

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SB207CS(L&C)-DPS-AST-5-8-26  
Title: PROPERTY POSSESSION AND PROPERTY  
CRIMES  
Sponsor: BJORKMAN  
Requester: (S) Labor & Commerce

Department: Department of Public Safety  
Appropriation: Alaska State Troopers  
Allocation: Alaska State Trooper Detachments  
OMB Component Number: 2325

**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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>FY 2030</b>	<b>FY 2031</b>	<b>FY 2032</b>
Personal Services	1,912.8		1,912.8	1,912.8	1,912.8	1,912.8	1,912.8
Travel	158.5		158.5	158.5	158.5	158.5	158.5
Services	427.7		340.0	340.0	340.0	340.0	340.0
Commodities	113.6		65.6	65.6	65.6	65.6	65.6
Capital Outlay	571.1		555.7	555.7	555.7	555.7	555.7
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>3,183.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	3,183.7		3,032.6	3,032.6	3,032.6	3,032.6	3,032.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,183.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>	<b>3,032.6</b>

**Positions**

Full-time	8.0		8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:**

This fiscal note differs because the current version of SB 207 creates new law-enforcement duties, including verification of entitlement to relief, occupant claims, tenancy status, family status, and pending litigation. DPS also expects increased call volume, prolonged on-scene time for property removal, overtime, training, travel, policy/form development, and no clear cost-recovery mechanism.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

SB 207 creates a new statutory process allowing a residential property owner or agent to request that a peace officer serve notice requiring an alleged unlawful occupant to vacate a dwelling unit. The bill requires peace officers to verify that the requester is the record owner or agent of the record owner and appears entitled to relief. If able to speak with the occupant during attempted service, the officer must attempt to verify whether the occupant entered without privilege, lacks and has not had a rental agreement, is not an immediate family member of the owner, and has no pending litigation with the owner related to the property. The bill also allows the owner or agent to request that the peace officer remain on scene while locks are changed and the occupant's personal property is removed, and requires officers to attempt to assist the occupant in finding another place to stay or provide shelter information.

This creates a new operational responsibility for the Department of Public Safety. Alaska State Troopers and Court Services Officers currently respond to criminal trespass calls, scheduled eviction-related services, and other public safety calls for service, but the department does not currently provide statewide training or operational procedures for officers to make threshold determinations involving landlord-tenant disputes, civil possession claims, rental-agreement validity, owner or agent authority, pending civil litigation, or immediate removal eligibility under a statutory civil process. Implementation of this bill requires the department to establish policy, legal guidance, standardized request and return-of-service forms, supervisor review protocols, shelter resource guidance, records procedures, and operational procedures for personnel who may receive, evaluate, serve, or remain on scene during these requests.

From 2020 through 2026, DPS eviction-related activity increased from 219 incidents to a projected 368 incidents, an increase of approximately 68 percent. During that same period, trespass-related activity remained a consistent operational workload, averaging approximately 346 incidents annually. Existing staffing has absorbed this workload growth while maintaining current public safety responsibilities. SB 207 creates a new unscheduled statutory response obligation that is expected to further increase demand for officer response, verification, documentation, and prolonged peacekeeping activities.

Based on current call demand, staffing capacity, and the operational responsibilities created by this bill, DPS requests four additional Alaska State Trooper positions to absorb the anticipated workload associated with new calls for service, officer verification requirements, criminal trespass complaints arising from disputed occupancy, peacekeeping responsibilities, and responses in areas outside municipal law enforcement jurisdiction. DPS will require two additional troopers in Palmer, one additional trooper in Fairbanks, and one additional trooper in Soldotna. These locations serve areas with significant call volume outside municipal law enforcement jurisdiction and are expected to absorb a substantial share of requests associated with this statutory process.

DPS also will require five additional Court Services Officer positions to support prolonged eviction and unlawful occupant removal responses. DPS requests one Court Services Officer in Palmer, one in Anchorage, one in Bethel, one in Fairbanks, and one in Kenai/Soldotna. Court Services Officers currently support eviction-related activities and would be necessary to assist with service-related duties, scene security, documentation, prolonged standby responsibilities, and peacekeeping functions when owners or agents request law enforcement presence during property removal and lock changes.

