

Fiscal Note

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SUB;HOMICIDE;CRIMES;SENTENCING
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: Senate Finance

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services
Allocation: Public Defender Agency
OMB Component Number: 1631

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Personal Services	547.2		547.2	547.2	547.2	547.2	547.2
Travel	11.0		11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Services	114.6		114.6	114.6	114.6	114.6	114.6
Commodities	14.0		14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	686.8	0.0	686.8	686.8	686.8	686.8	686.8

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	686.8		686.8	686.8	686.8	686.8	686.8
Total	686.8	0.0	686.8	686.8	686.8	686.8	686.8

Positions

Full-time	4.0						
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated for current HB066SCSCS(JUD)

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill incorporates several changes to criminal statutes and procedures previously introduced as independent legislative action and this fiscal note incorporates the combined fiscal impacts on the Agency. This bill establishes a new murder charge where a person manufactures or delivers a controlled substance and a person dies as a direct result of taking the illegal drugs. The bill allows the presentation of hearsay evidence at grand jury and increases sex offender registry and makes modifications to sex trafficking statutes. Registry requirements are a significant factor in assessing litigation strategies and options for the accused and may increase the number of cases that are brought to trial rather than resolved through plea agreements. This legislation creates a two-year commitment term for individuals determined mentally incompetent to stand trial in felony prosecutions. Additionally, this bill changes replaces the term "child pornography" with "sexual abuse material."

Cases charged as high-level felonies with significant penalties often result in increased litigation and pre-trial preparation that can include contested sentencing and post-conviction litigation increasing the workload and costs for the Public Defender Agency. Additional staff will be needed to manage an increase in discovery and client contact. The Agency will need to handle increased commitment proceedings, monitor these clients, their treatment, and requests or petitions for early release.

The Agency will need the following positions to address the increased workload:

Add 2 Attorney 4 positions (range 24/C, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$368.6

Travel - \$11.0

Indirect - \$29.6

Contractual - \$55.4

Commodities - \$7.0

Add 2 Law Office Assistant 2 positions (range 13/C, Palmer & Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$178.6

Indirect - \$29.6

Commodities - \$7.0