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 Title: Office of Administrative Hearings RDU: Labor Standards and Safety
 Component: Occupational Safety and Health
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requester: Senate FIN Component Number: 970

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	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	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: None

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)

See Attached Analysis.

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ANALYSIS: (continued)

The Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) component currently contracts with a private attorney to act as a hearing officer for OSH Review Board cases under AS 18.60. The current contract, awarded through the competitive procurement process, establishes an hourly rate of \$125 and an annual amount of \$40,000.

This contract hearing officer has been the same individual for more than 15 years. The cases, which include workplace fatalities and serious injuries, require detailed understanding of a large body of complex federal regulations and interpretations. Due to the experience and efficiency of the current OSH Review Board contract hearing officer, significant cost increases are likely under this legislative proposal. The funding source of the OSH program is 50% federal funds and 50% Worker Safety Account. If hearing responsibility is transferred to the new Office of Administrative Hearings, the division will pay for hearing services through a reimbursable services agreement.