The department anticipates additional calls for service associated with the creation of this statutory process, including qualifying requests under the bill and calls requiring officer response to determine whether the circumstances meet the statutory criteria. Some calls may involve circumstances that ultimately do not qualify under the statute but will still require officer assessment, review of the sworn request, explanation to the requesting party, and documentation of the response.

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Operational impacts are expected to be significant because these responses differ from current scheduled eviction practices. A standard eviction-related response may involve a minimum of two to three officers for approximately one to one and one-half hours on scene, not including travel time, information verification, documentation, or follow-up activity. Under SB 207, officers may be required to remain on scene while occupants remove personal property from the dwelling unit, which may substantially increase response duration. These incidents may involve disputed claims of tenancy, refusal to leave, property ownership disputes, requests for shelter assistance, safety concerns, or emotionally escalated interactions requiring de-escalation, supervisory involvement, or additional personnel to maintain scene safety.

The department also anticipates overtime costs associated with after-hours responses, weekend calls, prolonged incidents extending beyond scheduled shifts, and responses occurring during periods of limited staffing. In rural or remote locations, responses may require extended travel time or deployment by road, aircraft, or other means, further increasing operational costs.

Implementation of this bill also requires significant training. DPS would provide a 16-hour in-person training for Alaska State Troopers and Court Services Officers. This training is necessary because the bill requires field personnel to apply a new statutory civil process involving threshold legal determinations, documentation standards, service requirements, occupant resource referrals, and operational judgment regarding when a request qualifies for immediate law enforcement action. Training would include scenario-based legal application, documentation standards, field decision-making, conflict management, de-escalation, supervisor escalation protocols, and practical application of the statutory requirements to ensure consistent statewide implementation.

DPS will need travel funding to support deployment of trainers to larger hub locations for in-person delivery of this training, as well as operational travel funding for responses in remote communities where requests may require timely travel by road, aircraft, or other means. Services costs are necessary for legal review, policy development, curriculum development, standardized form creation, and statewide implementation support. Commodities costs are necessary for production of forms, field materials, and implementation resources.

These additional costs reflect the department’s current operational assessment of the implementation and ongoing workload created by SB 207. Actual workload may vary based on utilization of the statutory process, geographic distribution of requests, and operational conditions at the time of response.

**Personal Services**

\$203.4	Palmer Trooper
\$227.4	Fairbanks Trooper
\$203.4	Soldotna Trooper
\$153.3	Palmer Court Service Officer
\$153.3	Anchorage Court Service Officer
\$205.7	Bethel Court Service Officer
\$170.0	Fairbanks Court Service Officer
\$153.3	Kenai/Soldotna Court Service Officer
\$35.6	Based on 2026 projected eviction and trespass activity, DPS anticipates that a portion of related calls will require overtime due to after-hours response, prolonged scene time, or the need for additional personnel. Assuming approximately 15 percent of related incidents require two officers for two hours of overtime at an estimated overtime rate of \$90 per hour, the department estimates annual overtime costs of approximately \$35.6.

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**Travel**

\$133.5 Ongoing operational travel for trooper and Court Service Officer positions to provide general response duties, including routine travel within assigned service area.  
\$25.0 Travel costs to support increased regional operational response resulting from the bill's immediate response requirements and lower threshold for law enforcement involvement in residential occupancy disputes.

**Services**

\$87.7 One-time Costs: Academy training and fitness testing  
\$340.0 Ongoing statewide core service chargebacks and operational support costs associated with the additional positions, including telecommunications, delivery services, vehicle operations, fuel, recurring training, and other annual operating support expenses.

**Supplies**

\$48.0 One-time Costs: Initial workstation setup, computers, and equipment necessary to establish new trooper and Court Services Officer positions  
\$65.6 Ongoing operational supplies associated with the additional positions, including uniforms, munitions, field supplies, and other recurring equipment replacement needs.

**Equipment**

\$555.7 Initial equipment purchases necessary to establish new enforcement positions, including patrol vehicles, radios, firearms, computers, workstation setup, and other required startup equipment.  
\$15.4 Ongoing equipment replacement costs