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## More specific sex offender info becoming available

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Finding information about sex offenders living in our valley is about to get a whole lot easier. On Saturday, our new state sex offender law goes into effect, which means you will be able to get the exact home addresses of Tier 2 and 3 offenders.

The state considers Tier 2 offenders moderately likely to re-offend and Tier 3 offenders highly likely to re-offend. *The Crime Tracker 3* is watching out for your safety. We sat down with a convicted sex offender to get his take on this new law and why he fears for his safety.

"In the public's eye, a sex offender is a sex offender, regardless of the severity. We're all monsters and I just don't think that's true."

He asked us not to reveal his identity, but this man is a Tier 2 sex offender, convicted in 2000 for attempted sexual assault.

"I've really come to accept the restrictions they put on and all the hoops that you have to jump through. You know it's better than prison and you take it where you can and you just keep trying."

As a Tier 2 offender, he has strict rules he will live by for the rest of his life. He has to notify the state every time he moves and is required to tell his employer, school and whomever he lives with about his convictions.

He's also limited in what he can do.

"I can't go to movies, any movie theater, I can't go to parks, I can't take my daughter to the toy store even with supervision. I can't leave the county."

As of July 1 when Senate Bill 341 goes into effect, there will be even more guidelines he'll have to follow.

"For the offenders themselves, it's going to change their drivers license. It will expire every year. If they're not in compliance with the state, they cannot renew their drivers license, their work card will expire every year, their gaming card will expire every year, again they must be in compliance to renew these cards," says Metro's Sergeant Troy Barrett.

Sergeant Barrett says the law is getting tougher to help law enforcement keep a better eye on offenders. But it's also going to allow the public to see exactly who's living next door.

"Ignorance is sometimes bliss, but you'd be very upset if something happened and you knew there was a tool available that you chose not to use to make sure to ensure your safety. Check, find out who's there and just be smart," says Sergeant Barrett.

The state sex offender registry website will tell you the exact address of the nearly 2,000 Tier 2 sex offenders, and the 60 Tier 3 offenders living in Las Vegas. You'll also be able to get more information about the crimes they committed and the 100 block of where they work.

"People are so disgusted with it and so scared of it and it's such a horrific crime. I understand, I mean, I completely do," says the offender.

He understands, but is also worried about what may happen when this information becomes public.

"I'm scared, I'm terrified, not just for myself, but my family members and the people that do live with me being ridiculed. Being, you know, I don't know whether it's discriminated against, egged house, whatever, the issue may be somebody's got a grudge against something that's not with me, that I've been grouped into."

Metro doesn't want people to use this information to take the law into their own hands. "This information is there strictly for a tool so they can be informed of whose in their neighborhood and ensure the safety of their loved ones," says Sergeant Barrett.

This Tier 2 offender has gone through hundreds of hours of treatment and says society shouldn't be afraid of him. But he does admit there are offenders out there he's afraid of.

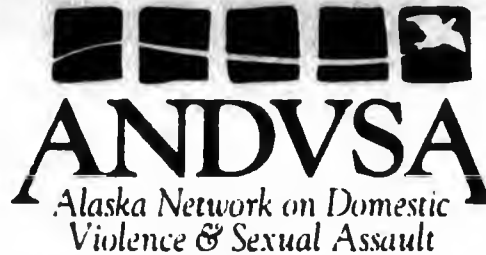
"I mean, I surely wouldn't want to send my wife out door to door knocking on sex offenders addresses, it would scare me."

Tracking the sex offenders can be a difficult task. New grant money from the Bureau of Justice Assistance recently helped create the Southern Nevada Sex Offender Task Force. It's a group made up of 12 local agencies, including Metro, North Las Vegas and Henderson police departments. Their goal is to make sex offender management attainable.



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February 27, 2008

Senator McGuire  
State Capitol, Room 125  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator McGuire:

On behalf of the nineteen member domestic violence and sexual assault programs throughout the state that comprise the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, thank you for introducing SB 265. This bill would help ensure that convicted sex offenders keep their registration information up to date.

In its current form, the bill would require that the DMV screen all applicants for driver's licenses against the state sex offender registry (SOR) and, if an applicant for a driver's license is found to be non-compliant with the registry, to withhold granting the license until the convicted sex offender updates his registration information. In addition, the DMV would set the expiration date for one year from the date issued, thereby compelling the convicted sex offender to register and/or update information at least once per year.

Sen. McGuire, you have made us aware of your plans to introduce a significant change to the bill, which would remove the DMV from the equation and use instead the Permanent Fund Dividend application as a screening tool for SOR compliance. The new bill proposes that a convicted sex offender indicate a past conviction (via a yes/no question) on the application. The PFD office would then screen those applicants against the SOR, and refrain from processing the PFD application of any convicted sex offender not in compliance with the state registry until that individual's information had been updated with the SOR.

The Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Domestic Assault fully supports legislation that reduces the rate of non-compliance with the SOR among convicted offenders and that, by extension, helps to keep survivors of sexual violence apprised of the whereabouts of convicted offenders. Thank you for sponsoring this bill.

Regards,

Peggy Brown  
Executive Director

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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: **SB 265**  
 ( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name): **SB265-DPS-R&I-02-22-08** Dept. Affected: **Public Safety**  
 Title: **"An Act relating to drivers' licenses and identification cards issued to sex offenders and child kidnappers."** RDU: **Statewide Support**  
 Sponsor: **Senator McGuire** Component: **Records & Identification**  
 Requester: **Senate Transportation Committee** Component Number: **1190**

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

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual	20.0							
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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

	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	20.0						
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

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

This legislation requires the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to verify that a person required to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper under AS 12.63 is in compliance with the registration requirements under that chapter as a condition of issuing or renewing the person's identification card or driver's license. It also requires sex offenders and child kidnappers to renew their identification card or driver's license annually rather than every five years as is the current requirement. (Continued)

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 Approved by: Walt Monegan, Commissioner  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

**STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. SB 265**

**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

To implement the screening requirements of this legislation, the DMV will need to compare information from their database against information from the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) sex offender registry database to determine 1) whether the person is someone required to register as a sex offender or child kidnapper and therefore subject to a one-year renewal, and 2) if so, whether the person is in compliance with the registration requirements.

Currently, there is no electronic telecommunications interface between DMV's database (Alaska License and Vehicle Information Network (ALVIN)) and DPS's database (Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN)) that would facilitate the real-time screening process that this legislation proposes.

An interface will need to be built that will electronically submit a query from ALVIN to APSIN to conduct a search against specific data elements in the sex offender registry (e.g., name, social security number, date of birth, etc.) and provide a response back.

The cost to build an electronic interface that allows APSIN to receive the query from ALVIN and return a response is estimated to be \$20,000. This estimate includes the cost of a contract programmer for 200 hours at \$100 per hour for analysis, review, security, planning, testing, and implementation.

**SB**

**276**

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## *Sponsor Statement* **Senate Bill 276**

Project labor agreements require contractors to make fringe benefit payments into union health and pension plans on behalf of non-union workers. However, more often than not, those workers never see the benefit of these contributions. When non-union workers are employed on a project covered by an unfair project labor agreement, they end up making contributions to union health, training and pension plans of no benefit to them because the duration of the project does not allow them to meet the vesting thresholds of the union plan.

A class action lawsuit filed after TAPS addressed this issue, but unfortunately, only a certain percentage of the plaintiffs were allowed to participate in the suit, and those who did settle for pennies on the dollar.

It is discriminatory to ask Alaska workers to forfeit the benefits they have earned. It is fiscally irresponsible to force workers to make contributions to a pension plan that will never be returned to them.

Senate Bill 276 says if the State of Alaska mandates that a project be covered by a project labor agreement, then it is appropriate for the state to ensure that the project labor agreement contains adequate safeguards to protect non-union workers and ensure that they receive the full benefit of their pension, and other trust fund contributions.

This bill states that any project labor agreement mandated by the State of Alaska must permit employees who are not signatory to a local collective bargaining agreement to execute a "Benefits Election Declaration." The Benefits Election Declaration would allow the employee the option to have all fringe benefit payments and/or contributions made on his or her behalf to either the employer's existing fringe benefit programs or have the fringe benefit contributions deducted and paid to the applicable union trust fund. It's a matter of fairness and equity.

