

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: HB 298  
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Identifier (file name): 0859-DOA-OPA-12-31-09 Dept. Affected: DOA  
Title: An Act relating to the crimes of sexual assault, possession RDU: Legal and Advocacy Services  
of child pornography and . . . Component: Office of Public Advocacy  
Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requester: Governor Component Number: 43

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	Appropriation Required	Information					
	FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							
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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							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

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

This bill makes additions and changes to a number of criminal statutes and discovery procedures associated with sex offenses and child pornography prosecutions. Some of these changes could have a fiscal impact on the agency although it is not anticipated to be significant. Therefore, the agency has submitted a zero fiscal note.

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**FISCAL NOTE #1**

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

The bill will create a new misdemeanor crime of harassment for touching another person's genitals, anus or female breast, directly or through clothing. Additionally, the bill will eliminate the mens rea element associated with circumstances under which someone fails to register as a sex offender. These changes could increase prosecutions and litigation associated with failure to register as a sex offender and child pornography cases.

This bill will also change the procedures for defense access to evidence in child pornography cases. Under the proposed change to Criminal Rule 16, the evidence that forms the basis of such charges must remain in the custody and control of a law enforcement agency and the prosecuting attorney, and no copies can be made. This could result in additional costs associated with the logistics of the defense reviewing and testing evidence. For example, in a child pornography case any experts hired to review evidence would have to be paid for time involved with traveling and reviewing evidence where it is being held by the prosecutor or police agency, and facilities will have to be made available for evidence review and testing.

The agency does not predict a significant fiscal impact as a result of the proposed statute. Accordingly, the agency submits a zero fiscal note.