

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 120
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Identifier: LAW-CIV-11-28-16  
Title: DEPT OF LAW: ADVOCACY BEFORE FEREC  
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Law  
Appropriation: Civil Division  
Allocation: Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy  
OMB Component Number: 2764

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2018 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
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							

## Change in Revenues

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>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

“This bill will amend 44.23.020(e) to expand the attorney general’s public advocacy function to include Alaska matters before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). By including FERC matters within the attorney general’s public advocacy function, the attorney general can request that part of this work be included in its request for Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) receipts. These costs, like all other utility and pipeline regulatory costs that come before the RCA, will then be passed on to the regulated entities.

If passed, this bill will have a positive, but limited fiscal impact on the Department of Law. While this bill may allow the Department of Law to have some FERC related costs addressed by RCA receipts, these RCA receipts are limited by AS 42.06.286(a) making general fund appropriations for FERC matters a continuing necessity. In addition, annual general fund appropriations will continue to be needed to fund the state’s defense of FERC matters which cannot be funded by RCA receipts under existing law even with this amendment.