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 Title: "An Act relating to the consumption,
purchasing...sale of alcoholic beverag BRU: Legal & Advocacy Services
 Component: Public Defender Agency
 Sponsor: Representative Green
 Requester: House State Affairs Committee Component Number: 1631

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services	536.8	536.8	536.8	536.8	536.8	536.8
Travel	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
Contractual	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0	124.0
Supplies	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6
Equipment	19.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	710.9	693.3	693.3	693.3	693.3	693.3

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	710.9	693.3	693.3	693.3	693.3	693.3
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	710.9	693.3	693.3	693.3	693.3	693.3

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time	8	8	8	8	8	8
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Please see page 2 for analysis.

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HB 42 ANALYSIS (Fiscal Note No. 2):

This bill revises Title 4 of the Alaska Statutes to provide that a person over 21 only has a “privilege” to purchase alcohol that can be revoked. The bill would make it a class A misdemeanor to possess or purchase alcohol if a person has had their privilege to purchase alcohol revoked. It would also be a class A misdemeanor to enter licensed premises or solicit a person to purchase alcoholic beverages.

A person’s privilege must be revoked upon conviction for driving while intoxicated. The privilege may be revoked upon conviction of another type of offense if consumption of alcoholic beverages was a substantial factor.

The Department of Law estimates that passage of this bill will result in approximately 5,000 new misdemeanor prosecutions. The Public Defender Agency is appointed in about 80% of criminal prosecutions like these. Therefore, we would have a caseload increase of 3,750 additional new misdemeanor cases. This would be a huge increase.

According to the Department of Law’s fiscal note, they will add five new prosecutors and three paralegals. The most conservative estimate the Public Defender Agency can use is to conclude that we would need 80% of this additional staffing level or four attorneys and two paralegals. We would place the attorneys in Anchorage, Palmer, Fairbanks, and Bethel. The paralegals would be placed in Anchorage and Palmer.

These costs include one-time equipment costs and costs for clerical support.