

# FISCAL NOTE

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**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2002      | FY 2003      | FY 2004      | FY 2005      | FY 2006      | FY 2007      |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Personal Services      | 397.8        | 486.9        | 486.9        | 486.9        | 486.9        | 486.9        |
| Travel                 |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Contractual            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Supplies               |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Equipment              | 24.0         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Land & Structures      |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Grants & Claims        |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Miscellaneous          |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b> | <b>421.8</b> | <b>486.9</b> | <b>486.9</b> | <b>486.9</b> | <b>486.9</b> | <b>486.9</b> |

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| <b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

|                          |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts    |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1003 GF Match            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1004 GF                  | 421.8        | 486.9        | 486.9        | 486.9        | 486.9        | 486.9        |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health    |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| Other (Specify Type)     |              |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>421.8</b> | <b>486.9</b> | <b>486.9</b> | <b>486.9</b> | <b>486.9</b> | <b>486.9</b> |

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

|           |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Full-time | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Part-time |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Temporary |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached.

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HB 172  
Fiscal Analysis  
Alaska Court System

House Bill 172 allows the court system to establish a pilot court in Anchorage and another in Bethel for the prosecution and treatment of defendants who are addicted to alcohol. The focus of these therapeutic courts will be those charged with multiple DWI offenses.

The court system and the Department of Law estimate that the Anchorage court will see 80 defendants a year, and the Bethel court will see 15 cases the first half-year and 45 cases a year in years two and three.

Therapeutic courts are resource-intensive for the court system. They require defendants to appear regularly before the judge to report on progress and to appear for sanctions if they have failed to meet the program requirements. In order to meet this additional workload, and because the Anchorage and Bethel courts are already beyond their carrying capacity for felony cases, this bill calls for a new superior court judge in each location.

The superior court judge position in Bethel will replace the current district court position in that location so the fiscal impact is the difference between a district court judge and a superior court judge.

In both Anchorage and Bethel, a superior court judge position comes with a law clerk, a secretary, and an in-court clerk. The Anchorage position includes a court clerk to coordinate and schedule the therapeutic court procedures. This fiscal note includes one-time expenses for equipment for the judges and their staff.

Alaska Court System  
 Therapeutic Drug Court HB 172  
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| <u>Positions for Bethel</u>                               | <u>Range</u> | <u>FY02 Cost</u><br><u>Position Cost</u> | <u>FY03 Full Year Cost</u><br><u>Position Cost</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Superior Court Judge (6 months)                           | 82A          | \$ 72,821                                | \$ 145,642                                         |
| Law Clerk (6 months)                                      | 13D          | \$ 30,777                                | \$ 61,553                                          |
| Secretary (6 months)                                      | 12A          | \$ 26,336                                | \$ 52,671                                          |
| In-Court (6 months)                                       | 10A          | \$ 23,378                                | \$ 46,755                                          |
| Equipment (3 desks, 3 chairs, 3 computers)                |              | \$ 9,000                                 | \$ -                                               |
| Total Superior Court Judge Position & Staff               |              | \$ 162,311                               | \$ 306,621                                         |
| <b>Less:</b> District Court Judge FY01 Funding (6 months) |              | \$ (64,161)                              | \$ (128,321)                                       |
| Net Funding Required for Bethel Positions                 |              | \$ 98,150                                | \$ 178,300                                         |
| <b><u>Positions for Anchorage</u></b>                     |              |                                          |                                                    |
| Superior Court Judge                                      | 82A          | \$ 138,467                               | \$ 138,467                                         |
| Law Clerk for Superior Court Judge                        | 13D          | \$ 48,130                                | \$ 48,130                                          |
| Secretary                                                 | 12A          | \$ 41,997                                | \$ 41,997                                          |
| In-Court Clerk                                            | 12A          | \$ 41,997                                | \$ 41,997                                          |
| Court Clerk                                               | 10A          | \$ 38,018                                | \$ 38,018                                          |
| Equipment (5 desks, 5 chairs, 5 computers)                |              | \$ 15,000                                | \$ -                                               |
| Funding Required for Anchorage Positions                  |              | \$ 323,609                               | \$ 308,609                                         |
| <b>Fiscal Note Total</b>                                  |              | <b>\$ 421,759</b>                        | <b>\$ 486,909</b>                                  |