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

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Statewide Support
Allocation: Laboratory Services
OMB Component Number: 527

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
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services	169.0		169.0	169.0	169.0	169.0	169.0
Travel	12.0		12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Services	31.0		31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
Commodities	7.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Capital Outlay	450.0						
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	669.0	0.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	669.0		213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0
Total	669.0	0.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

N/A Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation establishes a mandatory timeline 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 30 days, requiring accelerated processing, review, and preparation of evidentiary materials for disclosure.

The State Crime Detection Laboratory supports these investigations by providing forensic analysis and technical support for evidentiary materials, including digital evidence and video recordings. Compliance with the statutory timeline requires expedited handling of digital evidence, including video processing, enhancement, and preparation to support review and release decisions. In addition, these incidents often involve associated physical evidence that must be examined and documented to support investigative findings and coordination with prosecutors prior to disclosure.

To meet the accelerated timeline, the laboratory requires both additional personnel capacity and specialized equipment to support timely forensic analysis. This includes advanced comparison and examination microscopes and associated imaging systems used to analyze and document trace and physical evidence. These instruments support high resolution examination, digital capture, and documentation of evidence necessary for investigative review and coordination with the Department of Law. The ability to rapidly analyze and document evidence is critical to ensuring that information released is accurate, complete, and does not compromise ongoing investigations.

Below is the cost breakdown (\$ in Thousands):

Personal Services:	\$169.0	Forensic Scientist 3, range 22, full-time, Anchorage
Travel:	\$12.0	Travel for testimony and certifications
Services:	\$31.0	Annual training, core services chargebacks, software licensing
Commodities:	\$7.0	\$1.0 annually, \$6.0 one-time costs
Equipment:	\$450.0	Microscopes and Imaging Systems

Travel costs include additional travel associated with court testimony and coordination with prosecutors related to cases requiring expedited forensic analysis and disclosure.

Services and commodities include one time and ongoing costs associated with laboratory operations, including software, maintenance agreements, and supplies necessary to support digital forensic analysis and evidence processing. Equipment costs reflect the purchase and installation of specialized microscopes and imaging systems, including comparison microscopes, digital imaging attachments, and supporting hardware required for forensic examination, documentation, and case file preparation within compressed timelines.

Without additional resources, the laboratory will be required to reprioritize existing casework, resulting in delays to other forensic analyses and creating risk to timely compliance with statutory disclosure requirements.