

Fiscal Note

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Title: SURRENDER OF INFANTS; INF. SAFETY
DEVICE
Sponsor: MYERS
Requester: Senate Health and Social Services

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)

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
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 (FY2025) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

N/A - initial Fiscal Note

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill amends AS 47.10.013 to authorize the Department of Health (DOH) to establish regulations allowing for the placement of infant safety devices at designated locations, including state trooper posts. While the bill does not mandate installation, if DOH adopts regulations requiring compliance, there could be a significant financial impact on the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Fiscal Impact Considerations for DPS:

Capital and Installation Costs:

If regulations require compliance, DPS may need to install infant safety devices at 40+ AST and AWT posts statewide. Each device is estimated to cost approximately \$16.0, excluding installation, HVAC modifications, and security system integration. Installation costs would vary based on location, climate, and facility infrastructure, particularly in remote areas where additional construction and environmental controls may be required.

Leased facilities may require landlord approvals or additional agreements for modifications.

Information Technology (IT) and Security Infrastructure:

Devices would require 24/7 surveillance, secure network connections, and automated alert systems integrated with emergency dispatch services. Some remote posts may lack adequate IT infrastructure, requiring additional investment in networking, security cameras, and system maintenance. Coordination within DPS with IT contractors may be necessary to implement and maintain the system.

Ongoing Maintenance and Operational Costs:

Regular system testing, maintenance contracts, and personnel training would be necessary to ensure the devices remain operational. Additional HVAC maintenance could be required in extreme climate locations where temperature control is a factor. Facilities without existing ADA-compliant access may require modifications.

Personnel and Response Readiness:

If DOH regulations require a Trooper response upon device activation, staffing requirements at rural locations may need evaluation. DPS may need to explore alternative response agreements, such as partnerships with local EMS or healthcare facilities, to ensure compliance with potential mandates.

Conclusion:

While this bill does not impose an immediate fiscal impact on DPS, future costs could arise if DOH establishes regulations requiring compliance. Should such regulations be adopted, DPS would need additional resources for installation, infrastructure upgrades, maintenance, and potential personnel considerations to ensure proper implementation.