

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2019 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 15
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Identifier: HB015-DOA-OPA-3-1-19
Title: SENTENCING: VEHICLE THEFT
Sponsor: FIELDS
Requester: (H)STA

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services
Allocation: Office of Public Advocacy
OMB Component Number: 43

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2020 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2020 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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/comments:

Not applicable, initial version based on the 2-13-19 Governor's FY2020 request.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation expands the mandatory sentencing range for a first-time conviction for vehicle theft in the first degree. This bill places the sentencing floor at 120 days and a ceiling at two years of incarceration. Increased penalties in felony cases often result in increases in contested hearings.

Cases with increased penalties require more litigation throughout all stages of litigation, but particularly increase jury trials, contested sentencing hearings, and post-conviction litigation.

The Agency cannot predict the number of vehicle theft cases which would also be first time felonies for clients appointed counsel. The Office of Public Advocacy, therefore, submits an indeterminate fiscal note subject to review of estimates from the Department of Law on potential caseload impacts.