

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Bill Version CSSB 43(JUD)  
 Fiscal Note Number 1  
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Identifier (file name) SB043-ACS-TRC-2-7-13 Dept. Affected Alaska Court System  
 Title Relating to Theft Offenses Appropriation Trial Courts  
 Allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Senator Coghill  
 Requester \_\_\_\_\_ OMB Component Number 768

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY14 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY14 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>FUND SOURCE</b>		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts							
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF							
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>POSITIONS</b>								
Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>								
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY13) operating costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY14) costs** \_\_\_\_\_ (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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended, or repealed? \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss details in analysis section.

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

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

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**Analysis**

Senate Bill 43 raises the dollar amounts associated with a variety of property crimes. The increases that have the potential to impact the court system are those that raise from \$500 to \$1,500 the value of property that must be stolen or damaged before a property crime is categorized as a felony. This will have the effect of recharacterizing thefts of property that is valued between \$500 and \$1499, which is a Class C felony under current law, into a Class A misdemeanor instead.

These changes will impact the court if they result in a significant number of cases moving from the superior court, where felonies are handled and the relative cost per case is higher, to the district court, where misdemeanors are handled and the cost per case is lower. However, a review of available information shows that, because of the way cases in this category are prosecuted and processed, the majority of property crimes impacted by this bill are already resolved in the district court, or are dismissed or resolved early in the life of the case. Because of this, this bill will not have a measurable fiscal impact on the court system.