

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Law
 Title "An Act making a civil remedy available to the state BRU Civil Division
... against persons who make false claims for, or certain ..." Component Commercial
 Sponsor Rules Committee Governmental Affairs
 Requester Governor Component No. 2211, 2207

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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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)

This bill provides general statutory authority for the civil prosecution of a person who makes a false claim for, or a misrepresentation regarding, money or property against the state or a municipality. It would allow for damages of up to three times the amount suffered, a civil penalty, and court costs and attorneys fees from persons who make a representation or false claim against the state or a municipality. The new law would not apply to any controversy that involves less than \$500 and would not apply to unemployment claims, workers' compensation claims, state tax claims, public assistance claims, or temporary assistance claims.

Passage of this legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Law. Current law already allows the attorney general to file suit to recover funds illegally paid out by the state or a municipality. This legislation will serve to improve the state's negotiating position in those cases the department would undertake anyway by providing a heavier penalty - the threat of treble damages.

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