

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 384  
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Identifier: HB384-DPS-VSAS-4-10-26  
Title: DEFINITION OF 'VICTIM COUNSELING CENTER'  
Sponsor: JUDICIARY  
Requester: (H) Tribal Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety  
Appropriation: Integrated Victim Assistance  
Allocation: Victim Services Administration and Support  
OMB Component Number: 3429

**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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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 proposes to amend the definition of “victim counseling center” in Alaska Statute 18.66.250 to clarify which entities qualify for confidentiality protections related to communications with victims of sexual assault or domestic violence. The bill expands the definition to include certain local or tribal government agencies that provide direct victim services, while maintaining existing requirements that the entity’s primary purpose is to serve victims and that it is not affiliated with law enforcement or a prosecutor’s office. The bill also includes a retroactive applicability clause, applying the amended definition to communications made before, on, or after the effective date.

The Department of Public Safety, through the Division of Victim Assistance and Forensic Science, works closely with a broad network of victim service providers, including tribal and nonprofit organizations. This legislation provides clarification identifying which organizations may claim confidentiality protections but does not create new programs, expand existing services, or impose additional responsibilities on the department. While the clarification may support improved coordination and reinforce trust between victims and service providers, it does not generate measurable workload changes for the department or require additional resources.

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