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Title: PROPERTY POSSESSION AND PROPERTY
CRIMES
Sponsor: BJORKMAN
Requester: (S) Judiciary

Department: Department of Law
Appropriation: Criminal Division
Allocation: Criminal Justice Litigation
OMB Component Number: 2202

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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services	456.2		456.2	456.2	456.2	456.2	456.2
Travel	20.0		20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Services	80.0		80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0	80.0
Commodities	10.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	566.2	0.0	561.2	561.2	561.2	561.2	561.2

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	566.2		561.2	561.2	561.2	561.2	561.2
Total	566.2	0.0	561.2	561.2	561.2	561.2	561.2

Positions

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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? 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB 207 amends the crimes of criminal trespass in the first degree, forgery in the second degree, and deceptive business practices, and creates a new expedited civil removal process for unauthorized occupants. Criminal trespass in the first degree is elevated to a class B felony if a person unlawfully enters or remains in a dwelling and causes \$1,000 or more in damages. A class B felony is punishable by 1–3 years of imprisonment, with a maximum possible term of 10 years. The bill also amends forgery in the second degree to include rental agreements; thus, a person who falsely makes or possesses a forged rental agreement with intent to defraud would commit a class C felony, punishable by 0–2 years of imprisonment, with a maximum possible term of 5 years. In addition, deceptive business practices is amended to include selling, leasing, or advertising a dwelling without the legal right to do so, which would likewise constitute a class C felony.

The Criminal Division currently receives approximately 300 referrals per year under AS 11.46.320(a)(2); however, those matters are generally prosecuted as misdemeanors and do not involve the level of litigation anticipated under this bill. The felony enhancement will require grand jury proceedings, expanded discovery, increased motion practice, and longer trials. In addition, these cases are expected to involve disputed property interests, claims of ownership or tenancy, and parallel civil issues that are not typical of current misdemeanor trespass referrals. This added legal complexity will require significantly more attorney time per case. Cases that are presently referred to municipal prosecutors (particularly in Anchorage) will be referred to the State because municipalities do not prosecute felonies, resulting in a direct workload shift to the Department of Law.

Given the anticipated increase in felony filings and the greater complexity of these cases, the Department requests funding for two additional prosecutor positions within the Criminal Division

Personal Services:	\$228.1	Attorney 4, range 24, full-time, Anchorage
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Travel:	\$20.0	Annual travel
Services:	\$80.0	For statewide core services chargebacks such as lease space, telephones, etc.
Commodities:	\$10.0	One-time setup costs for equipment and space in FY2027
	\$5.0	Ongoing supply and equipment costs