

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: HB214CS(L&C)-ACS-TRC-03-17-16
Title: REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS
COMMISSION
Sponsor: OLSON
Requester: House Labor & Commerce

Department: Judiciary
Appropriation: Alaska Court System
Allocation: Trial Courts
OMB Component Number: 768

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	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 (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The CS for HB 214 would eliminate the Alaska Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission currently housed within the Department of Labor, and transfer jurisdiction over appeals pending in that Commission and all future appeals from the decisions of the Workers' Compensation Board to the superior court.

Based on case data provided by the Commission, an average of 33 appeals per year were handled by the Commission over the last ten years. The court system therefore anticipates that, under this bill, the superior court would be handling an additional 33 administrative appeals from the Board each year, on average. These additional cases would be presided over by a superior court judge; we anticipate that the impact of these new cases would be spread across jurisdictions and could be handled by our superior court judges without additional resources.

The court system does not anticipate that this bill would change the caseload of the Supreme Court, which already currently handles appeals from the Commission. Its jurisdiction would not be altered under this bill; the appeals would simply come from the superior court instead of from the Commission.

The court system anticipates that it will be able to absorb the increased caseload into its operations without a fiscal impact, and therefore submits this zero fiscal note.