

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number 3  
 Bill Version HB 133  
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Identifier (file name) HB133-DOA-OPA-2-19-11 Dept. Affected Administration  
 Title An Act increasing the number of superior court judges..... Appropriation Legal and Advocacy Services  
 Allocation Office of Public Advocacy  
 Sponsor House Rules Committee  
 Requester House Judiciary OMB Component Number 43

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

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	181.7		181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7
Travel	4.1		4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Services	30.2		30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2
Commodities	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Capital Outlay	13.4		1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Grants								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>232.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</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	232.4		220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	2.0		2	2	2	2	2
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

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**Analysis**

This bill will create two new Superior Court judge positions in the Third Judicial District. These two new judges will be handling Anchorage Child in Need of Aid matters. Currently, there are ten Anchorage Superior Court judges handling CINA matters. The addition of two new Superior Court judges will considerably increase the number of CINA cases heard on a weekly basis.

The Office of Public Advocacy currently has five (full time equivalent) staff attorneys in Anchorage who represent parents in CINA matters. The addition of two more judges will greatly increase the demands on these attorneys and their support staff to prepare for and appear in court for CINA matters. In order to adequately address the increased demands on the agency, the agency will need one additional attorney and one additional law office assistant.