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SPONSOR STATEMENT: CS for HOUSE BILL 1

CSHB 1 closes a dangerous loophole in the Alaska statutes by allowing victims of stalking unacquainted with their stalkers to enjoy the security of a judicial protective order. Current law provides protection to those in domestic situations and minor children, but does not provide the victims of strangers equal protection under the law.

CSHB 1 allows the victims of stalking to seek and obtain a protective order in cases of stalking that are not crimes involving domestic violence. This bill streamlines the process for public safety and judicial practitioners by mirroring the arrest and notification procedures to those already in place for domestic violence situations. The bill adds the crime of violation of a child protective order and of a violation of stalking protective order, these changes also reflect existing practitioner procedures.

The Amendments made in House Judiciary Committee allow for perpetrators covered under this bill to be included in the central registry for the Department of Public Safety. A federal grant that has already been granted to the state will cover the costs of this inclusion.