

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 108  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: SB108-DOA-OPA-02-21-14  
Title: LIMIT PUBLIC ACCESS TO CRIMINAL RECORDS  
Sponsor: DYSON  
Requester: Senate Judiciary

Department: Department of Administration  
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services  
Allocation: Office of Public Advocacy  
OMB Component Number: 43

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

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

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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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? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version
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**FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS**

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**BILL NO.** SB 108

**Analysis**

Senate Bill 108, sponsored by Senator Dyson, would bar public access to criminal case records or files in instances where the accused defendant was either acquitted or the prosecution dismissed the case. If enacted as filed, the bill would protect the Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) clients whose criminal cases fit into one or the other of those categories. The bill would also impede the ability of OPA professionals, including attorneys, guardians ad litem and public guardians, from using those court files as a source of information or evidence about witnesses, backgrounds and physical evidence.

The bill, if enacted, would therefore have some impact upon OPA operations, administration and clients. The public and other agencies and companies which may rely upon criminal case records for background and research information would, in such cases, have to seek desired information from other sources. The fiscal impact would likely be slight but could increase with the use of alternative methods and sources for acquiring information and evidence. The Office of Public Advocacy submits a zero impact fiscal note at this time.