

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 200
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Identifier: 0262-DHSS-FLSW-04-13-15  
 Title: ADOPTION OF CHILD IN STATE CUSTODY  
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
 Appropriation: Children's Services  
 Allocation: Front Line Social Workers  
 OMB Component Number: 2305

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2016	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2016 Request	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</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>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<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>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

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

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **04/01/16**

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Health and Social Services		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Under current law, a person seeking to adopt a child in the custody of the Department must file a formal petition for adoption. The adoption hearing would then be heard in a probate proceeding, which is separate from Child in Need of Aid proceedings. This creates challenges to the adoption process as child-in-need-of-aid is a unique case. This bill would align adoption of a child-in-need-of-aid under the statute authority AS 47.10 and allow for the Department to develop alternatives to the formal adoption petitions that are currently required under AS 25.23.080.