

Fiscal Note

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Title: INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT
Sponsor: PRUITT
Requester: (H) JUDICIARY

Department: Department of Law
Appropriation: Civil Division
Allocation: Human Services
OMB Component Number: 2962

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Upon further consideration of the bill the amount of this fiscal note has been changed to zero. The reasoning behind the change can be found in the analysis below.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #7

STATE OF ALASKA
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Analysis

Section 1: Amends existing statute to expand the duties of the Department of Public Safety to transmit information regarding a person's adjudication as mentally ill (i.e., an involuntary commitment) to a U.S. Department of Justice database for inclusion in its criminal background check system (NICBCS).

Section 2: Amends current statute AS 47.30.845 to make clear that the only information to be reported by Public Safety to the national criminal background check system is the adjudication not specific patient diagnostic or clinical information.

Section 3: Amends an existing statute (AS 47.30.850) regarding the expunging or sealing of patient records to including a mechanism for a person to petition/motion the court to have the actual adjudication for mental illness (i.e., an involuntary commitment for up 30, 90, or 180 days) expunged or sealed.

Section 4: Creates a new section to AS 47.30.850 related to the sealing or expunging of patient records by setting out the grounds on which a superior court judge may erase a person's previous adjudicated as mentally ill from that person's record. This decision would effectively take this person out from under the federal law that prohibits a person adjudicated mentally ill from possessing a firearm or ammunition. The decision to deny or grant the request to expunge or seal knowledge of the adjudication is appealable to the Alaska Supreme Court.

Section 5: Creates a new section (AS 47.30.907) that will require the Alaska Court System and Department of Health and Social Services to report to Public Safety when a person is either adjudicated mentally ill and involuntarily committed for treatment or when the superior court allows the record of an adjudication for mental illness to be expunged or sealed. The report requires identification of the person and a number of details regarding the adjudication or judicial seal. This section also makes it clear that an adjudication for mental illness does not include emergency detention or hospitalization for evaluation (i.e., the 72-hour hold).

Section 6: Amends AS 47.30.915 to include a definition of "adjudication of mental illness or mental incompetence" and "disabilities of a record of an involuntary commitment or an adjudication of mental illness or mental competence."

Although it is still not clear what the exact impact of section 4 will be; with the following assumptions the Department of Law's fiscal note is zero:

1. the application of the bill will be prospective;
2. the number of persons who seek this relief will not be significant;
3. we expect a very small number of those committed in the future to seek the relief offered under section 4; and
4. the hearings will be limited, with no court appointed attorney to represent the petitioner.

With the above assumptions, if there are cases where the state may want to assert an interest, it is anticipated that the number will be small and could be absorbed with current staffing.