

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2025 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	SB 19
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Identifier: SB019-DOC-IDO-3-7-2025
Title: PRISONERS: ELECTRONIC DEVICE
ACCESS/USE
Sponsor: MYERS
Requester: (S) STA

Department: Department of Corrections
Appropriation: Population Management
Allocation: Institution Director's Office
OMB Component Number: 1381

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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/26

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 would allow for broader use of computer like technology (e.g. tablets) within Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities.

This bill amends AS 33.30.015 granting the authority to establish a dedicated corrections inmate tablet program to allow the use of inmate tablets. This change would allow inmates access to electronic tablets and expands the use to include prisoner rehabilitation, compliance with a reentry or case plan, access for legal materials, visitation, health care or other purposes identified through regulation. This would allow DOC to have the authority to establish a dedicated corrections inmate tablet program to allow the use of inmate tablets.

This bill also adds AS 33.30.015(f) by stating that virtual visitation may not replace in person visitation when available, virtual rehabilitation may not replace in person rehabilitation when available. The use of electronic devices may only supplement the items listed above, not replace them.

As this bill is only granting the authority to establish an inmate tablet program, there is no immediate financial impact.