Please join me in supporting all workers in Alaska by allowing them to keep the money/benefits they have earned.

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## MEMORANDUM

February 8, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Project Labor Agreements (Work Order No. 25-LS1247A)

**TO:** Senator Con Bunde  
Attn: Jane Alberts

**FROM:** Dan Wayne   
Legislative Counsel

Enclosed is the draft bill you requested, amending the state procurement code and AS 43.90 with regard to project labor agreements required by the state on public construction projects. The purpose of the bill is to allow employees who earn fringe benefits on those projects to select the account the employer contributes the benefits to; this is so that the employee might avoid being denied access to benefits kept in an account selected by a labor union, for example, because the employee does not meet minimum length of membership requirements imposed by the account administrator.<sup>1</sup> As requested, I have restricted the bill draft's application to state projects only.

As Ms. Alberts and I have discussed, federal law regulates private-sector labor unions and, through ERISA, private-sector employee benefits. There is, therefore, a substantial risk that, if this bill is adopted, federal law in one or both of these areas could pre-empt it. Use in the bill draft of the phrases "as permitted by law" and "project(s) where the state acts as a market participant" is intended to reduce the risk of federal preemption, and based on the *Lampkin* decision and other reported cases I have reviewed, they will be effective in that regard, although some risk remains.<sup>2</sup>

Section 1 of the bill adds language to the procurement code allowing the state to require project labor agreements on certain projects, as the court ruled in *Lampkin*, and defining "project labor agreement." AS 43.90.130 already contains similar language but is limited to proposals under the Alaska Gasline Incentive Act (AGIA).

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<sup>1</sup> This problem was alleged to have occurred on a project that was the subject of a legal dispute in *Laborers Local 942 v. Lampkin, et al.*, 956 P.2d 422 (Alaska 1998).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* See also, *Building and Construction Trades v. ABC of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Inc.*, 507 U.S. 218 (1993), and *Building and Construction Trades v. Albaugh*, 295 F.3d 28 (D.C. Cir. 2002).

Senator Con Bunde  
February 8, 2008  
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I've added an applicability section intended to limit the otherwise substantial risk of a successful legal challenge by applicants, or prospective applicants, were the state to apply provisions in the draft bill to projects for which bids have already been submitted.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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Enclosure

25-LS1247A  
Wayne  
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**SENATE BILL NO.**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY SENATOR BUNDE**

**Introduced:  
Referred:**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to project labor agreements."**

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

3 **\* Section 1. AS 36.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:**

4 **Sec. 36.30.405. Project labor agreements. (a)** A construction contract on a  
5 project in which the state acts as a market participant may require that a contractor  
6 commit to negotiate, before construction, a project labor agreement to the maximum  
7 extent permitted by law.

8 (b) A project labor agreement under (a) of this section must, to the extent  
9 permitted by law, include a requirement that each employee eligible to earn fringe  
10 benefits because of the agreement may sign a declaration of benefits. The declaration  
11 must allow the employee to elect that, if an employer makes any contribution of fringe  
12 benefits on the employee's behalf in connection with the project, the employer shall  
13 make the contribution to a fringe benefits program selected by the employee from  
14 among fringe benefits programs participated in or administered by

15 (1) the employer who makes the contribution;

1 (2) another employer of the employee; or

2 (3) the labor representative that negotiated the project labor agreement.

3 (c) In this section,

4 (1) "contractor" means a person who executes a contract with the state;

5 (2) "project labor agreement" means a comprehensive collective  
6 bargaining agreement between the contractor or the contractor's representative and the  
7 appropriate labor representatives to ensure expedited construction with labor stability  
8 for the project by qualified residents of the state;

9 (3) "state" has the meaning given to "agency" in AS 36.30.990.

10 \* Sec. 2. AS 43.90.130(17) is amended to read:

11 (17) commit to negotiate, before construction, a project labor  
12 agreement to the maximum extent permitted by law; a project labor agreement  
13 under this paragraph must, to the extent permitted by law, include a requirement  
14 that each employee who is eligible to receive fringe benefits because of the  
15 agreement may sign a declaration of benefits; the declaration must allow the  
16 employee to elect that, if an employer makes any contribution of fringe benefits  
17 on the employee's behalf in connection with the project, the employer shall make  
18 the contribution to a fringe benefits program selected by the employee from  
19 among fringe benefits programs participated in or administered by (A) the  
20 employer who makes the contribution, (B) another employer of the employee, or  
21 (C) the labor representative that negotiated the project labor agreement; in this  
22 paragraph, "project labor agreement" means a comprehensive collective bargaining  
23 agreement between the licensee or its agent and the appropriate labor representatives  
24 to ensure expedited construction with labor stability for the project by qualified  
25 residents of the state;

26 \* Sec. 3. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
27 read:

28 APPLICABILITY. (a) AS 36.30.405, added by sec. 1 of this Act, applies to  
29 construction contracts under AS 36.30 for which the deadline to submit responsive proposals  
30 to the state occurs 10 days or more after the effective date of this Act.

31 (b) AS 43.90.130(17), amended by sec. 2 of this Act, applies to construction contracts

1 under AS 43.90 for which the application period closes 10 days or more after the effective  
2 date of this Act.



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February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

To: All Alaska State Senators  
Urge to Support Legislation

*Sponsor Statement*  
*Senate Bill 276*

Project labor agreements require contractors to make fringe benefit payments into union health and pension plans on behalf of non-union workers. However, more often than not, those workers never see the benefit of these contributions. When non-union workers are employed on a project covered by an unfair project labor agreement, they end up making contributions to union health, training and pension plans of no benefit to them because the duration of the project does not allow them to meet the vesting thresholds of the union plan.

A class action lawsuit filed after TAPS addressed this issue, but unfortunately, only a certain percentage of the plaintiffs were allowed to participate in the suit, and those who did settled for pennies on the dollar. It is discriminatory to ask Alaska workers to forfeit the benefits they have earned. It is fiscally irresponsible to force workers to make contributions to a pension plan that will never be returned to them.

Senate Bill 276 says if the State of Alaska mandates that a project be covered by a project labor agreement, then it is appropriate for the state to ensure that the project labor agreement contains adequate safeguards to protect non-union workers so they will indeed benefit from the pension contributions that they make. This bill states that any project labor agreement mandated by the State of Alaska must permit employees who are not signatory to a local collective bargaining agreement to execute a "Benefits Election Declaration." The Benefits Election Declaration would allow the employee the option to have all fringe benefit payments and/or contributions made on his or her behalf to either the employer's existing fringe benefit programs or have the fringe benefit contributions deducted and paid to the applicable union trust fund. It's a matter of fairness and equity.

Please join me in supporting ALL workers in Alaska by allowing them to keep the money/benefits they have earned. However you feel about the existence of PLA's for the large projects considered in our State, this issue of where the non-signatory worker benefits wind up has always been a concern to me. I have several friends who were part of the class-action suit who wound up getting nothing when all through their tenure on the project, the Teamsters got a significant chunk of the payroll withholdings without having to contribute or support anything for these workers. In other words, it was a legal cash payoff that went right to the union bottom-line, and then who knows where after that. That is unfair and immoral, and you should insure that such policies are checked and eliminated.

On behalf of the many non-signatory workers, thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Brian D. Miller  
President



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for Bob  
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**From:** Monika Switzer [mswitzer@klebsheating.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2008 8:14 AM  
**To:** Sen. Con Bunde  
**Subject:** SB 276

Senator Bunde:

Please support SB 276 to assure that non-union workers receive fair compensation for the retirement contributions.

Sincerely,

Monika Switzer  
Commercial Accounting Administrator  
Klebs Mechanical, Inc.  
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**From:** Michael Samson [ms@sei-ak.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 17, 2008 2:00 PM  
**To:** Sen. Con Bunde  
**Subject:** SB-276

Senator Bunde:

I'd like to thank you for co-sponsoring SB276. This is good legislation that will go a long ways towards helping the construction workers of Alaska prepare for their future. The Labor Unions defined benefit plans discriminate against the non-vesting workers. These men and women, under SB276 will have the opportunity to save their hard earned pension money in a plan that guarantee's it will be there for their own retirement, not as a benefit to vesting union members.

