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PROCEDURE
Sponsor: TOBIN
Requester: (S) STA

Department: Judiciary
Appropriation: Judicial Council
Allocation: Judicial Council
OMB Component Number: 771

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	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services	39.0		39.0	39.0	89.0	39.0		39.0
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	39.0	0.0	39.0	39.0	89.0	39.0		39.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	39.0		39.0	39.0	89.0	39.0		39.0
Total	39.0	0.0	39.0	39.0	89.0	39.0		39.0

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

House Bill 299 creates a new sentencing alternative for defendants who have been identified as veterans (Sec. 4) and requires the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission to evaluate the program (Sec. 6). This evaluation requirement includes three tasks: (1) track outcome data for those who participate in the program, (2) conduct ongoing evaluations of the program, and (3) occasionally solicit independent evaluations that employ causal methods.

The Alaska Judicial Council staffs the Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission as provided in AS 44.19.642(d). To track the outcome data of the veteran sentencing program, this fiscal note assumes that the entities or agencies in possession of the necessary data will voluntarily provide this information to the Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission. Assuming the necessary data is provided, the Commission staff will be able to incorporate this task into its existing duties without additional resources.

To conduct the ongoing evaluations of the program, the Commission would first consult with stakeholders to determine the program goals, determine what data from program participants is available, secure agreements to receive the necessary program information and data (if possible), and then design the evaluation (Year 1). After the evaluation is designed, the Commission will collect data from the program, analyze the data, and write reports, to include an explanation of what data was not available for analysis (Years 2 and 3). These ongoing tasks will require additional resources.

Contractual: \$39.0

Research analyst for 15 hours/week at \$50 per hour.

To solicit independent evaluations that employ causal methods, the Judicial Council would prepare a scope of work and initiate a procurement process to identify an independent evaluator. A full independent evaluation should not commence until at least three years' worth of data are available for analysis. Assuming the veteran sentencing program begins on July 1, 2026, and assuming an independent evaluation would take about one year to complete, the Judicial Council would expect to solicit the independent evaluation starting in Year 4. Based on familiarity with the cost of program evaluations, additional resources will be required to purchase an independent evaluation.

Contractual: \$50.0

Independent evaluation

Because the scope and application of the program has not been determined, the evaluation tasks outlined above could change as the bill moves forward and more information becomes available. The Judicial Council intends to update this note as necessary.