

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 236
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Title: VETERANS; SENTENCE PROG; CRIM
PROCEDURE
Sponsor: TOBIN
Requester: Senate State Affairs

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)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
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						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) 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? N/A
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

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 236, version A, creates a new alternative program for imposing criminal sentences for defendants who have been identified as veterans. Sec. 4. The court may, in its discretion, use the alternative sentencing program when a veteran is convicted of a misdemeanor or Class C felony, if there are indicators that the defendant has symptoms of a condition from military service that may have contributed to the criminal offense. Sec.4, new AS 12.55.057(b).

Under the program, the court may order probation and/or treatment, and may develop a case plan that has a professional's assessment and provides for supervision. The court can establish the conditions for participation, and after a final hearing, can set aside the conviction. Sec. 4, new AS 12.55.057(d), (e), and (f).

Section 5 amends the existing statute that lists mitigating factors; these factors may be used at sentencing for a felony to allow a term of imprisonment below the presumptive sentencing range. Sec. 5. The new mitigating factor would apply if the defendant is a veteran with certain conditions.

At this time, the court system is unable to determine what the scope and application of the new program will be. As the bill proceeds through the committee process and is more fully explained and refined, the court system may be in a better position to estimate an actual fiscal impact. At this stage, the court system anticipates that the change in operations will cause a fiscal impact, but is unable to estimate the amount of the impact with any certainty.

Therefore, the court system submits this indeterminate fiscal note for SB 236 at this time, with the intention that this note will be updated with more precise amounts as the bill moves forward and more information becomes available.