

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
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Identifier: SB53-DPS-SWS-4-4-2025  
Title: LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY  
ACCREDITATION  
Sponsor: GRAY-JACKSON  
Requester: State Affairs

Department: Department of Public Safety  
Appropriation: Statewide Support  
Allocation: Commissioner's Office  
OMB Component Number: 523

## 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	606.1		606.1	606.1	606.1	606.1	606.1
Travel	62.0		62.0	62.0	62.0	62.0	62.0
Services	96.0		96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0
Commodities	116.4		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>880.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>770.1</b>	<b>770.1</b>	<b>770.1</b>	<b>770.1</b>	<b>770.1</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	880.5		770.1	770.1	770.1	770.1	770.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>880.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>770.1</b>	<b>770.1</b>	<b>770.1</b>	<b>770.1</b>	<b>770.1</b>

## Positions

Full-time	6.0		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
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 (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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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Agency:	Department of Public Safety		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

This bill requires all law enforcement agencies in Alaska, including the Alaska State Troopers (AST), Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT), and Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) posts, to obtain and maintain accreditation. The bill directs the Alaska Police Standards Council to develop and oversee a three-tiered accreditation framework. Accreditation will be required for continued eligibility for state law enforcement grant funding beginning January 1, 2027.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) has researched accreditation models and recognizes that implementing a department-wide program will require significant policy development, operational coordination, and sustained oversight. DPS does not currently have an accreditation structure in place.

Accreditation involves alignment with defined standards, formal documentation of compliance, regular internal review, and external validation. It may also require changes in equipment usage, such as body-worn camera implementation and digital evidence storage. In some cases, accreditation may necessitate facility upgrades or construction at posts to meet standards for security, evidence handling, and public access.

DPS would require dedicated staffing to coordinate implementation, update policies, support field compliance, and track accreditation status across AST, AWT, and VPSO operations. Staff would be based in Anchorage and Fairbanks to facilitate regional oversight and reduce travel costs. Although the VPSO Division oversees certification and training of the VPSOs, accreditation compliance for VPSO grantees would be managed by the centralized team. This approach ensures consistency across enforcement functions and provides focused support for remote agencies.

The department anticipates a sustained operational need. Accreditation is an ongoing process requiring continuous monitoring, documentation, and support. Without dedicated resources, DPS will not be positioned to meet the requirements of this bill. To staff and operate this program to accredit DPS as a law enforcement agency, DPS would require the following positions (\$ in thousands):

One Statewide Program Coordinator 2 to lead the accreditation program, coordinate implementation, and manage compliance. This class is used for large-scale programs with significant policy responsibility (\$137.9).

One Administrative Assistant 3 to provide scheduling, document management, and administrative support. This class supports senior-level operations with complex clerical needs (\$103.3).

One Criminal Justice Technician 2 to support VPSO grantee compliance and provide technical assistance (\$97.5).

Three Criminal Justice Technician 1 positions to support AST and AWT field implementation. Two positions will be based in Fairbanks, and one in Anchorage. This class supports law enforcement programs through technical and procedural work (\$87.8 in Anchorage, \$89.8 each in Fairbanks, \$267.4 total).

Travel for 19 in-state trips each from Anchorage and Fairbanks annually (\$57.0), and 2 out-of-state trips for professional development for the program coordinator (\$5.0).

Contractual services at \$16.0 per position annually for support systems and tools (\$96.0).

Initial commodities in year one for computers and workstations at \$18.4 each (\$110.4), and annual office supplies of \$1.0 per position (\$6.0 annually).

Total Year 1 cost: \$880.5