

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 11  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: SB011-LAW-CRIM-03-22-13  
Title: KNIVES, GRAVITY KNIVES, & SWITCHBLADES  
Sponsor: DYSON  
Requester: (S) State Affairs

Department: Department of Law  
Appropriation: Criminal Division  
Allocation: Criminal Justice Litigation  
OMB Component Number: 2202

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

|                        | FY2014<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY2014<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |            |            |            |            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2014                              | FY 2014  | FY 2015                 | FY 2016    | FY 2017    | FY 2018    | FY 2019    |
| Personal Services      |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Travel                 |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Services               |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Commodities            |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Capital Outlay         |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Grants & Benefits      |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Miscellaneous          |                                      |  |                         |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Operating</b> | <b>0.0</b>                           | <b>0.0</b>                                     | <b>0.0</b>              | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

## Positions

|           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temporary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Change in Revenues</b> |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

## 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:

Not applicable, initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

Senate Bill 11 makes it legal for a person 18 years or older to possess a gravity knife or switchblade. The bill also decriminalizes the manufacture or sale of switchblade or gravity knives. A person may not transfer or sell a gravity knife or switchblade to a person under 18 years of age unless they have written parental consent. A person under 16 years of age may possess a gravity knife or switchblade if he or she has parental consent.

This bill would adopt definitions of the terms “gravity knife” and “switchblade” in Title 11.

The bill would also give to the state the authority to regulate knives, so that a municipality could regulate conduct in relation to knives only to the extent that the ordinance is the same or less restrictive than state law. This is similar to the State's present authority to regulate firearms and similar to restrictions on municipalities in regulating firearms.

It is anticipated this legislation will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Law.