

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Title: CHILD PLACEMENT; DILIGENT SEARCH
Sponsor: BJORKMAN
Requester: (S)HSS

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)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Personal Services	468.1		468.1	468.1	468.1	468.1	468.1
Travel	11.0		11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Services	99.8		99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.8
Commodities	10.5		10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	589.4	0.0	589.4	589.4	589.4	589.4	589.4

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	589.4		589.4	589.4	589.4	589.4	589.4
Total	589.4	0.0	589.4	589.4	589.4	589.4	589.4

Positions

Full-time	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill makes it easier for foster parents seeking to adopt children to maintain placement with children in their care and in some circumstances elevates placement with foster parents to the same preference given to family member placements. These changes are likely to increase litigation in child in need of aid cases where children are placed with potential adoptive parents over family members.

Much like the Public Defender Agency, the Office of Public Advocacy must provide parents with an attorney in Child in Need of Aid cases. Additionally, OPA must also provide a Guardian ad Litem to assess the best interests of the child. The agency anticipates an increase in litigation for both core services as a result of this legislation.

Increased litigation and increased length of time to disposition of a case will increase costs for the Office of Public Advocacy. The Agency will need the following additional positions to respond to the increased workload:

Add Attorney (CINA Parent) 1-4 (range 24/C, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$184.2

Travel: - \$5.5

Case Costs: - \$27.7

Indirect rates- \$14.8

Commodities - \$3.5

Add Attorney (Guardian Ad Litem) 1-4 (range 24/C, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$184.2

Travel: - \$5.5

Case Costs: - \$27.7

Indirect rates- \$14.8

Commodities - \$3.5

Add Paralegal 1-2 (range 16/A, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$99.7

Travel: - \$0.00

Indirect rates- \$14.8

Commodities - \$3.5