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Title: PUBLIC RECORDS: AUDIO & VIDEO; MUNI COSTS
Sponsor: STATE AFFAIRS
Requester: (H) State Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Alaska State Troopers
Allocation: Alaska Bureau of Investigation
OMB Component Number: 2744

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	1,095.7		1,095.7	1,095.7	1,095.7	1,095.7	1,095.7	1,095.7
Travel	88.0		88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0	88.0
Services	237.6		170.0	170.0	170.0	170.0	170.0	170.0
Commodities	56.8		32.8	32.8	32.8	32.8	32.8	32.8
Capital Outlay	457.2		20.6	20.6	20.6	20.6	20.6	20.6
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	1,935.3	0.0	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	1,935.3		1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1
Total	1,935.3	0.0	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1	1,407.1

Positions

Full-time	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

N/A Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation creates a mandatory requirement for the Department of Public Safety to provide access to audio and video recordings associated with use of force incidents resulting in death or serious physical injury within a defined 30 day timeframe, with limited ability to delay disclosure. Compliance with this requirement necessitates accelerated investigative coordination, evidence review, and consultation with the Department of Law to identify legally protected information prior to release.

The Alaska Bureau of Investigation is responsible for investigating these incidents statewide, including in remote and geographically dispersed areas. Under current practice, investigative review and coordination with prosecutors occur over a longer timeline. The statutory requirement to support lawful disclosure within 30 days compresses these activities and requires immediate prioritization of qualifying incidents upon occurrence.

To meet this requirement, the division has identified the need for additional investigative capacity in each major hub, including Soldotna, Palmer, Fairbanks, and Bethel. These locations provide regional coverage across the state and are necessary to ensure timely, location based response, early stage evidentiary assessment, and coordination with the Department of Law. The geographic distribution of incidents and travel constraints limit the department’s ability to centralize this workload, requiring investigative presence within each hub to meet statutory timelines.

Below is the cost breakdown associated with these positions (\$ in Thousands):

Personal Services:

\$247.3	State Trooper, range 77, full-time, Soldotna
\$247.3	State Trooper, range 77, full-time, Palmer
\$274.1	State Trooper, range 77, full-time, Fairbanks
<u>\$327.1</u>	State Trooper, range 77, full-time, Bethel
\$1,095.8	

Travel:
Services:

\$88.0	Annual Travel
\$237.6	\$67.6 one-time costs on training and move costs, \$170.0 annual costs related to vehicle operations, chargeback allocations, telecom and training
Commodities: \$56.8	\$24.0 one-time costs on computer equipment, \$32.8 in on-going costs for ammunition, uniforms and office supplies

Travel costs include investigator response to incidents across remote areas and additional travel associated with investigations.

Services and commodities include one time costs associated with establishing these positions, including office equipment and vehicles necessary to support investigative operations across geographically dispersed regions. Without these resources, the department will be required to reprioritize existing investigative workload, which may delay other criminal investigations and increase the risk of noncompliance with statutory disclosure timelines or the release of information that could compromise active investigations or violate confidentiality protections.