Sincerely,

Michael Samson  
2031 Van Horn Ct  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

**Constance Hartle**

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**From:** James Christian [jchristian@udelhoven.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2008 1:26 PM  
**To:** Sen. Con Bunde  
**Subject:** SB 276

Senator Bunde:

I support SB 276, and would appreciate your consideration in that as well.

Thanks

Sincerely,

James Christian  
Project Engineer  
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184 E 53rd Ave  
Anchorage, AK 99518

**Constance Hartle**

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**From:** Nick Pepperworth [npepperworth@udelhoven.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2008 8:44 AM  
**To:** Sen. Con Bunde  
**Subject:** SB 276

Senator Bunde:

Thank you for this effort to make the playing field fair for Merit Shop Contractors if a PLA is allowed on Projects.

Sincerely, Nick Pepperworth

Nick Pepperworth  
Vice President  
Udelhoven Oilfield System Services, Inc.  
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**From:** William Slayden [bill@slaydenplumbing.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 16, 2008 6:19 PM  
**To:** Sen. Con Bunde  
**Subject:** SB276

Senator Bunde:

I support SB276 completely and thank you for sponsoring it.

Sincerely,

William Slayden  
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**KLEBS** Heating  
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February 21, 2008

Senator Con Bunde  
State Capitol, Room 504  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: SB 276 & HB 391

Dear Senator Bunde:

I am writing to thank you for sponsoring SB 276 which affords equal pay for non-union employees working on construction projects mandated to have a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) by the State of Alaska. As a founding member of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., and President of Klebs Mechanical Inc., I offer my support of this important senate bill.

Klebs Mechanical Inc. will not participate in any construction projects where a Project Labor Agreement is required. Project Labor Agreements only serve special interest groups. They also reduce competition by reducing or eliminating the number of non-union (Merit) contractors who would normally participate in the bidding process of particular construction projects. This, in turn, increases the cost of construction which is bad for any tax paying person because it amounts to less building for our tax dollars.

Project Labor Agreements are bad for our employees because the unions receive all of the fringe benefit payments. Our employees should receive every penny that they earn and not be limited by a vesting schedule set up by a union.

At Klebs Mechanical Inc. we support HB 391 and SB 276. These important bills allow Merit Shop Contractors, who may wish to overlook the fact that PLA's are a non-competitive way to spend our tax dollars, a way to at least give their employees all of the money that they have earned.

Thank you again for sponsoring this important bill, and please let me know if I can assist you in any way in passing this legislation.

Sincerely,  
*Gary Klebs*  
Gary Klebs  
President

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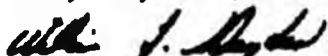
Representative Mike Kelly  
State Capitol, Room 513  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182  
Reference: SB 276, HB 391

Dear Representative Kelly ,

As a founding member of Associated Building Contractors, Inc.'s Alaska Chapter and President of a mechanical contracting firm that employs more than a 100 Alaskans, I support Senate Bill 276 and House Bill 391. Thank you for sponsoring HB 391. I look forward to all Alaskan workers being treated fairly by their State.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to insure passage of this important legislation.

Very Truly Yours,



William L. Slayden,

President, Slayden Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

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**From:** Jeff Robinson [JRobinson@klebsheating.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2008 3:38 PM  
**To:** Sen. Con Bunde; Sen. Lyda Green  
**Cc:** Rep. Mike Kelly  
**Subject:** HB 391 - Fairness & Equity for Alaska Worker Benefits

Senators Green & Bunde –

Wow – now this is a common sense bill if I ever saw one. Giving the non-union worker a retirement benefit choice when working a PLA. That's good for the employee and with organized labor's constant assertion that 'we must look out for the individual worker', they should be on board as well, right? Good luck with that – as a "business" the union administration will loose money and forget all about the employee. I'll bet they gain hundreds of thousands of dollars each year from non-union and or non-vested workers who work short projects and never see a dime of that money

As a senior manager in this company that employs ~85 workers, I can think of another benefit. Companies that are open or merit shop that choose to work PLA's as signatory have to pay twice. Once to the union scale and if they value their employees, continue to contribute to their existing retirement fund, usually a 401k plan.

I support this bill and thank you for yours as well.  
A special Thanks to Rep. Kelly for introducing this bill!

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Reference: SB 276, HB 391

Dear Senator Bunde:

As a board member of Associated Building Contractors, Inc., Alaska Chapter, and vice president of a general contracting firm that employs more than 80 Alaskans, I support Senate Bill 276 and House Bill 391.

Thank you for sponsoring SB276.

Very truly yours,

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Reference: SB 276, HB 391

Dear Senator Bunde,

As president of Udelhoven and a past chairman of ABC of Alaska, I support Senate Bill 276 and House Bill 391. Thank you for sponsoring SB276. I look forward to all Alaskan workers being treated fairly by their State.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to ensure passage of this important legislation.

Very Truly Yours,

*Jim Gilbert*

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# FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version: SB 276  
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Identifier (file name): SB276-DOT-CA-02-26-08 Dept. Affected: DOT&PF  
 Title: Project Labor Agreements RDU: Admin & Support  
 Sponsor: Senator Bunde; Green Component: Contracting & Appeal  
 Requester: Senate State Affairs Component Number: 2355

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

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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

1002 Federal Receipts		0.0						
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

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

SB 276 allows for project labor agreements that create an alternate method for non union members to pay into a "fringe benefit program".

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## SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI

### Senate Bill 278: Serving Alaska's Veterans

The intent of SB 278 is to help the state and veterans' organizations find and provide services to Alaska's veterans. The bill would require the Department of Revenue to ask Permanent Fund Dividend applicants whether they are an American military veteran. By offering veterans the option of identifying themselves as veterans, we can help them and their families to access programs and benefits they have earned.

With about 75,000 veterans and 35,000 National Guard members, Reserves and active duty personnel across our state, Alaska has the highest per capita number of veterans in the nation. SB 278 will enable the State of Alaska and Alaskan-based veteran service organizations to better inform these veterans about programs and policies that affect them and their families.

It is in Alaska's best interest to ensure that all resident veterans receive the federal benefits they have earned from the Veterans Administration, the Department of Defense, and other agencies. The retirement checks and benefits Alaska veterans receive contribute more than a billion dollars to our economy every year, yet only one in five veterans receive benefits. If we were to double the number of veterans receiving benefits, we could help many additional families and create a significant economic boost to communities throughout the state.

One unintended consequence of federal and state privacy laws is that it has become almost impossible to find and connect with our veterans. It is in the State's and these individuals' best interest to ensure all veterans are informed of their rights to VA healthcare, burial rights, disability compensation, survivor benefits, housing loans, spousal assistance, college assistance, and vocational assistance. SB 278 attempts to reach these veterans who, for whatever reason, are not currently receiving the benefits they have earned or may be unaware of changes in the status of these programs.

Only the state and congressionally-chartered and state-approved veteran service organizations will have access to this register.

Please join me in supporting SB 278.

# LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH REPORT

FEBRUARY 8, 2008



REPORT NUMBER 08.154

## ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS IN ALASKA

PREPARED FOR REPRESENTATIVE DAVID GUTTENBERG

BY PATRICIA YOUNG, MANAGER

You asked for information on the current military population and the number of veterans in Alaska. Specifically, you wished to know the number of active duty military personnel and the numbers of National Guard and Reserve forces currently in the state. You also wished to know the number of veterans in Alaska and how Alaska compares to other states in regard to the percent of the population who are veterans.

The Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs provided the following data on active, Guard, and Reserve forces in the state as of December 31, 2007.

