

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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Identifier (file name) HB253-DPS-LAB-02-03-12 Dept. Affected Public Safety  
 Title CATHINONE BATH SALTS Appropriation Statewide Support  
 Allocation Laboratory Services  
 Sponsor Representative(s) Stoltze, Thompson, Millett, Pruitt,...  
 Requester (H) JUD OMB Component Number 527

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

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
<b>TOTAL</b>		***	***	***	***	***	***	***

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**CHANGE IN REVENUES**

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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (separate capital appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

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

Not applicable, initial version.

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**Analysis**

This proposed legislation would add certain synthetic substances to the Schedule IIA list of statutorily controlled substances and provide for an effective date.

The Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (crime lab) provides analysis of suspected controlled substances, issues reports, and provides expert testimony for the State of Alaska. The crime lab currently receives an average of ten submittals each month from law enforcement referencing "suspected bath salts." If these substances become controlled, the Chemistry Section of the lab can expect some change in requests for laboratory service, but is unable to determine how significant that change will be; whether it will remain roughly ten submittals per month or if it will increase.

These substances are unlike most that have been previously criminalized in that they are not "street drugs" but legally contrived and sold online via the internet and locally over-the-counter through tobacco shops. Because actual fiscal impact is unknown and difficult to determine, the crime lab is not requesting any additional funds or positions at this time but also does not wish to leave a matter the crime laboratory cannot fully assess without the reality of possible, though not probable, future fiscal impact.