

**2025 Legislature - Operating Budget**  
**Wordage Report - Senate Subcom Structure**  
**B=Both Bills, O=Operating Only, M=Mental Health**

**Agency: Judiciary**

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**Ap: Alaska Court System**

Al: Trial Courts

Intent

It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Courts work with the Department of Corrections to utilize the Pre-Trial Services program as it was originally intended. The Pre-Trial Services program understandably grew exponentially during COVID and is now operating beyond its intent to: provide the Courts with a risk assessment; provide telephonic supervision for high-risk defendants with release conditions and some moderate-risk who have been released; and provide enhanced supervision via face-to-face or electronic monitoring for highest-risk defendants who make up less than twenty percent of those supervised. The program was not intended to supervise those who violate conditions of release, repeatedly tamper with electronic monitoring equipment, or score low on the risk assessment. The Legislature urges the Courts to adhere to the pre-trial risk assessment score, resist placing reoffenders or low-level offenders on pre-trial supervision and utilize own recognizance (OR) and third-party provider options, order telephonic supervision for some medium and then high-risk defendants, and only order electronic monitoring for the highest-risk defendants. The Courts shall issue a response on the realignment to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2025.

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