

Fiscal Note

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Title: OMBUDSMAN
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST
Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Alaska Legislature
Appropriation: Legislative Council
Allocation: Ombudsman
OMB Component Number: 790

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2014	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2014 Request	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/13

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial Version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB 127 allows for the Ombudsman to receive step increases on the salary schedule set out in AS 39.27.011(a). By unlocking the position from step A, the Office of the Ombudsman would follow standard personnel policies regarding initial step placement and increases. Because the legislative agencies are restricting hiring and merit increases for FY14, the Ombudsman does not expect to implement any step increase in FY14, and thus no additional funds are requested for FY14. Any subsequent step increases will be handled through the normal personal services budgetary process for the Ombudsman's Office.

HB 127 will change the ombudsman's procedure for issuing investigative reports, and the ombudsman expects to revise the office's regulations in accordance with the statutory change. If all provisions of HB 127 are enacted, then the legislation will also necessitate new regulations specific to the handling of any attorney-client privileged material provided to the ombudsman by a state agency; reenactment of the ombudsman's procurement regulations; and new regulations implementing the ombudsman's jurisdiction over certain contractors performing services for state agencies.

HB127 also contemplates a limited expansion of the ombudsman's jurisdiction, to encompass certain types of contract service providers. This expansion would not be effective until 2015, so there is no additional appropriation for FY14. The ombudsman anticipates that existing staff are sufficient to absorb the modest anticipated increase in workload; therefore, the cost estimates are zero.

No other provisions of HB 127 should require an increased appropriation.