

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 239  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: HB239CSSCS(JUD)-DOC-IDO-5-4-26  
Title: CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST  
Sponsor: KOPP  
Requester: (S) JUD

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
<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>	***	***	***	***	***

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:**

Updated for changes made at Senate Judiciary Committee substitute, version H.
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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 239 consolidates multiple criminal justice bills into a single omnibus measure, significantly expanding the scope of criminal offenses and sentencing provisions. These changes are expected to increase felony-level convictions and extend sentence lengths for certain offenses.

The Department of Law and the Alaska Court System anticipate an increase in criminal case filings and have identified the need for additional legal and judicial resources to manage the anticipated workload. As cases progress through the system, the Department of Corrections expects downstream impacts to institutional populations and probation and parole supervision.

The bill increases both the likelihood of incarceration and the length of stay for certain offenders. While the number of additional offenders and the duration of incarceration cannot be reliably projected, increased felony exposure and expanded sentencing ranges are expected to result in additional bed-days within DOC institutions.

The Department's average marginal cost per offender is approximately \$44.03 per day. Any increase in the incarcerated population or sentence length will result in additional operating costs for housing, healthcare, supervision, and institutional programming.

Although the number of impacted offenders is unknown, even modest increases in population or length of stay will result in cumulative cost growth over time. These impacts are expected to be ongoing and will compound across fiscal years as offenders serve longer sentences.

The Department is currently operating with limited available capacity in several institutions and is managing population levels through ongoing population management strategies. Additional population pressure may require operational adjustments, including housing reallocation and increased supervision resources.

Additionally, the Department's current operating budget does not fully reflect the total cost of operations, as demonstrated by recurring supplemental requests to meet baseline service needs. As a result, any increase in offender population or length of stay will place additional strain on existing resources.

At this time, it is unknown how many additional individuals would be incarcerated or the precise fiscal impact as a result of this legislation. The Department submits an indeterminate 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.