

Fiscal Note

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Title: CINA; FOSTER CARE; ADOPTION
Sponsor: GARA
Requester: House Health and Social Services

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services
Allocation: Office of Public Advocacy
OMB Component Number: 43

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
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							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable; initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Administration		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

If enacted into law as drafted would materially change or expand the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services and to a lesser extent, the Alaska Court System, in dealing with foster placement of children and permanency planning and placement of children in Child-In-Need-Of-Aid (CINA) proceedings. The bill directs the department to take a more proactive approach on certain issues, requires sharing of information under certain criteria with Alaska Native villages or organizations and requires the department to take more proactive measures to provide for education and safety measures, including underwriting of costs, associated with temporary placements.

The bill does not specifically address or alter any mission or activity of the Office of Public Advocacy, but, since the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program and the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program are both housed within that agency, it is to be expected that the duties and workloads of the individual staff and volunteers will expand and become more complex in response to the need to ensure that the department complies with the new requirements.

As such the Office of Public Advocacy submits a zero fiscal note.