**Fiscal Note** State of Alaska Bill Version: SB 104 2014 Legislative Session Fiscal Note Number: () Publish Date: Identifier: SB104-DOR-CSSD-02-01-14 Department: Department of Revenue Title: APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE DIVIDEND FUND Appropriation: Child Support Services Child Support Services Division Sponsor: DYSON Allocation: Requester: (S) STA OMB Component Number: 111 **Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars) Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. Included in FY2015 Governor's FY2015 **Out-Year Cost Estimates** Appropriation Requested Request **OPERATING EXPENDITURES** FY 2015 FY 2015 FY 2016 **FY 2017** FY 2018 FY 2019 FY 2020 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 Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: (separate supplemental appropriation required) (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section) Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: (separate capital appropriation required) (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 NO If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? Why this fiscal note differs from previous version: Initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## **Analysis**

This bill appears to be a mechanism for paying victim restitution orders and child support orders before the funds go to reimburse expenses of a state agency. The bill will not change the child support program, but has the potential for reducing the arrears of some obligors and providing needed support to custodians and children. The impact on the state will be the loss of these funds that are currently paid to reimburse the Department of Corrections for costs related to incarceration or probation. It is unlikely that the amount generated by the fund will significantly reduce child support obligor arrears due to the large amounts owed, and the fact that only a portion of the funds may be applied to the child support program, based on the order of payment priority. The list used to determine the total amount of arrearages owed by incarcerated individuals, will be a year old before it will apply to the appropriation of funds to the child support agency. This may mean that an individual identified as owing arrearages may no longer owe the funds when the money is appropriated.

While this bill will not result in any increase in operating expenses, there may be other fiscal impacts. The division does not know how many of our clients are ineligible nor the total amount owed by them. We do know that there are individuals who are no longer incarcerated but are still ineligible for the dividend because of a prievious incarceration. We also know that we have approximately 750 cases where the non-custodial parent is currently incarcerated. The arrears for these cases amount to about \$12 million dollars. A portion of this money is owed to the custodial parents and a portion is owed to the state and federal government. This portion would be distributed to the state and federal government if we distributed these funds as we do other collections. The bill does not indicate how the money would be distributed.

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