<b>Active Military Population in Alaska</b> (December 31, 2007)		
Active Forces	Army	11,402
	Navy	27
	Air Force	8,000
	Marines	22
	Coast Guard	2,116
<b>Total Active Forces</b>		<b>21,567</b>
National Guard and Reserves	Army National Guard	1,972
	Air National Guard	1,920
	Army Reserves	399
	Air Force Reserves	164
	Navy Reserves	78
	Marine Reserves	46
<b>Total Guard and Reserves</b>		<b>4,579</b>
Canadian Forces		30
<b>Total Military Population in Alaska</b>		<b>26,176</b>

**SOURCE:** Alaska Command (US Department of Defense and Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs).

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)—using data from the VA, from the Department of Defense (DoD), and from the Bureau of the Census—provides official estimates and projections of the veteran population using a specifically designed model (VetPop2007) that is updated periodically for improved methodology, more recent data, and changing needs. Each year, the model generates the estimated number of veterans by certain selected characteristics at the state and national levels. According to the VA model, as of September 30, 2007, the number of veterans in Alaska was 74,557.

In order to arrive at an estimate of the percent of the Alaska population represented by veterans, and to compare that with the percentage in other states, we combined the VA model estimates of state veteran populations with Census Bureau estimates of state populations as of July 1, 2007. Using those figures, we calculate that veterans currently make up approximately 11 percent of the total Alaska population. Veterans make up more than ten percent of the overall population in only six states, with similar percentages in Maine, Alaska, and Montana, followed closely by percentages in Wyoming, Virginia, and New Hampshire.

Looking at the portion of the population that is 18 years or over, however, may provide a more realistic picture of how veterans fit into state demographics. Because the most current available estimates of population by age group are for July 1, 2006, we paired those data with VA model estimates for September 30, 2006. Using these data, we calculate that in 2006, veterans made up 15 percent of the adult population of Alaska, the highest percentage in the nation.<sup>1</sup>

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We hope you find this information to be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

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<sup>1</sup> Montana and Wyoming followed Alaska, with 14.4 percent and 14.2 percent, respectively.



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March 4, 2008

Chairwoman Lesil McGuire and Members of the Committee  
Senate State Affairs Committee

**REF: SB278**

According to the latest statistics, Alaska now has almost 80,000 veterans which, as you know, is the highest per-capita in the United States. But under Federal and State privacy laws we are no longer able to find them and inform them of the rights and services they've earned through service and sacrifice.

Since the introduction last year of HB44 by Rep Guttenberg, Dahlstrom, Kerttula, & Lynn requiring the Permanent Fund Board include the question: "Are you an American Veteran?" on the PFD Dividend Application we have worked closely with the sponsor and the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs. We now are fully supportive of the bill as amended by the committee and ask you to consider their changes. We are also delighted with the number of new cosponsors who have decided to stand with us in finding our veterans.

We have met with the Governor's Advisory Council, staff of the AK Dept of Mil and Vet Affairs, and a number of Members of the House and Senate to examine the few concerns that have been raised. We believe that with a committee's changes, we have resolved these issues. We do object to the new fiscal note attached to this bill by the Dept of Revenue. These costs are clearly inflated and beyond belief. All that is required is 1) tweak the PFD software to pull off this list, 2) run the list/digitally to AK Dept of Mil & Vet Affairs. But, even if it does cost the state a few thousand a year to collect and process this list, the return of this small investment will be in the tens of millions to our veterans, their families, and the economy of our state.

That's right; this is not just an act that will benefit our veterans and their families. This act is in the economic best interest of Alaska. Veterans now annually generate over \$1 Billion in funds and services to our state's economy - that with the VA serving less than 20% of our veterans. This small act enables our Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and our Congressionally Chartered Veteran Service Organizations to locate and communicate with our veterans and their families. Every year Congress scolds the VA for its failure in "outreach" but this is honestly unfair, given all the restrictions now. In Alaska we have a unique means to accomplish this, by putting this simple question on the annual PFD Dividend Application. Then we can inform our veterans and their families of their rights to access services they earned.

### **VETERAN ECONOMIC IMPACT TO ALASKA**

- VA home loans represent **over half a billion** to our economy every year. (FY05 \$584M/3,500 homes)
- Military retirement payments account for over **\$165 Million** in direct cash to Alaskan families each year.
- Compensation for disabled veterans adds **\$97.2 Million** every year to our economy. (FY05 = 12,000 AK veterans w/in-service connected disabilities, FY06 it will be well over \$100 Million; 300 AK veterans received non-service connected pensions \$2.2 Million)
- VA medical services, provided in Alaska represent over **\$103 Million** in FY05.

- VA Education benefits 1,300 Alaska veterans totaling **\$11 Million**.
- VA Survivor/dependent benefits **\$6.2 Million** in FY05

As you can see, an increase of just 20% in the level of service provided Alaska's veterans would have a significant positive economic impact on our state and these deserving families.

On behalf of thousands of our veterans, thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

It is an honor:

**Ric Davidge**  
State Council President

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**March 6, 2008**

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**VVA Calls for \$5 Billion More for Health Care  
and Better Outreach**

(WASHINGTON, DC) – In testimony before a joint session of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs, VVA National President John Rowan both praised and damned Congress for actions taken and not taken, and hit on legislation that, if enacted, could make a huge difference in the lives of veterans and their families.

"Congress deserves our thanks for the significant increases in appropriations for veterans health care in the current fiscal year, although you must exercise stringent oversight to ensure that the funding goes to where it's supposed to go," Rowan said. "And we hope you will be firm in adding the \$5.24 billion that VVA believes is needed for FY'09, part of which would enable so-called 'higher income' veterans to enroll in the VA healthcare system.

"Still, we remain staunch in our advocacy for the passage of an assured funding bill that would end the annual wrangling over veterans healthcare funding," Rowan said. "We have endorsed H.R. 2514 and companion legislation in the Senate, S. 331, and we again urge you to give these your consideration particularly now, at a time when the VA should be anticipating an influx of 100,000 new veterans during the next fiscal year."

Rowan also noted legislation introduced recently by freshman Senator Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) to help returning veterans transition into colleges and universities and provide support to help them succeed in higher education. His "Supporting Education for Returning Veterans Act" would provide grants to institutions of higher learning to establish one-stop centers to provide services and support to veterans on campus.

Rowan reiterated VVA's support for S. 1314, which would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to have line items in its budget for outreach, a significant failing of that department. "There are tens of thousands of veterans who remain ignorant of the services and benefits available to them because of their service to our country," Rowan said. "And most of them don't get their health care at VA facilities."

Regarding an unacceptable situation faced by veterans who do get their health care at the VA medical center in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Rowan urged funding for an off-site parking facility and shuttle-bus service to transport VA workers to the VAMC, freeing up precious parking spaces for their patients. "This is no solution to the problems of infrastructure at that VAMC," Rowan said, "but it can alleviate a persistent problem."

To read the VVA's testimony go to <http://www.vva.org/testimony.html>

*Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is the nation's only congressionally chartered veterans service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's founding principle is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."*

**From:** George J. Bennett Sr. [mailto:huna44@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 02, 2008 2:13 PM  
**To:** Rep. John Harris; benno cleveland  
**Cc:** nangapak@nativefederation.org; ronakph@gci.net; jerrybeale@alaska.gov  
**Subject:** RE: HB44

I am supporting this bill because of all of the Vietnam Veterans and the Irag returnees, and my last communication with Ric Davidage, who is the State wide President of Vietnam Veterans of America, and he says that the Bill where we wanted to attach a question to the PDF application asking if the applicant is an American Veteran, and now it is being send to the Finance Committee, and Ric says that this would cost \$18,000 per year to do this. There is billions in Veteran funding involved here, that would benefit the Veterans who we can reach so that they can also benefit from this information. At \$18,000 should be no question, to about veterans who earned this right to be taken care of.

George J. Bennett Sr.

**From:** Ron Siebels [mailto:ronakph@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 02, 2008 4:05 PM  
**Subject:** RE: HB44

Great comments George, and spoken with a good heart. Thanks for supporting veterans, we need more good Patriots like you.

George, I maintain that from the major communities we are better prepared to reach the remote Alaska areas than they are to reach us. HB44 will enable us to reach out to those remote veterans so they can receive the benefits that they earned. It is important to note that this will be a voluntary item for veterans, it forces no one to do anything they don't want to do. There is not a single bad aspect to HB44, its intent is a good and honorable thing to do for our Brave men and women who need some help. HB44 only asks the question, "ARE YOU A VETERAN" and nothing more.

