

from the desk of Sen. Jacqueline A. Kolbe

Urging Support for SB 809

SB 809 is a simple bill that requires DHS and OHA to set in Rules how they include substantiated abuse in their fitness for duty determination. Currently, the standards and exactly how they weigh this information, isn't outlined in rules leaving a process that can be applied unevenly in similar circumstances. The bill also allows for a contested case hearing should an individual decide to challenge the determination. That contested case hearing does not affect the original substation, only the fitness for duty determination.

There is a list of automatically disqualifying crimes called the never-never list and this bill does not change or affect how those are included in the process. After the rule making, we hope that workers in this field will have a better understanding of the process and what to expect as potential outcomes.

The bill received a public hearing in both Senate Human Services and Senate Rules with no public opposition and passed out of Senate Rules with a unanimous Do-Pass recommendation.

The organizations below encourage your support of this simple due process bill.

