Fiscal Note

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Title: ADOPTION OF CHILD IN STATE CUSTODY
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: Senate Judiciaray Committee

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				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	**FY 2017**	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**
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							

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Reflects current version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The HSS Committee Substitute for House Bill 200 makes changes to numerous procedures in child in need of aid (CINA) cases. When a person wishes to adopt or become a guardian for a child in state custody (i.e., a child who is the subject of a CINA case), the person would be required to file the petition for adoption or guardianship in the existing CINA case, rather than as a separate proceeding. The venue for the adoption and guardianship would be the same location as the ongoing CINA case. The court would hold those petitions in abeyance in the CINA case until it approves adoption or legal guardianship as the permanent plan for the child.

In addition, in CINA cases involving an Indian child, House Bill 200 would allow a person to initiate an adoption or guardianship of the Indian child through a "proxy for a formal petition" brought forward in the CINA case. A proxy may be an oral request by any person at any court hearing, or a request conveyed to the Department of Health and Social Services by any means by the Indian child's tribe, family member, member of the tribe, or family friend.

House Bill 200 also amends a number of court rules (Adoption Rules and Child In Need of Aid Rules) to implement the venue and filing procedures that are changed by the preceeding sections of the bill.

The court can implement the procedural changes to CINA, adoption, and guardianship cases as described in this bill without fiscal impact, and therefore submits this zero fiscal note.