I still believe that our House and Senate Speakers will stand with us on this inexpensive yet very important issue. I also believe that the other good and caring members of our Juneau delegation will step up to give all of our veterans the assistance we need to achieve this legislative need. I still believe that they will lend their support and the powers of their elected position to get this done during this legislative session. I do not think they want to fail us.

I think our elected officials will see the federal financial gain that seems hidden in this issue. If our Alaska veterans can obtain the benefits they already earned but have so far been denied due to a zip code, then those incoming funds will add to the monetary gain of the Alaska economy.

It is important to note that HB44 provides the necessary tool in obtaining the fair return of a mutual contract. These brave men and women willingly put on the uniform and served and were promised certain benefits. Now it is time for our nation and Alaska to honor their part of that contract. This is indeed an issue of contractual fairness. To deny this bill is nothing more than building a wall between remote veterans and the benefits they honorably earned.

Many of our Alaska veterans are coming forth to assist both the new and old veterans. We who have the knowledge and ability must now lend our skills and conviction on behalf of those who carried the American sword so that others could sleep in peaceful beds and dream butterfly dreams.

George please know that our cause is a good cause and I think I stand with other vets when I say that I will not allow our honorable vets to suffer at the lazy hands of certain politicians who talk but do nothing.

It is quickly becoming apparent that we have some very caring and committed elected officials in Juneau and those who truly care are showing it

with their positive involvement. However, those who speak well but act without conviction are being exposed. In the last year or so Alaska veterans have finally started to come together with a united front. We are not asking for any favoritism, we are just standing up for our earned rights. Yes we are asking for the return of earned recognition that has somehow been forgotten by the growing complacency of American society. I continue to have hope that Alaska can and will do it better than the American locations who have taken the past hard days of veterans lives for granted. The time is right for the silent voices of our trusting veterans to be heard, and it is time for our elected officials to listen attentively.

Thank you George for helping veterans. I am proud to stand with you.

Ron Siebels  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
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Commander Chpt 593, Anchorage

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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Identifier (file name): SB278-DMVA-NGMHQ-3-06-08 Dept. Affected: DMVA  
 Title An Act relating to information from veterans on the permanent RDU Military and Veterans Affairs  
fund dividend application form Component NGMHQ  
 Sponsor Senator Wielechowski  
 Requester Senate State Affairs Component Number 2135

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

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1037 GF/Mental Health	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Interagency Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

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

No expected fiscal impact to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### SB 296 – Crime Victim Compensation Fund

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) was established into law under AS 18.67 in 1972, to help mitigate the financial hardships innocent victims can suffer as a direct result of violent crime. The Board may compensate medical expenses, counseling costs, lost income, lost support, funeral expenses and/or other reasonable costs sustained by Alaskan victims of violent crimes. The VCCB awards approximately 85% of its budget directly to victims and/or their service providers. The average amount the Board awards annually based on the past four years is \$1,345,338.

Available revenues, set forth in statute, consist of refunds from providers, inmate salaries, restitution payments, Permanent Fund dividends, and payments made by VCCB claimants under their repayment agreements. However, none of these revenues are available for Board clients with all of these funds being deposited into the General Fund.

Had the Board been able to actually receive these funds into their budget, the Board would have recovered an additional sixty-cents on every dollar from federal grants from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime. Without any effort the VCCB would have gained almost one-million dollars in ten years.

SB 296 would create a non-general fund program definition for the Violent Crimes Compensation Board and thereby generate additional funds with no additional outlay of state funds.

### **How much is being spent a year by the Board?**

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board awards approximately 85% of its budget directly to victims and/or their service providers. The average amount the Board awards annually based on the last four years is \$1,345,338. Board claimants live in all regions of the state including Alaska's remotest villages.

### **How much does the Board stand to gain if this bill were to pass and become law?**

Over a ten year period (1996-2006) with no effort the Board received \$572,973.63 in revenues. These revenues consisted of refunds from providers when the Board made payments on behalf of victims for services such as for medical service and insurance later paid. Other revenues included in-mate salaries paid the Board under AS 33.30.201(c)(2), restitution payments paid the Board to reimburse awards made by the Board on behalf of the payees' victim(s), and payments made by Board claimants under their repayment agreements. None of this revenue was available for Board clients. All of these funds were deposited into the General Fund.

If the Board had actually been able to receive the \$572,973.63 into its budget and expended it on awards, the Board would have recovered an additional \$343,784.18 through its US Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime grant. This grant is only available to state crime victim compensation programs and matches sixty cents for every state dollar expended. This money could have either been awarded on behalf of victims or left in the fund to gain interest. This is revenue that could have been the Board's without any effort.

Therefore, without any effort the Board would have gained almost one million dollars in ten years. Once deposits can be made into the fund, it is reasonable to expect revenues to increase.

### **A couple of "client" profiles describing the crime that brought the victim in, what compensation was provided, if possible - how the money was spent, and how the victim benefited from the program.**

The criminal case indicates there are three primary victims. The mother is listed as a victim of domestic violence and sexual assault. Her twenty-three year old daughter and her eighteen year old daughter are listed as victims of incest. The offender in the case is the husband/biological father. Once tried, it is expected he will get a long sentence. He is currently incarcerated awaiting trial. The family was supported by the suspect. The mother has gotten a part-time job. The eldest daughter has gotten a job and is living on her own. In addition to herself, the mother must now support four minor children. Several of her children are too young to be unsupervised. The family submitted applications to the Board while in a DV shelter. The Board is paying for counseling for the family. The Board is helping the family to plan for their future without the offending parent. The Board is paying to relocate them to a supportive location of their choice. The Board is paying for job training and crisis intervention-transitional assistance. The Board reimbursed wages lost to participate in prosecution processes and receive counseling. The Board provided a list of licensed childcare facilities in their area and agreed to pay for childcare for up to one year while the family gets on their feet.

Mary, Lisa, and John were sitting in the front seat of their vehicle traveling towards Palmer when an intoxicated driver crossed over into their lane of traffic. All three suffered serious injuries. Emergency responders didn't realize that Mary and John's son, John Jr. was in the vehicle's back seat. The vehicle caught on fire and the child died. The Board helped with funeral expenses and out-of-pocket medical costs. The Board helped in other ways and received a letter from Mary stating that she would not have been able to go on had it not been for the Board's help. She especially appreciated being able to purchase the wig that has helped her to feel "normal."

**Info provided by the Violent  
Crimes Compensation Board**

**STATE OF ALASKA  
VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD**

**FACT:**

- There are currently no victim assistance programs funded by the state to help victims of drunk drivers;
- The State of Alaska currently relies upon federal funding to cover the costs of its' forensic sexual assault exams;
- There is currently no program funded by the state whose focus is male adult victimization, child victimization, or victimization resultant from any type of crime except for domestic violence and sexual assault;
- Alaskan crime victims are living in remote locations with no existing referral resources;
- Many of Alaska's crime victims live in remote locations and often they have no access to any service and law enforcement presence is unavailable;
- The State of Alaska's crime victims' compensation program currently has no way to accept donations;
- The State of Alaska's crime victims' compensation program currently has no way to accept funds court ordered to be paid to the program in reimbursement for funds paid out;
- One Alaskan case prosecuted in the federal court netted a handful of victims more then the state had available for all victims statewide by the program in the same year

**STATE OF ALASKA  
VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD  
CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND**

**CHART 1**

In 1997, the Board started tracking Board revenues. The Board made no effort whatsoever to obtain these revenues. Without any effort, the Board's revenue between 1996 and 2006 was \$572,973.63. These revenues consisted of refunds from providers when the Board made payments on behalf of victims for services such as for medical service and insurance later paid. Other revenues included in-mate salaries paid the Board under AS 33.30.201(c)(2), restitution payments paid the Board to reimburse awards made by the Board on behalf of the payees' victim(s), and payments made by Board claimants under their repayment agreements. None of this revenue was available for Board clients. All of these funds were deposited into the General Fund.

