

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 265
Fiscal Note Number: _____
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Identifier: SB265-LAW-CJL-04-03-26
Title: CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST
Sponsor: CLAMAN
Requester: (S) Community & Regional Affairs

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	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
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	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 265

Analysis

This bill amends duty of an operator to give information and render assistance under AS 28.35.060 in a couple of different ways. First, it makes it a class B felony punishable under AS 12.55 when someone is involved in an accident and they fail to provide assistance to an injured person. Second, the bill adds a new subsection which elevates the offense to a class A felony if the person fails to render assistance and causes the death of another person while operating a motor vehicle and the person is also convicted of criminally negligent homicide under AS 11.41.130 or criminally negligent homicide of an unborn child under AS 11.41.170. If a person is convicted of the class A felony, the bill specifies that they are subject to a presumptive term of 7 – 11 years for a first felony conviction.

Between 1/1/2020 and today, there have been approximately 13 distinct cases referred to the Criminal Division that meet the circumstances outlined in the bill. While the enhanced sentencing provision may result in some additional litigation, it is uncertain whether this additional litigation would have a fiscal impact. Therefore, the division submits a zero fiscal note at this time and will continue to monitor the impacts of this bill to determine whether additional resources may be needed in the future.

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Identifier: SB265-DPS-AST-4-3-26
Title: CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST
Sponsor: CLAMAN
Requester: (S) Community and Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Alaska State Troopers
Allocation: Alaska State Trooper Detachments
OMB Component Number: 2325

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? 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:

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Agency: Department of Public Safety	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB265

Analysis

This bill amends AS 28.35.060 relating to the duty of a driver following a motor vehicle accident. It increases criminal penalties for failure to comply with post accident requirements, including reclassifying failure to assist an injured person as a class B felony and establishing a new class A felony offense when a person caused the death of another while operating a motor vehicle, is convicted of criminally negligent homicide, and failed to render reasonable assistance.

The legislation does not create new programs, duties, or administrative requirements for the Department of Public Safety. Investigation of motor vehicle accidents, including those involving serious injury or death, is already within the core responsibilities of Alaska State Troopers. The bill modifies criminal classifications and penalties that may be applied in cases already investigated by the department but does not expand the scope of enforcement authority or require additional operational capacity.

The department does not anticipate an increase in workload, staffing, or operating costs as a result of this legislation. Any cases arising under the amended statute would be handled within existing investigative resources. There is no fiscal impact anticipated to the Department of Public Safety.

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Title: CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST
Sponsor: CLAMAN
Requester: (S) COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Department: Department of Corrections
Appropriation: Population Management
Allocation: Institution Director's Office
OMB Component Number: 1381

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? 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:

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Agency: <u>Department of Corrections</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB265

Analysis

Senate Bill 265 strengthens penalties for failure to render assistance following a motor vehicle accident. The bill elevates failure-to-assist offenses to a Class B felony and establishes a new Class A felony with a presumptive sentencing range of 7–11 years when the driver causes a fatality and is convicted of criminally negligent homicide.

The bill raises penalties for post-accident failures to assist, increasing felony-level incarceration. The most significant impact is the creation of a new Class A felony with a presumptive 7–11 year sentence range. This will result in longer length-of-stay for individuals convicted under this provision compared to current misdemeanor or lower-level felony penalties.

Although the number of qualifying cases is expected to be small, the substantial sentence increase results in a notable rise in cumulative bed-days. Longer lengths of stay increase the department's operating costs for housing, health care, supervision, and institutional programming.

Department of Corrections' institutions already is currently operating near the available general capacity in several locations and exceeding general capacity in a few locations. Additional long-term inmates may increase pressure on housing units and require adjustments in population management. Extended custody also creates downstream impacts for probation/parole caseloads as individuals eventually transition to supervision.

No new duties, infrastructure, or staffing classifications are created directly by the bill; impacts stem solely from sentence severity and extended lengths of stay under the department's care and custody. The department will monitor the offender population and impacts for future funding needs if this legislation were passed.

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Identifier: SB265-DOA-OPA-4-3-26
Title: CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST
Sponsor: CLAMAN
Requester: Senate Community & Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services
Allocation: Office of Public Advocacy
OMB Component Number: 43

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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
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	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	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	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

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

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency: <u>Department of Administration</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB265

Analysis

This bill enhances penalties for criminally negligent homicide by creating a class A felony category when the offender causes a death while operating a motor vehicle and knowingly fails to stop and render assistance.

The Office of Public Advocacy anticipates that increased penalties will elevate the complexity and workload of cases involving criminally negligent homicide. However, the agency cannot predict the extent of this impact and therefore submits a zero fiscal note at this time. The agency will continue to monitor the effects of this legislation and assess whether additional resources may be needed in the future

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Title: CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST
Sponsor: CLAMAN
Requester: (S) Community & Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services
Allocation: Public Defender Agency
OMB Component Number: 1631

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)*

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

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Agency: Department of Administration	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB265

Analysis

Senate Bill 265 enhances penalties related to failure to render assistance after a motor vehicle accident by creating a Class A felony when a driver causes the death of another person while operating a motor vehicle, is convicted of criminally negligent homicide, and knowingly fails to stop and render reasonable assistance.

The Public Defender Agency anticipates that increased penalties will elevate the complexity and workload of these cases. However, the agency cannot predict the extent of this impact and therefore submits a zero fiscal note at this time. The agency will continue to monitor the effects of this legislation and assess whether additional resources may be needed in the future.