project;