**CHART 2**

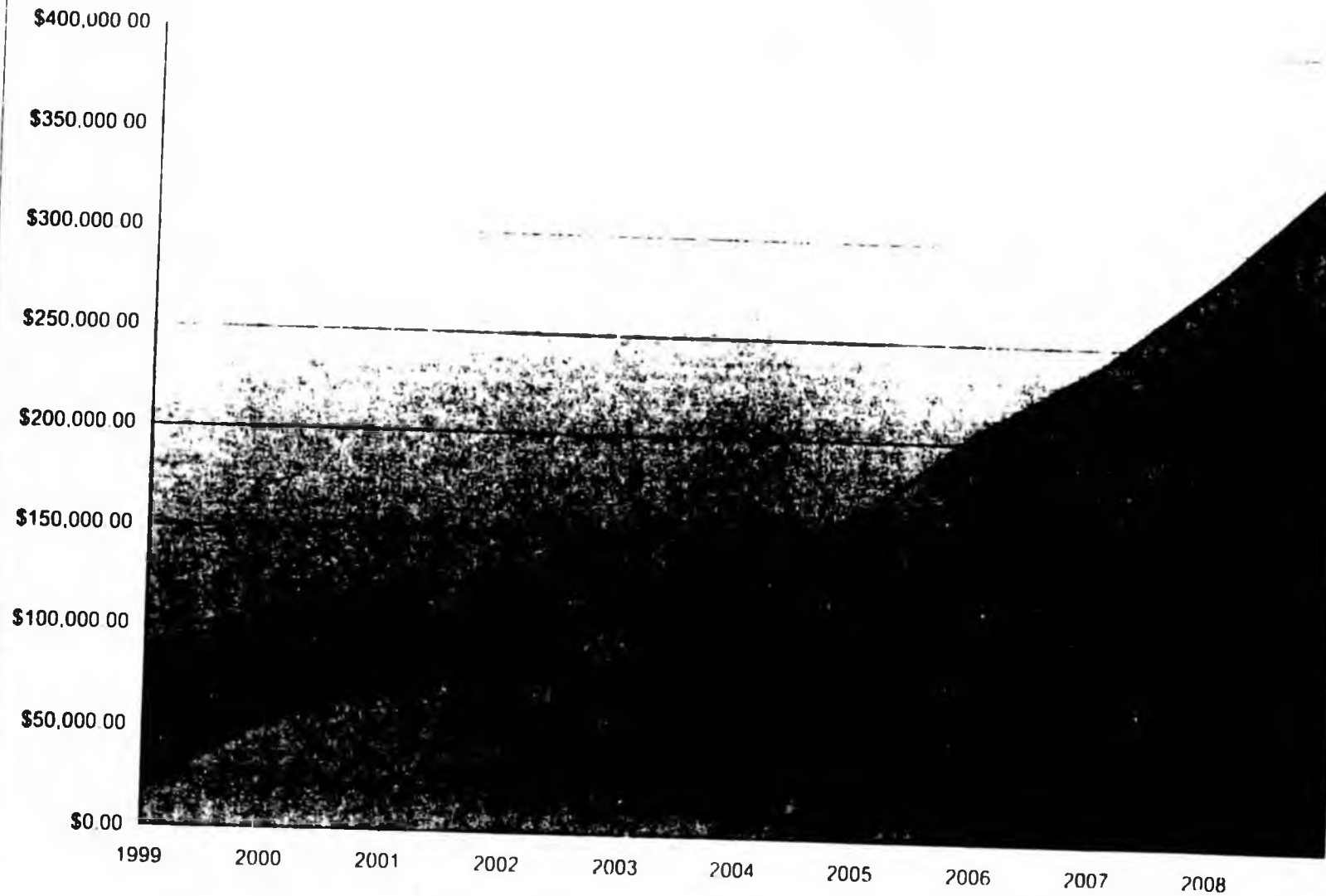
For every dollar the Board expends on crime victims, the Board recovers sixty cents through an annual federal grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime Fund. This Fund is comprised of fines and assessments against federal criminals. If the Board had been allowed to receive and expend its' revenues since 1996, with the matching grant that the Board would have received, additional revenues would have reached almost one million dollars.

**CHART 3**

If the Board would have been able to receive its' revenues since 1996 and deposits could have been made into the Crime Victim Compensation Fund, the Board would have had \$572,973.63 additional to award victims. If the Board had awarded those revenues, the Fund balance in 2007 would have been \$343,784.18. This number does not include interest which most certainly a Fund of this nature would garner. These funds would have been available for victims without ANY EFFORT.

WITH EFFORT it is conceivable the Fund would have been much larger. The monies in the Fund could be used to fund services beyond those currently covered by the Board. For example, the funds could be used to increase crime prevention programs, to provide victim recovery services, to pay for forensic sexual assault exams and train forensic nurses, and/or to fund additional law enforcement officers or prosecutors.

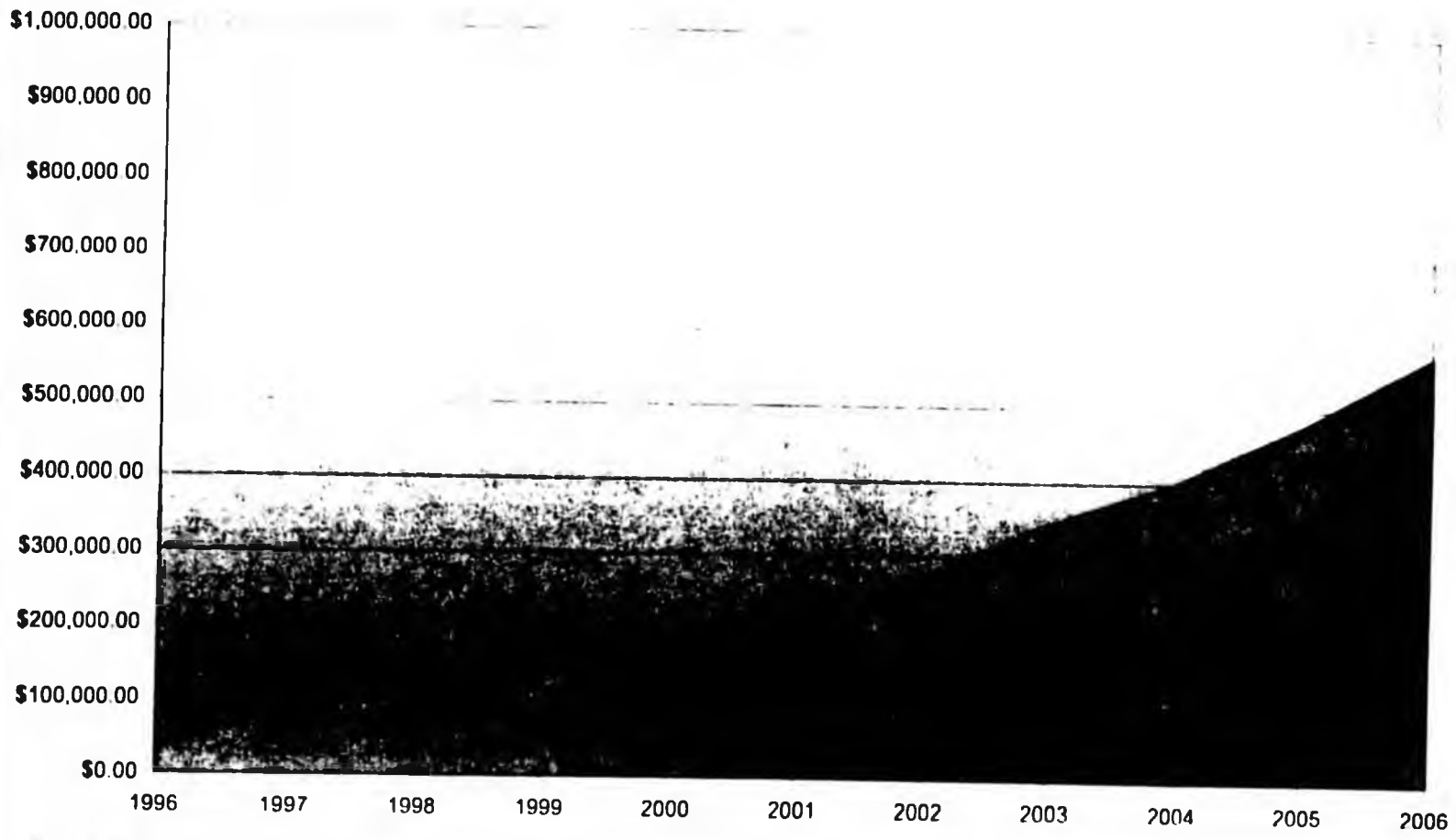
State of Alaska  
Crime Victim Compensation Fund Balances  
(If Deposits Could Have Been made)



