

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2025 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 35
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Identifier: HB035-DOC-IDO-2-20-25
Title: PRISONERS: ELECTRONIC DEVICE
ACCESS/USE
Sponsor: HIMSCHOOT
Requester: (H) COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

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

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|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/26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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| Agency: | Department of Corrections | | |

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.