

# Alaska Women's Lobby

Defending and advancing the rights and needs of women, children and families in Alaska since 1981

## LEGISLATIVE ALERT

HB 31--Sexual Assault Training and Exam Kits is scheduled for a hearing in Senate State Affairs this Thursday, March 22, at 3:30pm

Testify in person: Alaska State Capitol, Butrovich Room 205

HB 31 passed the House last session and has been sitting in SSTA—this is its first hearing in the Senate. Let's get this bill moving!

### Phone calls:

You can call in anytime during the meeting and ask to be placed in the Senate State Affairs Committee. You will be put on hold until it is your turn to testify in favor of the bill. You will have two minutes to tell the committee members why you think HB 31 should pass. Make your voice heard!

To call in from Anchorage: (907) 563-9085  
To call in from Juneau: (907) 586-9085  
To call in from anywhere else: (844) 586-9085

### Please RSVP!

Please RSVP to [Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov) so they'll know to expect you on the call. Each person will get two minutes.

### Written testimony:

If you can't call in or be there in person, please prepare a letter or email to Dear Senator, using the salutation below, and email it to [Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov). Her staff will collect and deliver them to the committee:

Alaska State Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

### What does HB 31 do?

- Requires an annual audit of untested rape kits, so that victims' evidence does not continue to be left on a shelf, and so that law enforcement can prioritize efforts to address the full scope of the backlog;
- Puts in statute a victim-centered approach to report sexual assault;
- Requires 12 hours of sexual assault response training at Alaska police academies.

Let your own Senator know about your support for the bill and ask her/him to sign-on as a cross-sponsor.

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