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 Title Geographic Differential for Judges Appropriation Trial Courts
 Allocation _____
 Sponsor Rules by Request
 Requester Alaska Court System OMB Component Number 768

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
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	243.5		243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	243.5	0.0	243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	243.5		243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037 GF/MH (UGF)							
1178 temp code (UGF)							
TOTAL	243.5	0.0	243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5	243.5

POSITIONS

	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES

	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18

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)

Amended version of fiscal note.

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Analysis

Committee Substitute for SB 168 (JUD) amends the statute governing the geographic cost of living adjustments that apply to judges' salaries. Under current law, and unlike all other state employees, judges have two caps on their cost of living adjustment. The first is an artificially low adjustment calculation; the second is a restriction on the amount of a judge's salary to which the adjustment applies.

Alaska Statute 22.35.010 states that the geographic cost of living adjustment for judges is limited to a maximum of 17.5% and applies only to the first \$40,000 of their salary (for a maximum of \$7,000). No other state employees are subject to these restrictions.

The Judiciary CS for SB 168 addresses this discrepancy by deleting the \$40,000 cap and applying the current differentials set out in AS 22.35.010 to judges' full salaries.

This note reflects the cost of that change.

The bill also adds the community of Dillingham to the list of locations that receive a geographic differential. This addition simply reflects the fact that Dillingham did not have a resident superior court judge when AS 22.35.010 was originally adopted.