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## **HB311 - REPEAL OF COMPONENTS OF SB91**

### **Sponsor Statement**

Legislators work for the people of the State of Alaska and are directly responsible for creating law(s) essential to the assurance of the highest possible levels of public safety. They are equally charged with the imperative of recognizing when, in spite of the best intentions, those laws fall short of expectation.

While SB91 establishes some reforms enhancing public safety, it contains several components that have had the unintended consequence of creating conditions for increased crime on many levels.

The purpose of this legislation is to keep the effective reforms of SB91 in place, while repealing the components of SB91 that have clearly created a public safety deficit and opened a gateway to crime in our state.

Our citizens are demanding that their legislature address Alaska's issues with crime. This bill is strong affirmation to the people. It reestablishes the equilibrium relationship between crime and punishment, and upholds the public mandate for law and order.

I respectfully ask for your support of House Bill 311.