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Pioneer Peak Monitoring using House Bill 15 to Alaskans' Advantage

The Alaska State Legislature passed House Bill 15 during the 2015 legislative session. HB 15 grants credit against a criminal sentence of imprisonment and awards good time deductions for time spent in treatment programs or under electronic monitoring in private Alaska residences. The bill was signed by Governor Walker May 14th and effective August 12th.

"The Alaska Legislature and Governor have reduced the State's Operating Budget with this responsible legislation," said Tarri Harrold-Jones, CEO and President of Pioneer Peak Monitoring, LLC. "Affording greater latitude in corrections practices through modern and effective electronic monitoring devices will clear jail cells, reduce hard bed costs and expedite the rehabilitation process, all of which save the tax payer \$158 per inmate, per day, beyond court and personnel expenses," added Harrold-Jones.

HB 15's sponsor, Rep. Tammie Wilson (R-Fairbanks), stated on April 15th, 2015 during a Senate Judiciary Committee "This is all pre-sentence, so no one has been found guilty of anything." Rep. Wilson alluded to the fact that rather than being in jail, a third-party representative and coinciding electronic monitoring reduces Alaska's pre-trial prison populations while allowing for treatment, employment and family connection to remain intact. In concert, Rep. Wilson stressed this is particularly important if the defendant is found not-guilty or charges are dismissed.

Pioneer Peak Monitoring works with clients throughout the state of Alaska offering GPS ankle monitoring, drug testing and alcohol monitoring utilizing SCRAM, (Secured Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring). "From local jail populations to overcrowded state prisons, cutting-edge technologies are a rapidly growing requirement for city, borough, and state programs in Alaska to minimize the number of incarcerated offenders yet still maintain public safety and hold offenders accountable," noted Harrold-Jones. "We're making a real difference in the state with families staying together, costs being shaved away from the government bureaucracy and court enforcement effectiveness undiminished."

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