

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 105  
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Identifier: HB105-DOA-OPA-3-01-13  
Title: PROPERTY CRIMES  
Sponsor: THOMPSON  
Requester: House Judiciary

Department: Department of Administration  
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services  
Allocation: Office of Public Advocacy  
OMB Component Number: 43

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2014 Request	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</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							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

**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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version
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**FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS**

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**BILL NO.** HB105

**Analysis**

For the Office of Public Advocacy (OPA), HB105 might reduce defense costs if, all else being equal, an offense that would have been charged as a felony theft offense is now charged as a misdemeanor offense, it being generally less expensive to litigate a misdemeanor.

The purpose of the bill appears to adjust the loss dollar valuations owing to the rise in prices and values for goods since 1978. The new amounts may in fact be actually lower than would be necessary to account fully for inflation although the sponsor may have already made that calculation.

It is not possible to predict with accuracy how many theft-type offenses now charged as felonies might under the new law be charged as misdemeanors. It is safe to predict that there would probably be fewer felony-level prosecutions, with a corresponding reduction in systemic criminal justice costs, including prosecution, defense and corrections costs.

OPA does not anticipate a fiscal impact with this legislation and accordingly, submits a zero fiscal note.