

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Law
 Title "An Act relating to victims' rights; . . .an office of BRU Criminal Division/Civil Division
victims' rights; . . . compensation of victims of violent crimes . . ." Component Human Services
 Sponsor Senator Halford 1st-4th Jud Dist, Crim Apps/Spec Lit
 Requester Senate Judiciary Committee Component No. 2198-99/2261/79/01/03/06

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						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

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)						
TOTAL	0.0	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB 105 establishes in the legislative branch the Office of Victims' Rights, directed by the victims' advocate, effective July 1, 2002. The victims' advocate will advocate on behalf of crime victims in felony cases in the courts of the state and investigate complaints of crime victims in felony and certain class A misdemeanor cases that they have been denied their rights under the constitution and laws of the state.

The potential fiscal impact from enactment of this law on the Department of Law is dependent on the philosophy and depth of involvement of the victims' advocate. At a minimum, the length of time required for cases in which the victims' advocate participates will increase, simply by virtue of having an additional attorney involved. The potential that the victims' advocate will be at odds with the prosecutor over matters involving trial strategy, tactics, and plea negotiations would add additional time and expense. These costs are speculative, and the department cannot assign a cost without additional experience.

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