



February 8, 2023

The Honorable Representative Josephson  
Alaska State House of Representatives

Dear Representative Josephson:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I am writing to convey our support of HB22, "An Act relating to participation of certain peace officers and firefighters in the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; relating to eligibility of peace officers and firefighters for medical, disability, and death benefits; relating to liability of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

We are encouraged to see improvements made for the retirement of Alaska peace officers and fire fighters. Improvements to the retirement system would help to retain our trained and professional law enforcement officers. Thank you for re-introducing this bill for the current legislative session.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 907-277-0515 if there is anything our organization can do to help with the passage of this bill. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our state.

Sincerely,

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*About APOA*

*The Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA) is a dynamic, professional and non-partisan organization. Our membership consists of law enforcement, corrections, prosecutors, security professionals and others at the local, state and federal levels. APOA has served as a voice for peace officers and issues impacting the law enforcement profession for over half a century. We are one of the oldest and largest 501c(3) charitable, nonprofit organizations in Alaska. [www.apoaonline.org](http://www.apoaonline.org)*