

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2024 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 255
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Identifier: SB255-JUD-ACS-04-10-24
Title: OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PLACES;
TRESPASSING
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: Senate Judiciary Committee

Department: Judiciary
Appropriation: Alaska Court System
Allocation: Trial Courts
OMB Component Number: 768

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							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
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? n/a
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Senate Bill 255 would amend a number of criminal laws, including expanding the scope of the crime of obstructing runways and making certain conduct within that definition a felony (secs. 1-3), increasing the classification of criminal trespass to a felony in specified circumstances (secs. 5-6), reclassifying the violation of obstruction of highways to become a felony or increase it to the level of misdemeanor in certain circumstances (secs.7-8), and increase the classification of obstructions to navigable waters from a B misdemeanor to an A misdemeanor in certain circumstances (sec. 10).

The bill also creates a new civil cause of action for obstruction of free passage in public places. In certain circumstances, it would allow persons whose passage is obstructed to file a strict liability action seeking damages and seeking injunctive relief (sec. 4). Section 9 would create the new misdemeanor A and misdemeanor B crimes of obstruction of free passage in public places.

The court system is unable to predict how many of these cases would be filed or pursued by individuals for the new civil cause of action, or by the state for the new and expanded crimes. At this time, the court anticipates that it will not require financial resources to implement and apply the provisions in this bill. The court system will monitor its effects, and if the provisions lead to a notable increase in case filings, the court system may seek fiscal resources in the future.

At this time, the court submits this zero fiscal note.