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FISCAL NOTE

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REQUEST	FISCAL DETAIL
Bill/Resolution No.: <u>CSSB 356 (State Affairs)</u>	Agency Affected: <u>Department of Law</u>
Title: <u>"An Act relating to election campaign financing and the Alaska Public Offices Commission; ..."</u>	BRU: <u>Legal Services</u>
Sponsor: <u>Sen. State Affairs Committee</u>	Components: <u>Legal Services Oper</u>
Requestor: <u>Governor's Office/OMB</u>	
Date of Request: <u>February 28, 1986</u>	

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES : (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91
PERSONAL SERVICES		72.9	100.2	103.2	106.3	109.5
TRAVEL		4.0	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.4
CONTRACTUAL		10.8	13.4	13.8	14.2	14.6
SUPPLIES		6.0	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0
EQUIPMENT		9.5	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		103.2	122.2	125.8	129.6	133.5
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING : (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		103.2	122.2	125.8	129.6	133.5
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS :

FULL-TIME		1	1	1	1	1
PART-TIME		1	1	1	1	1
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS :

Please see attached analysis.

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This bill completely revises existing statutes governing election campaign financing and the operations of the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Because of the number of changes contained in the bill, it will be necessary to adopt a substantial body of regulations, both substantive and technical, to implement the bill's provisions. In this respect, regulations drafting will be a major undertaking, particularly in the areas of accusations, contested accusations, and summary disposition of violations. Such an undertaking can be expected to take a large portion of an attorney's time (40% to 50% in the three months before the bill's effective date and 20% to 30% in the 12 months following implementation.)

Moreover, the bill provides that the commission may conduct hearings without a hearing officer and, in such circumstances, the attorney general shall assign an assistant attorney general to advise the commission on matters of law during hearings. The attorney general is also legal counsel to the commission and advises the commission in legal matters arising out of the discharge of its duties and represents the commission in actions to which it is a party. These latter duties require that a second assistant attorney general be assigned to advise the APOC staff in order to avoid conflicts of representation that would otherwise occur if the same attorney advised both the commission and the APOC staff in matters brought before the commission by the staff.

Although the department currently devotes considerable attorney time to APOC matters, the multi-level representation necessitated by the bill will require that additional Department of Law attorney and support staff resources be provided to the APOC and its staff. Complaints handled by the APOC are increasing, and they are becoming more controversial. Contested accusations are more contentious and, as they generally receive the greatest public attention, there is a public expectation that the accusations will be speedily resolved. To do so in a manner that protects the rights of candidates, public officials, and the public requires that the legal advice furnished to the commission and its staff be provided as promptly and as efficiently as possible. The Department of Law therefore requests that an Attorney IV, together with a part-time legal secretary, be added to its Anchorage civil office to accomplish the purposes of this bill.

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Funding Summary CSSB 356 (State Affairs)

	<u>Attorney IV</u>	<u>Legal Sec. I (PPT)</u>	<u>Total</u>
71000	60.0	12.9	72.9
72000	4.0	-0-	4.0
73000	6.2	4.6	10.8
74000	3.5	2.5	6.0
75000	<u>1.5</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>9.5</u>
Total	75.2	28.0	103.2

The fiscal note costs shown above are for 10-month start-up costs for FY 87. Costs after FY 87 are on 12-month, full-year basis and include a 3% annual inflation factor, less one-time costs that occur in FY 87.

