

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 2  
 Bill Version: CSHB 227(JUD)  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title District courts and small claims BRU Alaska Court System  
 Component Trial Courts  
 Sponsor House Judiciary Committee  
 Requester \_\_\_\_\_ Component No. 768

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
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 (FY2004) cost: \_\_\_\_\_ \*  
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Committee Substitute for HB 227 will increase the jurisdictional limit of the district court from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per defendant. The bill also increases the jurisdictional limit of small claims court from \$7,500 to \$10,000 and allows a plaintiff in small claims court greater ability to sue an out-of-state defendant. Both changes to small claims court are likely to increase the number of cases filed. The cases with out-of-state defendants are likely to be more lengthy than would otherwise be the case. However, because the increase in the number of cases filed in small claims court will be partially offset by a corresponding decrease in the number of cases filed in the district court and because the number of likely out-of-state defendants is unknown, the impact of the passage of CSHB 227 is too speculative to support a fiscal note at this time. If the impact turns out to be significant the court may return to the legislature with a request for additional funding.

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