

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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 Bill Version: HB 316
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Identifier (file name): HB316-DOA-PDA-02-01-10 Dept. Affected: _____
 Title: An Act relating to post-conviction DNA testing... RDU: Legal and Advocacy Services
 Component: Public Defenders Agency
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requester: Governor Component Number: 1631

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill creates procedures for obtaining post-conviction DNA testing, for preserving physical evidence, for destroying physical evidence, and creates a task force on standards for preservation of evidence.

It is expected that the Agency will receive new post-conviction appointments. The Innocence Project has received approximately 130 requests for assistance from convicted defendants asserting claims of innocence over the past 4 years. Additionally, the bill requires all petitioners whose convictions were entered before a certain date to file a petition by July 1, 2013. This is expected to increase the number of applications within the first three years of the bill. (continued on page 2)

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

The new appointments could increase costs due to attorney review and paralegal resources that must be applied to process the cases. It is difficult to predict how many cases or the level of review that will be required, but the Agency does not predict a significant increase and therefore submits a zero fiscal note.