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 Title "An Act Relating to Synthetic Cannabinoids As Schedule IIA" Appropriation Statewide Support
 Allocation Laboratory Services
 Sponsor Senator Meyer
 Requester Senate Health & Social Services OMB Component Number 527

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
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	96.0		96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0	96.0
Travel	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Services	8.5		5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Commodities	12.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Capital Outlay	7.3							
Grants								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	126.8		106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6

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	126.8		106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
TOTAL	126.8	0.0	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

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

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 cannabinoids to the schedule IIA list of controlled substances. This bill would become effective immediately upon passage.

The Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory (Crime Laboratory) provides analysis of suspected controlled substances, issues reports, and provides expert testimony for the state of Alaska. For calendar year 2010 the laboratory received 1,267 requests for controlled substances analysis. A full time position is capable of analyzing 480 requests per year. The Controlled Substances Section of the Crime Lab currently has 2.5 full time staff assigned to it.

Once controlled, it is anticipated that the Crime Laboratory will receive significant requests for analysis related to the newly controlled substances. With the large presence of internet sales, and the ability for manufacturers to rapidly change the substances present in the materials sold, any suspected of containing these newly controlled substances will require scientific analysis at the Crime Laboratory.

This new position would come at an initial cost of \$126,800. This includes a starting salary with benefits of \$96,000, a work station start up cost of \$7,300 for equipment, \$2,000 for supplies, and there will be \$3,000 in travel funds required for the ongoing training and education necessary for an analyst to maintain their expertise and certifications. There is an expected \$5,000 in contractual costs as well, and this position also requires an initial \$3,500 to obtain licensing required for the laboratory's LIMS database. Subsequently, there is a yearly 18% maintenance fee for that license. In addition to the above considerations involved with this new position, the Crime Laboratory would be required to obtain the standards necessary to analyze these nine new chemicals and their various isomers. This would be a one-time cost of \$10,000.

In addition to the ongoing salary, benefits, and necessary travel costs relative to this position, all positions utilize an ongoing \$2,000 for supply needs, and there is an ongoing licensing and maintenance cost of \$5,600 per year. Therefore, the initial cost for this position would be \$126,800, with a subsequent ongoing cost of \$106,600.