

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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 Title Geographic Differential for Judges Appropriation Appellate Courts  
 Allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Rules by Request  
 Requester Alaska Court System OMB Component Number 767

**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	5.6		5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF	5.6		5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</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)**

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.