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 Title: OMBUDSMAN
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST
 Requester: House Finance

Department: Alaska Legislature
 Appropriation: Legislative Council
 Allocation: Ombudsman
 OMB Component Number: 790

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2015 Request	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **Yes**
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **12/31/14**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

This fiscal note is updated for FY15, as the initial version was prepared in 2013. Also, the committee substitute for HB 127 removed multiple sections of the bill, so some of the regulation changes discussed in the initial fiscal note will not be needed. The discussion of new regulations that will result from this legislation has therefore been updated to reflect the changes made in House State Affairs and House Judiciary.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #7

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Analysis

CSHB 127(JUD) allows for the Ombudsman to receive step increases on the salary schedule for Range 26 set out in AS 39.27.011. The Ombudsman does not intend to implement any step increase in FY15, and thus no additional funds are requested for FY15. Any subsequent step increases will be handled through the normal personal services budgeting process for the Ombudsman's Office.

CSHB 127(JUD) will necessitate new regulations specific to the handling of any attorney-client privileged material provided to the ombudsman by an agency under investigation by the ombudsman, and reenactment of the ombudsman's procurement regulations.

The initial version of HB 127 would have expressly provided the ombudsman with jurisdiction to investigate the Alaska Bar Association as a state agency. It would also have provided the ombudsman with jurisdiction over certain contractors performing services for state agencies. The provisions regarding the ombudsman's jurisdiction are not in the committee substitute for HB 127, and therefore there will be no new regulations regarding changes in the ombudsman's jurisdiction.

The initial version of HB 127 also contained provisions changing the ombudsman's procedure for issuing investigative reports; those provisions are not in the committee substitute. However, the ombudsman still anticipates enacting new regulations pertaining to procedures for the ombudsman's investigative reports.