

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 178  
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Identifier: HB178-DPS-LAB-03-28-13  
Title: RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN DRUG OFFENSES  
Sponsor: ISAACSON  
Requester: (H) Judiciary

Department: Department of Public Safety  
Appropriation: Statewide Support  
Allocation: Laboratory Services  
OMB Component Number: 527

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
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							
<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 (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? 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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### Analysis

This bill would adjust the penalties related to certain offenses involving possession of schedule IA and IIA controlled substances.

The sections of the bill relating to possession of specific quantities of a controlled substance will affect the analysis practices within the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (SCDL). The minimum thresholds established by this bill will require testing of enough of the substance to meet the threshold.

For example, whereas the SCDL currently may need to positively identify only one tablet to determine whether it was a prohibited substance under the law, analysis of at least 15 tablets (if present) may now need to be analyzed to meet the threshold and burden of proof.

Though there will be some impact to the workload, it is expected that the SCDL can manage it within its current staffing. Therefore, a zero fiscal note is being submitted.