

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2014 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SJR021CS(JUD)-AJC-2-28-14
Title: CONST. AM: MEMBERSHIP OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL
Sponsor: KELLY
Requester: Senate Judiciary Committee

Department: Alaska Court System
Appropriation: Judicial Council
Allocation: Judicial Council
OMB Component Number: 771

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	11.0		11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7
Services	0.2		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Commodities	1.1						
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	12.3	0.0	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	12.3		11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9
Total	12.3	0.0	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9	11.9

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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? n/a

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Revised to reflect changes in resolution passed out of Senate Judiciary Committee on 2/26/14.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

CSSJR21(JUD) proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the membership of the Alaska Judicial Council from seven to ten members. If CSSJR21(JUD) becomes law during this legislative session, the proposal to amend the constitution would be put to the voters on the November 2014 ballot. If the voters approve the amendment, the change would become law during FY2015.

The law would increase costs for AJC members to travel for meetings to nominate applicants for state judgeships. Travel costs would increase for two reasons: (1) a larger number of Council members will need to travel, and (2) the larger number of Council members would cause meetings to last longer, thus incurring additional meal and lodging expenses. The amount is based on an average of our Council member current travel costs. The travel costs will be slightly lower in FY15 than in subsequent years because the new Council members would not be appointed until partway through the 2015 fiscal year.

The three new Council members will need electronic devices for storing and viewing meeting materials. This commodity cost is a one-time cost.

The impact of this change on staff time and conference room space is not able to be determined at this time.