

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2002 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
 Bill Version: SB 339  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Administration  
 Title "An Act increasing fines..." BRU Legal and Advocacy Services  
 Component Public Defender Agency  
 Sponsor Senate Finance  
 Requester (S) Finance Component No. 1631

**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						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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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)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	*	*	*	*	*	*

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)

See attached.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

This legislation would significantly increase the allowable fines in title 12 upon conviction of an offense. It proposes to raise the maximum fine for an unclassified felony from \$75,000 to \$500,000, with comparable increases for lesser offenses, including violations.

This legislation will likely have a fiscal impact on the Public Defender Agency, because with an increase in penalties come more violations of conditions of probation. If an offender doesn't or can't pay the fine, he will be in violation of his probation, and a petition to revoke will be filed. The Agency is appointed in many of these revocation cases, and this bill likely result in more cases handled by the Agency, charging a violation for failure to pay a hefty fine. However, it is not possible to predict with any certainty the number of new cases this bill will generate, therefore an indeterminate fiscal note is submitted.