Fiscal Note

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Identifier: 0029-1-DPS-VCCB-2-1-23
Title: CRIME OF SEX/HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Violent Crimes Compensation Board
Allocation: Violent Crimes Compensation Board
OMB Component Number: 520

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2024 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2024 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	**FY 2024**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**	**FY 2028**	**FY 2029**
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

None							
Total	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No

(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Governor Dunleavy launched the People First Initiative in December 2021 to address several public safety issues facing Alaska. The People First Initiative has five major intersecting topics: domestic violence and sexual assault, missing and murdered Indigenous persons, human and sex trafficking, foster care, and homelessness.

This bill advances the People First Initiative by making substantive and conforming amendments to statutes relating to human and sex trafficking and sex offenses. This bill will further strengthen Alaska's criminal justice system to protect victims, hold offenders accountable, and make Alaska safer.

This bill amends Alaska Statute (AS) 11.41, person crime statutes, to add a new offense series to sex trafficking in the first, second, and third degrees. It also adds a new offense for the crime of 'patrol of a victim of sex trafficking' and adds clarification for the what 'inducing or causing a person to engage in a commercial sexual act' is in reference to the newly added sex trafficking crimes. The bill repeals existing sex trafficking crimes listed currently in statute under AS 11.66.110 - 11.66.135.

The bill amends AS 18.67.101 to include victims of sex trafficking as defined in AS 11.81.900(b) as eligible for compensation under the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) was recently transferred to the department, and a new Executive Director for the program was recently hired. The VCCB has a current backlog of 1,000 cases of claims not fully processed. The VCCB is uncertain of the impact of this bill on the increase in the number of claims received. At this time, no fiscal note will be submitted until an assessment of impact can be completed.

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