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 Title: CINA: CITIZENS' REVIEW PANELS
 Sponsor: MYERS BY REQUEST
 Requester: Senate Health & Social Services

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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027						
Personal Services	326.7		326.7	326.7	326.7	326.7	326.7	326.7
Travel	5.5		5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Services	57.3		57.3	57.3	57.3	57.3	57.3	57.3
Commodities	7.0		7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	396.5	0.0	396.5	396.5	396.5	396.5	396.5	396.5

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	396.5		396.5	396.5	396.5	396.5	396.5	396.5
Total	396.5	0.0	396.5	396.5	396.5	396.5	396.5	396.5

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

This bill establishes the Citizen’s Review Panel for Permanency Planning to coordinate the activities of newly created local citizen out-of-home care review panels. These panels are designed to oversee the activities and case plans for Child in Need of Aid cases where children are placed out of their homes while in the custody of the Department. Panels would make recommendations to the Court on placement.

Families are allowed to participate in the reviews conducted by these panels but counsel for parents are not specifically authorized to participate which could be problematic as clients may be questioned about case-plan progress or other aspects of the case without counsel present, this may significantly interfere with the parents' right to counsel in these matters as the panels’ reports can be relied on by the courts at permanency and “other disposition” hearings, which include both adjudication and termination phases. Were counsel able to participate in these reviews it would increase the workload for parent attorneys at the Public Defender Agency.

Additionally, the requirement of cooperation from public defenders on local panels and the participation of the Public Defender on the Citizen’s Review Panel for Permanency Planning would increase workload on existing positions that cannot be absorbed with current staffing. The Agency will need two additional positions:

Add flexibly staffed Attorney 1/2/3/4 (range 24/C, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$214.8

Travel - \$5.5

Contractual - \$27.7

Indirect - \$14.8

Supplies - \$3.5

Add flexibly staffed Paralegal 1/2 (range 16/A, Fairbanks)

Personal Services - \$111.9

Indirect - \$14.8

Supplies - \$3.5