■ This chart does not include potential interest

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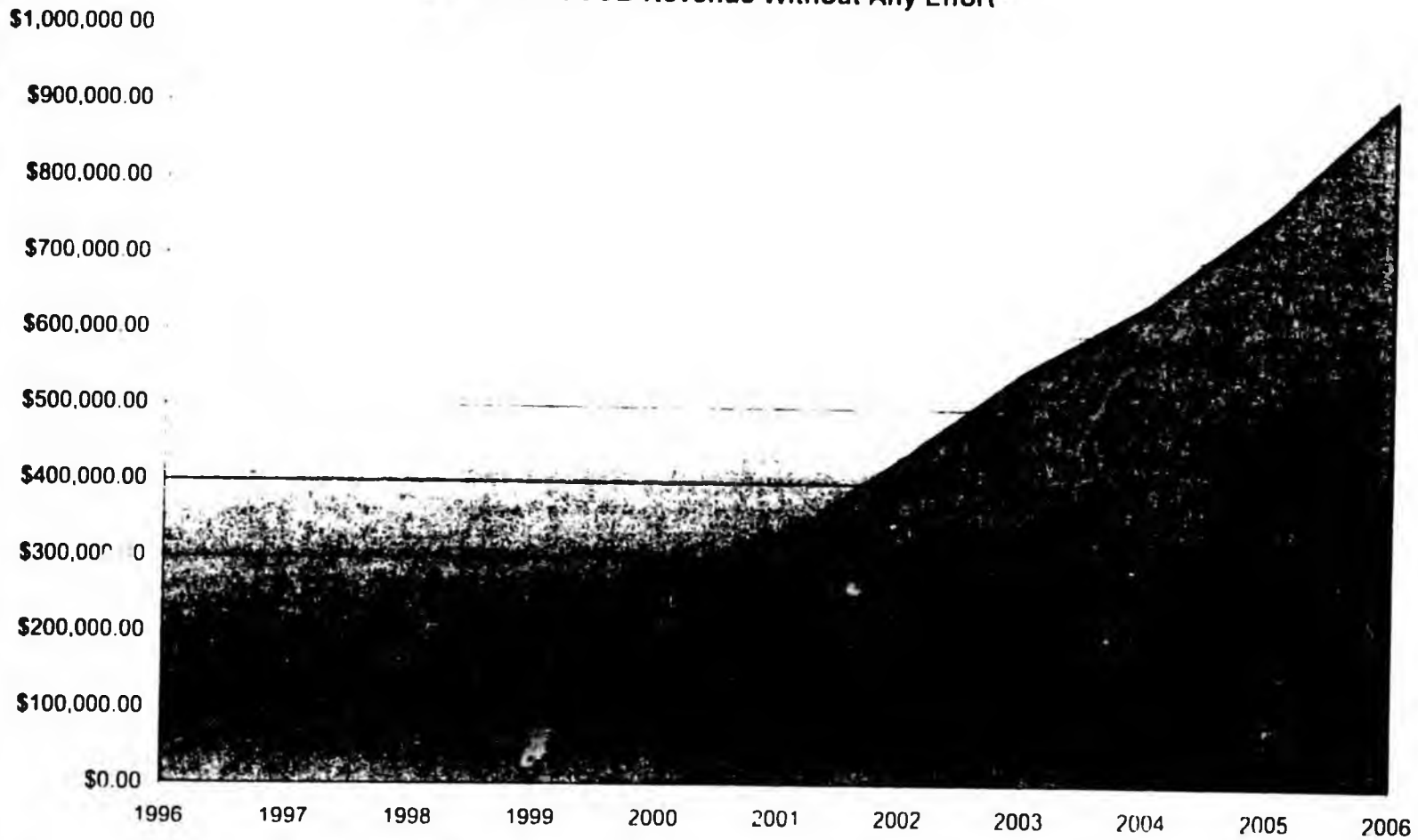
**Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
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■ Violent Crimes Compensation Board Unrestricted Revenue VCCB Revenue Without Any Effort NOT AVAILABLE FOR VICTIMS

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**Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
Unrestricted Revenue  
"Potential VCCB Revenue Without Any Effort"**



VCCB Revenue with Matching Federal Grant      NOT AVAILABLE FOR VICTIMS  
 VCCB Revenue State Funds                                      NOT AVAILABLE FOR VICTIMS

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**Member**

**THE HONORABLE SARAH PALIN**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**We are pleased to submit the Thirty-Fourth Annual Report of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. This annual report is submitted to meet the requirements of Alaska Statute 18.67.170 and to highlight the efforts of Governor Sarah Palin, the members of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature, law enforcement, public and private persons and agencies, and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board in helping innocent victims of violent crimes to pick up the pieces. While monetary compensation for losses does not make whole lives torn by violence, financial help does lessen the burden and can provide hope. The Violent Crimes Compensation Board and staff are thankful for the opportunity to serve the people of Alaska.**

**Respectfully,**

**The Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

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**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Chairperson and Public Member**

Gerad Godfrey

*February 19, 2003 to March 1, 2010*

**Member**

Leroy Barker, Esq.

*February 19, 2003 to March 1, 2008*

Regina C. Chennault, MD

*October 18, 2005 to March 1, 2009*

**BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

**Administrator**

Susan L. Browne

**Administrative Manager**

Pearl Younker

**Criminal Justice Technician**

Jeffrey Boucher

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**WHY WAS THE VCCB ESTABLISHED?**

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) was established by state law in 1972 to help mitigate the financial hardships innocent victims can suffer as a direct result of violent crime. As a key element in the recovery process, the VCCB provides timely financial help to victims in need and plays a crucial role in helping victims recover from the trauma and economic burden of criminal victimization.

The Board makes awards in a number of ways on behalf of innocent victims of certain violent crimes which occur in Alaska. The Board may compensate medical expenses, counseling costs, lost income, lost support, funeral expenses and/or other reasonable expenses and losses sustained by innocent victims of violent crimes in Alaska. The Board may also compensate similar losses sustained by Alaskans who are victims of violent crime in locations without a compensation program.

The Board provides for the payment of pecuniary loss to dependents of deceased victims and may award the full compensation available by statute to victims who are permanently disabled as a direct result of the crime. The program is a payer of last source. Compensation is awarded only for expenses not covered by a collateral source such as medical and automobile insurance, employee benefits, and assistance programs.

During this reporting period, the Board paid costs compensable under AS 18.67 on 386 cases involving victims age 17 and under and 416 cases involving adult victimization.

