

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

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Title: NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST

Requester: (H) Judiciary

Department: Department of Administration

Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services

Allocation: Public Defender Agency

OMB Component Number: 1631

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	214.8	214.8	214.8	214.8	214.8
Personal Services			5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Travel			44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1
Services			3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	268.0	0.0	268.0	268.0	268.0	268.0	268.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	268.0		268.0	268.0	268.0	268.0	268.0
Total	268.0	0.0	268.0	268.0	268.0	268.0	268.0

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Department of Administration

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill adds a superior court judge to the third judicial district to serve in Palmer. Adding judges enables increased capacity for current cases to have hearings, trials, and be processed to final disposition. Long-term there will be added capacity for future filings.

This increased capacity will result in additional workload for the Agency as current cases will move more quickly increasing the volume of court hearings and trials for agency attorneys. The Agency will need an additional attorney position to adequately respond to increased court capacity.

Add flexibly staffed Attorney 1/2/3/4 (range 24/C, Palmer)

Personal Services - \$214.8
Travel - \$5.6
Contractual - \$27.7
Indirect - \$16.4
Supplies - \$3.5