

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSSB 56(JUD)
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Identifier: SB056-DOA-OPA-3-01-13
Title: RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN DRUG OFFENSES
Sponsor: DYSON
Requester: Senate Judiciary

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services
Allocation: Office of Public Advocacy
OMB Component Number: 43

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2014	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2014 Request	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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 (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable, initial version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

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Analysis

If enacted as filed, SB56 would likely result in drug offenders charged with simple possession facing misdemeanor rather than felony charges, depending on the offender's criminal history and the amounts involved. There would likely be a substantial reduction in the transactional, fiscal costs associated with charging, trying and incarcerating such offenders, because it is less expensive to bring a misdemeanor case than it is to bring a felony case. The Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) could therefore expect to see a reduction in the cost of providing constitutionally required defense services to such offenders and subsequently submits a zero fiscal note.