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 Title An Act Relating to the Preservation of Evidence RDU Statewide Support
 Component Laboratory Services
 Sponsor Senator Hollis French
 Requester Senate Judiciary Committee Component Number _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	Appropriation Required	Information					
	FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Personal Services	61.2		62.8	64.6	66.4	70.7	72.5
Travel	17.5		15.5	10.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Contractual	13.5						
Supplies							
Equipment	2.0						
Land & Structures	40.0					40.0	
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	134.2		78.3	74.6	73.4	117.7	79.5

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	134.2		78.3	74.6	73.4	117.7	79.5
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	134.2		78.3	74.6	73.4	117.7	79.5

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time	1.0	1.00	1	1	1	1	1
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 This bill would mandate the preservation of biological and other potentially probative evidence and a task force to provide for standards and training of evidence technicians. The figures listed above are estimates and an amended fiscal note will become necessary as there are too many variables and unknowns to effectively project actual fiscal need at this time.

 Appropriately, the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory stores samples of biological evidence for state and municipal law enforcement agencies. Impact on the Evidence section of the crime lab is inevitable. The lab would need to provide increased and appropriate secure storage space and technical assistance to accommodate the

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

increase in evidence submissions. The lab has been problem-solving past and current storage space needs for years and is currently at full capacity. The lab would need to purchase a modular trailer capable of providing a temperature-controlled environment to sustain the integrity of the evidence stored there and to allow for appropriate inventory control. This modular must be secure and also require an alarm system. Previous estimates the lab has obtained for this project came in at \$40,000 and included the trailer, security system, and temperature control. It is anticipated that the lab would need an additional modular by FY2015; however, until we see the actual impact of this bill's passage, we cannot accurately determine this need. A second trailer will add the problem of space and likely it will not have a place in proximity to the current lab.

At a minimum, the lab would need one Forensic Technician to handle the increase in evidence and to assist the Serology section, at a cost of \$61,200 with allowance for future step advancement. This does include all benefits associated with the position. There are other costs associated with the hiring of a new technician such as contractual licensing, work station, office supplies, training and travel cost. Additionally, the lab needs \$10,000 for the software/hardware required to handle evidence inventory needs and to transfer evidence currently bar-coded to the old laboratory information management system into the new system.

The crime lab would also need to provide statewide training to law enforcement agencies in the proper collection and storage of evidence for those items not retained at the crime lab. Training costs and travel needs have been estimated based upon prior statewide training cost while also figuring in potential statewide need; however, actual cost will be dependent upon the needs identified through the proposed Task Force. Travel cost would, of necessity, begin high and decrease with time. Additionally, this bill would inevitably result in an increase to the biological screening needs of evidence not currently screened, and add to the duties of the Serology and DNA sections of the lab. While this is likely, the lab does not have room to provide for any more personnel in those sections at this time and therefore did not include this in our estimates. It is stated here due to the possibility a revised note will need to be done in the future.

While the impact on the crime lab is viewed as potentially significant, we cannot yet determine actual and complete fiscal impact. If the proposed new crime lab is approved and construction commences on schedule, the fiscal impact of this bill would be dramatically reduced. The new crime lab is designed to keep in mind changing evidence storage needs, expands the DNA and Serological sections, and has the ability to accommodate decades of growth.