

# FISCAL NOTE

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Title	Geographic Differential for Judges	Appropriation	Trial Courts
Sponsor	House Rules Committee	Allocation	
Requester	Alaska Court System	OMB Component Number	768

### Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	765.8		765.8	765.8	765.8	765.8	765.8
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>765.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>765.8</b>	<b>765.8</b>	<b>765.8</b>	<b>765.8</b>	<b>765.8</b>

<b>FUND SOURCE</b>		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF	765.8		765.8	765.8	765.8	765.8
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>765.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>765.8</b>	<b>765.8</b>	<b>765.8</b>	<b>765.8</b>

<b>POSITIONS</b>							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>							
Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)							

(separate supplemental appropriation required)

<b>Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs</b>							
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)							

(separate capital appropriation required)

### Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

<b>Initial version</b>
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### **Analysis**

House Bill 300 amends the statutes governing the geographic cost of living adjustments that apply to judges' and justices' salaries. Under current law, and unlike all other state employees, judges and justices have two caps on their cost of living adjustment. The first is an artificially low adjustment calculation; the second is a restriction on the amount of their salary to which the adjustment applies.

Alaska Statute 22.35.010 states that the geographic cost of living adjustment for judges and justices is limited to a maximum of 17.5% and applies only to the first \$40,000 of their salary (for a maximum of \$7,000). No other state employees are subject to these restrictions.

House Bill 300 fixes this discrepancy by deleting AS 22.35.010 and tying the geographic differentials received by judges and justices to the statute that sets the geographic differentials for salaries received by executive branch employees not represented by a union.

This note reflects the fiscal impact on the trial courts of the reformed geographic cost of living adjustment proposed by HB 300.