

FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: 2/7/00
 Title: "An Act relating to release of persons before trial..."
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor

Department Affected: Administration
 BRU: Legal and Advocacy Services
 Component: Public Defender Agency
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1631

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2 003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
PERSONAL SERVICES	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8	26.8
TRAVEL	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
CONTRACTUAL	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
SUPPLIES	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
EQUIPMENT	6.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	38.0	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	38.0	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
OTHER						
TOTAL	38.0	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1	32.1

Estimate of any current year (FY 00) cost: \$ -0-

POSITIONS:

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

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

See attached.

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ANALYSIS: (continued)

This bill creates a new misdemeanor offense: Violation of Condition of Release. In addition, the bill provides for "performance bonds." Under current practice, when people are released on bail, judges routinely impose conditions of release in addition to an "appearance bond." If they fail to appear, they can be charged with a crime and the appearance bond can be forfeited. Currently, if defendants appear as ordered but violate conditions of release, they are generally returned to jail. If this bill becomes law, defendants would be charged with a new offense (Violation of Condition of Release) and be required to forfeit performance bonds.

This bill would affect Public Defender Agency operations. We represent many people in bail hearings every day. We did a rough study of court calendars in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer, and Kenai for a ten-day period last year. We covered 335 bail and arraignment hearings just in that period. Most defendants who are released on conditions do not violate conditions. But given the volume, there are a substantial number who will. The Public Defender Agency will need additional staff to handle the increased workload in bail hearings and new misdemeanor cases this bill would cause.

Anchorage is our busiest court location for bail hearings. The addition of a half-time Associate Attorney I on our Anchorage staff would enable us to meet handle the additional workload this bill would cause.