

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: CSHB 138(JUD)
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Identifier (file name): HB138-LAW-CRIM-02-12-10 Dept. Affected: Law
 Title An Act relating to cruelty to animals. RDU CRIMINAL
 Component Criminal Justice Litigation
 Sponsor Representative(s) GATTO, Gruenberg
 Requester House Judiciary Component Number 2202

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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 Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		***	***	***	***	***	***	***

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 138 expands the penalties for most cruelty to animals charges. The fiscal impact to the Department of Law is difficult to predict. In testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2008 an animal shelter person from Fairbanks said they get 20 cases of cruelty to animals a month. This equals 240 cases a year for a population of 97,970 (US census date for 2008). The same date shows a state population of 686,293. This would mean an annual statewide caseload of approximately 1,608 for cruelty to animals. With the changes of many misdemeanors to a class C felony the state would need at least an additional four to five attorneys. Department of Law numbers should approximate four cases a year hence an indeterminate fiscal note.

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