## **WHO IS HELPED BY THE VCCB?**

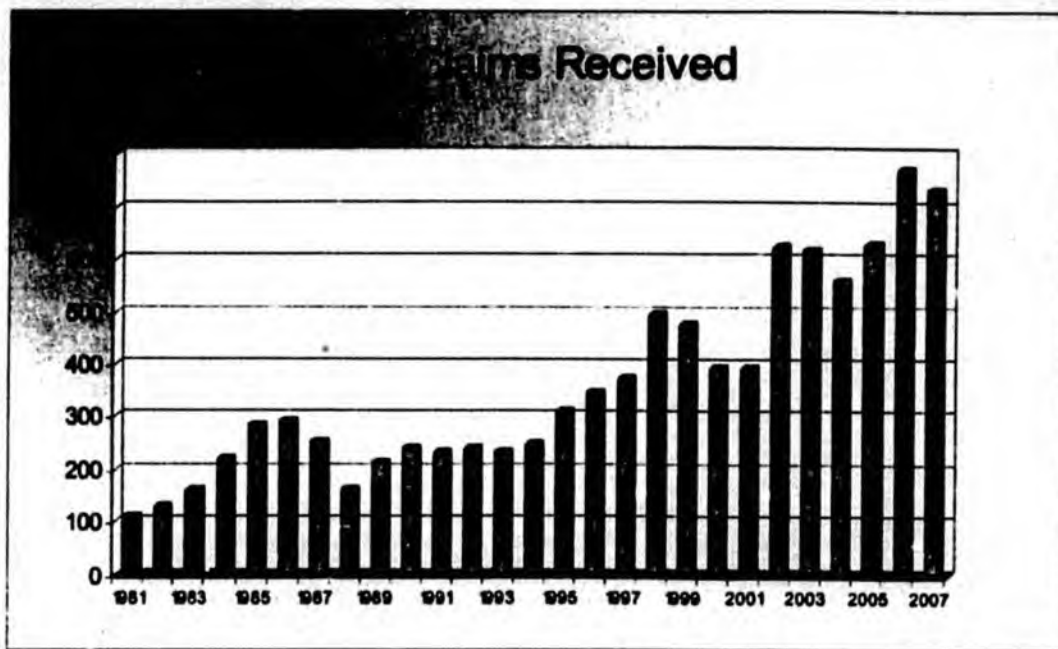
The VCCB attempts to mitigate the financial and emotional toll violent crime causes Alaskans and visitors to Alaska. The VCCB addresses the needs of innocent victims of violent crimes, the families of violent crime victims, and others who by virtue of their relationship to a crime victim incur losses. The Board considers applications (requests for compensation) based on violent crimes including homicide, assault in any degree, sexual assault, sexual abuse of a minor, child abuse and neglect, robbery in any degree, threats to do bodily harm, crashes involving intoxicated drivers (vehicles, boats, and airplanes), vehicular incidents in which a vehicle has been used as a weapon, terrorism, hit and run and trafficking in persons. The Board does not compensate loss or damage to personal property except in extreme circumstances where the safety of a victim could be in jeopardy. In those instances, the Board may replace locks and doors, pay for emergency cell phone or mail box service, and/or pay for security system costs.

The families of homicide and manslaughter victims can receive compensation through the program for funeral expenses, lost support, and other compensable expenses. Family members may submit copies of transportation and funeral cost receipts to the Board for consideration of reimbursement. Family members may seek the payment of counseling costs too. The Board is financially unable to make any "pain and suffering" awards.

Persons who by virtue of their relationship to the victim have incurred reasonable expenses may also apply for compensation. For example, relatives of a minor child who is an innocent victim of an eligible crime may apply for compensation of expenses incurred as a direct result of the crime. Eligible relatives include spouses, parents, grandparents, step-parents, natural born children, step-children, adopted children, brothers, sisters, half brothers, or spouse's parents. The Board considers equally claims based on applications from Alaskans victimized in Alaska, Alaskan visitors victimized while in Alaska, and Alaskans victimized in locations without a crime victim compensation program.

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Between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007, under the leadership of the Board, the State of Alaska continued in its commitment to serve innocent victims of criminal violence who may have suffered physical injury, emotional and mental trauma and/or financial loss. The Board considers an ever-increasing number of requests for crime victim compensation. Since 1985, the trend has been for the number of applications received to increase each year over the prior year(s). The following table illustrates this trend:



The Board receives applications for compensation from all regions of the state. The following table shows the number of applications received during the reporting period by location.

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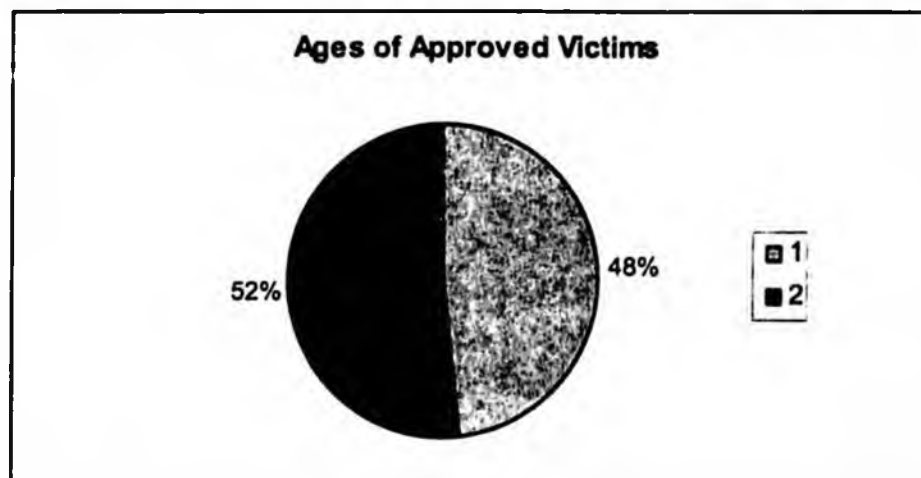
<b>Adak</b>	1	<b>Elim</b>	5	<b>Kiana</b>	2	<b>Sitka</b>	3
<b>Akiak</b>	1	<b>Emmonak</b>	3	<b>King Cove</b>	1	<b>Skagway</b>	2
<b>Aleknagik</b>	1	<b>Fairbanks</b>	65	<b>Kivalina</b>	7	<b>Soldotna</b>	14
<b>Allakaket</b>	2	<b>Fort Richardson</b>	2	<b>Kodiak</b>	9	<b>Saint Paul</b>	7
<b>Anchorage</b>	317	<b>Fort Yukon</b>	1	<b>Kotlik</b>	1	<b>Sutton</b>	4
<b>Anchor Point</b>	2	<b>Grayling</b>	1	<b>Kotzebue</b>	1	<b>Talkeetna</b>	6
<b>Atmautluak</b>	1	<b>Haines</b>	1	<b>Kwethluk</b>	2	<b>Tok</b>	1
<b>Barrow</b>	10	<b>Healy</b>	1	<b>Mountain Village</b>	2	<b>Tooksook Bay</b>	3
<b>Beluga</b>	2	<b>Homer</b>	31	<b>Newtok</b>	2	<b>Trapper Creek</b>	1
<b>Bethel</b>	9	<b>Hoonah</b>	1	<b>Nikiski</b>	3	<b>Tuluksak</b>	2
<b>Big Lake</b>	2	<b>Hooper Bay</b>	2	<b>Nikolai</b>	2	<b>Tyonek</b>	2
<b>Cohoe</b>	2	<b>Houston</b>	1	<b>North Pole</b>	3	<b>Unalaska</b>	2
<b>Cordova</b>	1	<b>Indian</b>	1	<b>Palmer</b>	12	<b>Venetie</b>	1
<b>Craig</b>	1	<b>Juneau</b>	36	<b>Petersburg</b>	2	<b>Wainwright</b>	4
<b>Douglas</b>	1	<b>Kake</b>	3	<b>Point Hope</b>	3	<b>Wales</b>	3
<b>Dot Lake</b>	1	<b>Kalskag</b>	2	<b>Salcha</b>	4	<b>Ward Cove</b>	2
<b>Dutch Harbor</b>	3	<b>Kasilof</b>	3	<b>Sand Point</b>	1	<b>Wasilla</b>	32
<b>Eagle River</b>	6	<b>Kenai</b>	33	<b>Selawik</b>	2	<b>Willow</b>	2
<b>Ekwok</b>	1	<b>Ketchikan</b>	13	<b>Seward</b>	9	<b>Wrangell</b>	1
		<b>Total Alaska</b>	<b>637</b>				
		<b>Iraq</b>	<b>1</b>				
		<b>Macedonia</b>	<b>1</b>				
		<b>Mexico</b>	<b>1</b>				
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>640</b>				

The following charts show how the funds were paid out during this reporting period, by resident and non-resident, age of victim, type of crime and type of service.

**VIOLENT CRIMES COMPENSATION BOARD  
AWARDS - 2007**



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48% of Claims Approved Involved Victims Age 17 and Under  
52% of Claims Approved Involved Victims Age 17 and Over