

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Identifier (file name) _____ Dept. Affected Alaska Judicial Council
 Title An Act Relating to the Number of Superior Court Judges Appropriation _____
 Allocation _____
 Sponsor Senate Rules Committee
 Requester Alaska Supreme Court OMB Component Number _____

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								
Travel		9.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Services		14.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Commodities		0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		23.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9

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		23.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
TOTAL		23.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

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

Initial version.

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Analysis

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SB 58 adds two new superior court judges in the Third Judicial District. This fiscal note assumes that these positions will be filled separately, either because they will be in different venues or because the court may not have the facilities to proceed immediately on two new positions in a single venue. The Judicial Council's initial costs of filling these vacancies include funds needed to solicit applicants, to conduct investigations into their qualifications, and to convene a meeting to interview applicants and nominate the most qualified to the governor for appointment. A breakdown of costs is as follows:

<u>Travel</u>	Council members' travel to two meetings	<u>9,000</u>
<u>Contractual</u>	Printing, mailing, survey hosting, data analysis, advertising, miscellaneous	<u>14,100</u>
<u>Commodities</u>	Paper	<u>100</u>
	Total	<u><u>23,200</u></u>

If the Alaska Court System is able and willing to fill the two new positions simultaneously, and if the positions are in the same venue, the Judicial Council will coordinate its solicitation and screening of judicial applicants to achieve lower costs. In that case, the Council's funding request would be as follows:

<u>Travel</u>	Council members' travel to one meeting	<u>5,500</u>
<u>Contractual</u>	Printing, mailing, survey hosting, data analysis, advertising, miscellaneous	<u>7,900</u>
<u>Commodities</u>	Paper	<u>100</u>
	Total	<u><u>13,500</u></u>

An average superior court judge serves for twelve years. Costs associated with filling these positions in the future are amortized over the next twelve years.