Fiscal Note State of Alaska Bill Version: **HB 15** 2019 Legislative Session Fiscal Note Number: () Publish Date: Identifier: HB015-DOA-PDA-3-1-19 Department: Department of Administration Title: SENTENCING: VEHICLE THEFT Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services **FIELDS** Public Defender Agency Sponsor: Allocation: Requester: (H)STA OMB Component Number: 1631 **Expenditures/Revenues** Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars) Included in FY2020 Governor's **Out-Year Cost Estimates** Appropriation FY2020 Requested Request **OPERATING EXPENDITURES** FY 2021 FY 2020 FY 2022 FY 2023 FY 2024 FY 2025 **FY 2020** 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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 Public Defender Agency, therefore, submits an indeterminate fiscal note subject to review of estimates from the Department of Law on potential caseload impacts.

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