

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: SB 74
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title Crimes Involving Marijuana/Other Drugs BRU Alaska Court System
 Component Trial Courts
 Sponsor Senate Rules
 Requester Governor 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)

Senate Bill 74 decreases from one pound to four ounces the amount of marijuana sufficient to constitute a felony offense for possession under AS 11.71.040. Under current law, possession of less than one pound of marijuana is a misdemeanor. Additionally, the bill creates new offenses related to marijuana possession in a vehicle and raises the penalties for certain delivery offenses. An increase in the number of felony filings impacts the court system because felony cases must go to a grand jury, the felony trial rate is much higher than the misdemeanor trial rate and, because those convicted of felony crimes are subject to supervised probation by the Department of Corrections, the court will see more petitions to revoke probation. Although these changes will impact the court system, the extent of that impact is too speculative to support a fiscal note at this time. However, if that impact proves to be significant the court system may return to the legislature with a request for additional funding.

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