# **Fiscal Note**

# State of Alaska 2016 Legislative Session Bill Version: Fiscal Note Number: () Publish Date:

Identifier: SB112CS(HSS)-ACS-TRC-03-02-16 Department: Judiciary

Title: ADOPTION OF CHILD IN STATE CUSTODY Appropriation: Alaska Court System

Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR Allocation: Trial Courts

Requester: Senate Judiciary Committee OMB Component Number: 768

Expenditures/	Revenues
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Note: Amounts do not include in	nflation unless of	otherwise noted	below.			(Thousand	s of Dollars)
		Included in					
	FY2017	Governor's					
	Appropriation	FY2017		Out-Ye	ar Cost Estimat	tes	
	Requested	Request					
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Positions							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

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#### **ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Change in Revenues

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 No If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

### STATE OF ALASKA 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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## **Analysis**

The HSS Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 112 (version N) makes changes to numerous procedures in child in need of aid (CINA) cases. When a person wishes to adopt or become a guardian for a child in state custody (i.e., a child who is the subject of a CINA case), the person would be required to file the petition for adoption or guardianship in the existing CINA case, rather than as a separate proceeding (section 8). The venue for the adoption and guardianship would be the same location as the ongoing CINA case. (Sections 2-5) The court would hold those petitions in abeyance in the CINA case until it approves adoption or legal guardianship as the permanent plan for the child. (Sections 6, 8)
In addition, in CINA cases involving an Indian child, Senate Bill 112 would allow a person to initiate an adoption or guardianship of the Indian child through a "proxy for a formal petition" brought forward in the CINA case. (Section 8) A proxy may be an oral request by any person at any court hearing, or a request conveyed to the Department of Health and Social Services by any means by the Indian child's tribe, family member, member of the tribe, or family friend.
Senate Bill 112 also amends a number of court rules (Adoption Rules and Child In Need of Aid Rules) to implement the venue and filing procedures that are changed by the preceeding sections of the bill.
The court can implement the procedural changes to CINA, adoption, and guardianship cases as described in this bill without fiscal impact, and therefore submits this zero fiscal note.

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