2022 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 281 / HB 282

OFFERED BY: Rep. Eastman

AGENCY: Judiciary

APPROPRIATION: Alaska Court System

ALLOCATION: Trial Courts

ADD INTENT LANGUAGE:

It is the intent of the legislature that the Judiciary return to the manner in which trials were held before the pandemic as soon as practical. It is not the intent of the legislature that new facilities should be built or refurbished in order to accommodate practices adopted by the courts due to the pandemic.

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It is the intent of the legislature that the judiciary provide to the Legislative Finance Division and Finance Committee Cochairs, not later than December 20, 2022, a report detailing the frequency with which the suspension of sentences in Alaska, when added to other factors, results in an individual serving less than the minimum sentence for a crime.

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ADD INTENT LANGUAGE:

It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Court System and the Department of Corrections develop a mechanism by which a judge shall be promptly notified when the department is unable to fully carry out a sentence that has been handed down by that judge.

2021 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

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TO: HB 281

OFFERED BY: Rep. Eastman

AGENCY: Judiciary

APPROPRIATION: Alaska Court System

ALLOCATION: Trial Courts

ADD INTENT LANGUAGE:

It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Court System publish, not later than September 1, 2022, through the public index maintained by the Alaska Court System under Rule 40, Alaska Rules of Administration, criminal sentencing information for sentences imposed on or after September 1, 2022, and that sentencing information for previous cases be published as soon as practicable.

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ADD NARRATIVE LANGUAGE:

Other subcommittee action:

Recommendation to full finance committee

To promote transparency in the legislative budgeting process, an appropriations bill to appropriate monies for court settlements and judgments should list each court settlement or judgment and the amount to be appropriated for each settlement or judgment.