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Title: VPSO FIREARMS
Sponsor: OLSON
Requester: Senate Community & Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Village Public Safety Officer Program
Allocation: Village Public Safety Officer Program
OMB Component Number: 3047

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Personal Services							
Travel	35.0		35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
Services	10.0		10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Commodities	17.6		17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	62.6	0.0	62.6	62.6	62.6	62.6	62.6

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	62.6		62.6	62.6	62.6	62.6	62.6
Total	62.6	0.0	62.6	62.6	62.6	62.6	62.6

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 05/01/14

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill precludes the Department of Public Safety (DPS) from adopting regulations that prohibit Village Public Safety Officers who otherwise meet minimum standards and training from carrying firearms.

Regulations under 13 AAC 96.040(b)(7)(8) currently prohibit a VPSO from carrying a handgun in the performance of their duties except in an emergency. A regulations project is now underway with a projected adoption date of no later than May 1, 2014. The proposed regulations would give the employers of VPSOs the discretion to allow VPSOs who otherwise meet minimum standards and training to carry a firearm in the performance of their duties. Because firearms training is not currently included in the basic rural law enforcement academy that VPSOs attend, this will be a new cost to DPS.

It is anticipated that DPS will provide initial firearms training to 20 VPSOs per year at the DPS Training Academy in Sitka, AK, beginning in FY 2015. The five-day training will be in addition to, and separate from, the basic rural law enforcement training academy. DPS plans to absorb the cost of any annual requalification training for VPSOs.

The total annual costs are estimated to be \$62,600 beginning in FY 2015. A breakdown of the annual costs is provided below:

Travel: \$35,000

Travel costs are estimated at \$1,750 per VPSO for a total annual cost of \$35,000 ($\$1,750 \times 20 = \$35,000$)

Services: \$10,000

Services are comprised of the additional liability insurance cost of \$500 per VPSO. In addition to the VPSOs that will receive firearms training at the training academy each year, the department anticipates there will be VPSOs hired that will already meet the minimum training requirement; therefore, this cost may fluctuate slightly.

Liability insurance: \$10,000 ($\$500/\text{VPSO} \times 20 \text{ VPSOs}$)

Commodities: \$17,600

Commodities include the cost of firearms and magazines, holsters, ammunition pouches, and ammunition, itemized as follows:

- Handguns w/3 magazines: \$8,200 ($\$410/\text{ea.} \times 20$)
- Holsters: \$3,400 ($\$170/\text{ea.} \times 20$)
- Ammunition pouches: \$600 ($\$30/\text{ea.} \times 20$)
- Academy ammunition: \$5,000 ($1,000 \text{ rounds} \times \$0.25/\text{round} \times 20$)
- Simulator ammunition: \$400 ($20 \text{ rounds} \times \$1.00/\text{round} \times 20$)