

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: _____
 () Publish Date: _____
 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____

Title: DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO LEGISLATORS OR LEGISLATIVE STAFF
 RDU: Children's Services
 Component: Front Line Social Workers

Sponsor: ROKEBERG
 Requester: HOUSE (HES)

Component No. 2305

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services	*	*	*	*	*	*
Travel	*	*	*	*	*	*
Contractual	*	*	*	*	*	*
Supplies	*	*	*	*	*	*
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	*	*	*	*	*	*

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	*	*	*	*	*	*

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: _____

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

If HB14 becomes law, we anticipate the number of inquiries will increase, but lack a solid methodology to calculate the potential increase. The department is submitting a indeterminate fiscal note at this time.

HB 14 proposes to allow foster parents of children in department custody to disclose privileged and confidential information regarding a child and/or a child's family to a legislator and/or a member of a legislator's staff. There are more than 1,000 licensed foster homes and up to 2,000 children placed in out-of-home care. The OCS now receives

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

approximately 840 inquiries annually, it could be assumed that inquiries are being made on more than 40% of the children placed. Responses may include the need for case research and review, additional inquiries, documentation of the inquiry, and a written response. Any potential increase in workload is of concern with caseloads that exceed national standards by as much as 37%.