

SFIN CS for SB 64 (JUD)

SFIN CS for SB 64 (JUD) makes the following changes:

- Increases the felony theft level from \$750 to \$1,200
There was consensus to move the felony theft level.
- Moves the 24/7 Sobriety testing program from Department of Corrections to the Department of Health and Social Services*
There is a pilot program currently in Health and Social Services, a three year pilot project for 24/7 alcohol/drug testing in the communities of Anchorage/Matsu/Fairbanks
- Moves the Recidivism Reduction Fund from Department of Corrections to the Department of Health and Social Services*
As we heard in public testimony from the Department of Corrections, they do not have granting/receipt authority to do this and would have to ramp up some infrastructure to do so. The program will be a better fit in HSS.
- Completely removes the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission*
After committee discussion it was pointed out that some of the same outcomes could be accomplished with a taskforce or some other means rather than have another ongoing commission, which costs money that could be better used in programming. There are several organizations that could be tasked with evaluating or studying recidivism in Alaska—in fact some already have: UAA Justice Center, Alaska Native Justice Center, Alaska Immigration Justice Project, the Recidivism Working Group, or ISER.
- Adds language to correctional screening for fetal alcohol syndrome, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder or another brain-based disorder
This was done in consultation with both co-chairs, the vice chair and the Alaska Mental Trust Authority.
- *Changes should result in a substantially reduced fiscal note from the Department of Corrections, a new fiscal note from the Department of Health and Social Services that while it will note costs, will be less than what the Department of Corrections proposed. It is anticipated that the Alaska Court System would submit a zero fiscal note.*