

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB306-ACS-JUD-03-19-26
 Title: PROVISION OF ALCOHOL: CIVIL LIABILITY
 Sponsor: FIELDS
 Requester: House Labor and Commerce Committee

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	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027					
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 (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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

House Bill 306 would change the standard of proof required in a civil lawsuit that is brought against a person who holds an alcohol license and provides alcoholic beverages to someone who is injured as a result of intoxication from those provided beverages, in specified situations.

The new standard would be proof by clear and convincing evidence, and that standard would apply if (a) alcoholic beverages are knowingly sold, given, or bartered to a drunken person; or (b) a licensee or employee allows a drunken person to enter and remain on licensed premises or consume alcohol on licensed premises and provides the alcohol, or permits a drunken person to sell or serve alcohol; or (c) alcoholic beverages are knowingly sold, given, or bartered to a person at an establishment after lawful hours.

The court anticipates that this may change the course of certain cases brought by injured persons against alcohol licensees who may have provided the alcohol that led to intoxication and injury. The number of civil cases in this category is not expected to be substantial, and a different burden of proof can be used in court cases with little operational impact. The court system therefore submits this zero fiscal note.