

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: SB 241
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Identifier (file name): 0812-DOA-PDA-12-15-09

Dept. Affected: Administration

Title: An Act relating to post-conviction DNA testing.....

RDU: Legal and Advocacy Services

Component: Public Defender Agency

Sponsor: _____

Requester: Governor

Component Number: 1631

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	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached page

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

This bill creates procedures for obtaining post-conviction DNA testing, for preserving physical evidence, for destroying physical evidence, and creates a task force on standards for preservation of evidence.

It is expected that the Agency will receive new post-conviction appointments. The Innocence Project has received approximately 130 requests for assistance from convicted defendants asserting claims of innocence over the past 4 years. Additionally, the bill requires all petitioners whose convictions were entered before a certain date to file a petition by July 1, 2013. This is expected to increase the number of applications within the first three years of the bill.

The new appointments could increase costs due to attorney review and paralegal resources that must be applied to process the cases. It is difficult to predict how many cases or the level of review that will be required, but the Agency does not predict a significant increase and therefore submits a zero fiscal note.