

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: CSSB 203(FIN)
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: LAW
 Title "An Act relating to administrative hearings, to RDU CIVIL
hearing officers, and to administrative law judges;..." Component Labor & State Affairs
 Sponsor Senate Rules
 Requester Senate Judiciary Component No. _____

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						
TOTAL OPERATING	*****	*****	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--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	*****	*****	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Check 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)

This bill establishes the Office of Administrative Hearings in the Department of Administration. The office will conduct all adjudicative administrative hearings for an extensive list of state programs, including alcoholic beverage licensing, charitable gaming, banking, occupational licensing, and oil and gas exploration, production, and pipeline transportation property taxes, among others.

The fiscal impact on the Department of Law will be during the first year or two of transition from the current structure of agency hearing officers to the centralized Office of Administrative Hearings. Hundreds of pages of regulations directing how the current adjudicative process is handled will need to be rewritten to implement the new process. Boards, commissions and agency staff will need to be trained. Whether or not the new workload can be absorbed with existing staff will depend on how

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

quickly the revised regulations need to be implemented. This will likely vary from agency to agency. If any of the regulations projects assume an urgency that existing staff cannot meet, outside contract counsel may be necessary to handle them. Given the uncertainty, we cannot estimate what the potential cost might be.