

# FISCAL NOTE

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Dept. Affected Alaska Court System

Title An Act Relating to the Number of Superior Court Judges

Appropriation Judicial Council

Allocation Judicial Council

Sponsor House Rules Committee

Requester Alaska Supreme Court

OMB Component Number 771

## Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Personal Services							
Travel	9.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Services	14.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Commodities	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>							
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## FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	23.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost

## POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Initial version.

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Alaska Judicial Council**

**Analysis**

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HB 133 adds two new superior court judges in the Third Judicial District. This fiscal note assumes that these positions will be filled separately, either because they will be in different venues or because the court may not have the facilities to proceed immediately on two new positions in a single venue. The Judicial Council's initial costs of filling these vacancies include funds needed to solicit applicants, to conduct investigations into their qualifications, and to convene a meeting to interview applicants and nominate the most qualified to the governor for appointment. A breakdown of costs is as follows:

<b><u>Travel</u></b>	Council members' travel to two meetings	<u>9,000</u>
<b><u>Contractual</u></b>	Printing, mailing, survey hosting, data analysis, advertising, miscellaneous	<u>14,100</u>
<b><u>Commodities</u></b>	Paper	<u>100</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u><u>23,200</u></u>

If the Alaska Court System is able and willing to fill the two new positions simultaneously, and if the positions are in the same venue, the Judicial Council will coordinate its solicitation and screening of judicial applicants to achieve lower costs. In that case, the Council's funding request would be as follows:

<b><u>Travel</u></b>	Council members' travel to one meeting	<u>5,500</u>
<b><u>Contractual</u></b>	Printing, mailing, survey hosting, data analysis, advertising, miscellaneous	<u>7,900</u>
<b><u>Commodities</u></b>	Paper	<u>100</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u><u>13,500</u></u>

An average superior court judge serves for twelve years. Costs associated with filling these positions in the future are amortized over the next twelve years.