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Component No. 2666

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation		Information				
	Required						
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>
Personal Services				81.8	361.0	361.0	361.0
Travel				10.2	244.5	244.5	244.5
Contractual				28.2	62.1	62.1	62.1
Supplies				1.5	5.0	5.0	5.0
Equipment				2.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>123.7</b>	<b>677.6</b>	<b>677.6</b>	<b>677.6</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>							

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts				18.5	98.3	98.3	98.3
1003 GF Match				105.2	579.3	579.3	579.3
1004 GF							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)							
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>123.7</b>	<b>677.6</b>	<b>677.6</b>	<b>677.6</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time				1	5	5	5
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The purpose of this Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children is: to provide a process through which children subject to this compact are placed in safe and suitable homes in a timely manner; to facilitate ongoing supervision of a placement, the delivery of services, and communication between the states; to provide operating procedures that will ensure that children are placed in safe and suitable homes in a timely manner; and to provide for the promulgation and enforcement of administrative rules implementing the provisions of this compact and regulating the covered activities of the member states.

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The Office of Children's Services does not anticipate additional need for funding in FY 2009 or FY 2010 for the following reasons:

- (1) Alaska is one of the first states to take up legislation to adopt the new language and 34 other states must also adopt the compact before it can be ratified. Ratification could take up to two years.
- (2) Administrative rules and procedures will take an additional year to develop and implement.

The OCS will need to return to the Legislature for funding in 2011 and 2012 once the compact has been ratified by the states and the start date for implementation of new rules and procedures has been determined.

Once implemented, the Office of Children's Services anticipates that the establishment of an interstate commission for the placement of children, the incorporation of federal home study timelines, development and implementation of home study assessment standards, increased data collection and reporting, more interaction and support with the new commission, expanded training to include other agencies and stakeholders, and increased expenses related to membership participation will require \$677.6 annually.

Personal services: Current staffing for this program is a program coordinator (range 20) and a clerk (range 8). There are approximately 550 interstate cases, both private and custody cases. In addition, the coordinator facilitates and maintains records for private residential placements, which total about 400 cases. The program coordinator facilitates the request process; monitors supervision reports and correspondence between states; provides case management and supervision of cases; and provides liaison activities with other states, state attorneys, private attorneys, court appointed special advocates, and families. The program coordinator also provides training and technical assistance to all interested parties to ensure compliance with compact and OCS policy.

With the new requirements in HB 50, current staff levels will not be able to comply with new data and reporting requirements, higher levels of training, support of the commission, and higher levels of administrative case management and supervision in the field and in the Central, administrative office in Juneau. The OCS will need an additional case worker in Juneau to meet case management, data collection, and reporting requirements to allow the program coordinator to expand case management and supervision of cases. In addition, the program coordinator will be required to expand training to other agencies involved in the new process, including the Division of Juvenile Justice, the courts, guardians ad litem and tribes, while continuing to coordinate, act as liaison and facilitate meetings and activities of the commission. These costs will begin in 2011 as indicated in this note. In 2012, there will also be a need for four additional workers in the field in order to meet the compact's homestudy and supervision deadlines and requirements. (Continued on Page 3)

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The OCS anticipates the need for a Social Worker III in the Central, administrative office in Juneau in 2011 (range 18 – \$81.8); plus an additional \$279.2 in 2012 for 4 additional Social Worker I's – Anchorage, Mat Su, Kenai and Fairbanks (3 range 15's -\$69.7 each; 1 range 15 (Fairbanks) \$70.1).

The OCS anticipates additional expenses in support of the interstate commission for the placement of children to include training, administrative support, travel, meeting and teleconference costs. In 2011, OCS estimates a need for \$10.2 to support travel for the coordinator and commission; \$28.2 contractual for interstate commission membership dues, increased overhead costs (human resources, IT, Dept. of Law services) and other related service costs; and \$3.5 for supplies and equipment. The department estimates an additional need in 2012 of \$234.3 to support travel for homestudy and supervision; \$33.9 contractual for increased overhead costs (human resources, IT, Dept. of Law services) and other related service costs; and \$6.5 for supplies and equipment.

Of the total \$677.6, the federal share will be \$98.3.