

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2019 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 8
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Identifier: SB008-JUD-ACS-01-18-19
Title: ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION
RECORDS
Sponsor: BEGICH
Requester: Senate Judiciary

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)

	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	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

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Senate Bill 8 would require certain criminal cases to be made unavailable to the public. Sections 3 and 4 are the bill sections that would impact the court system. Section 3 specifies that if a defendant was convicted under AS 11.71.060 for possession of less than one ounce of a schedule VI A controlled substance (marijuana), and if that person was not convicted of any other charge in the same case, then the court will make that case file confidential.

The effect of making court case files confidential is that confidential cases do not appear on the public version of CourtView (cases searchable via the court's website), and members of the public may not access that case file at a court facility.

The court system can remove these cases from the public version of CourtView, and can disallow public access to the paper files, without fiscal impact. Doing so will require some staff time for administrators to revise the CourtView parameters and electronically designate the files as confidential, but we are able to absorb that task in the normal course of business.

The court system therefore submits this zero fiscal note.