

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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Identifier (file name) SB058-DOA-OPA-1-29-11
 Title An Act increasing the number of superior court judges.....
 Sponsor Senate Rules Committee
 Requester Senate Judiciary
 Dept. Affected Administration
 Appropriation Legal and Advocacy Services
 Allocation Office of Public Advocacy
 OMB Component Number 43

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required		Information				
	FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services	181.7		181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7
Travel	4.1		4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Services	30.2		30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2
Commodities	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Capital Outlay	13.4		1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	232.4	0.0	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	232.4		220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
TOTAL	232.4	0.0	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

Full-time	2.0		2	2	2	2	2
Part-time							
Temporary							

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

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BILL NO. SB 58

Analysis

This bill will create two new Superior Court judge positions in the Third Judicial District. The agency has been advised that these two judges will be handling Anchorage Child in Need of Aid (CINA) matters. Currently, there are ten Anchorage Superior Court judges handling CINA matters. The addition of two new Superior Court judges will considerably increase the number of CINA cases heard on a weekly basis.

The Office of Public Advocacy currently has five full time staff attorneys in Anchorage who represent parents in CINA matters. These attorneys are within a staff section with a total of eight attorneys and two support staff (one law office assistant and one paralegal). The addition of two more judges will greatly increase the demands on these attorneys and staff to prepare for and appear in court for CINA matters. In order to adequately address the increased demands on the agency, the agency will need one additional attorney and one additional law office assistant.