

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: CSHB 489(JUD)
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Law
 Title "An Act relating to cruelty to animals." BRU Criminal Division
 Component All
 Sponsor Representative Chenault
 Requester House Judiciary Committee Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

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	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 HB 489 adds seeing someone commit animal cruelty, and then knowingly fail to report the crime to law enforcement, to the definition of cruelty to animals. The bill further increases the penalty for cruelty to animals from a misdemeanor to a class C felony.

During 2000, the Department of Law got convictions in eight cruelty to animal cases. Due to the relatively low number of these cases, increasing the penalty for animal cruelty to a felony as defined in current law is expected to have a negligible fiscal impact on the agency. However, making failure to report animal cruelty a felony is expected to cause many new referrals for prosecution, which will need to be investigated and reviewed, even if the state cannot ultimately prosecute. While we believe passage of section 2 of HB 489 will increase the department's workload, we have no way of reliably estimating the impact.

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