

FISCAL NOTE

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2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: SB 246
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title Hate Crimes/Discrimination/ BRU Alaska Court System
Tolerance Programs Component Trial Courts
 Sponsor Senator Lincoln
 Requester _____ 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	*	*	*	*	*	*

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	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0
 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)

Senate Bill 246 makes several changes to the criminal and delinquency laws that increase the penalties for crimes that are motivated by prejudice, bias or hatred toward the victim because of the victim's actual or perceived race, sex, color, creed, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, ancestry, or national origin. These changes will impact the court system because stiffer penalties will result in defendants more vigorously defending against the charges against them. This leads to longer and more frequent hearings and increases the chances that a case will go to trial. This is particularly likely when the stiffer penalties are tied to the proof elements associated with hate crimes. However, the extent of this impact is too speculative to support a fiscal note at this time. Should the impact prove to be significant, the court system may return to the legislature with a request for additional resources.

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