

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: HCS CSSB 56(FIN)
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title Criminal Sentencing BRU Alaska Court System
 Component Appellate Courts
 Sponsor Senator Therriault
 Requester _____ Component No. 768

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 ()						
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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 (FY2005) cost: 0.0

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)

HCS CSSB 56 (FIN) makes several changes to felony sentencing laws. Generally, the bill replaces presumptive terms (a set number of years for a sentence) with presumptive ranges (a set range of years within which the judge may select the appropriate sentence). These changes represent a significant departure from long-established procedures. Past experience with other significant changes to the criminal justice system (in particular the ending of plea agreements in the 1970s and the rewrite of the criminal code in 1980) resulted in initial increases in court workloads as the entire system got used to the new practices. We anticipate a similar increase in workload following the passage of SB 56. However, the extent and duration of that increase is too speculative to support a fiscal note at this time.

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