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State of Alaska
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Identifier: SB091CS(STA)-DHSS-APA-3-7-16
 Title: OMNIBUS CRIM LAW & PROCEDURE;
 CORRECTIONS
 Sponsor: COGHILL
 Requester: Senate STA

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
 Appropriation: Public Assistance
 Allocation: Adult Public Assistance
 OMB Component Number: 222

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2017	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2017 Request	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2017	FY 2017					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits			(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund			(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)
Total	0.0	0.0	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/17

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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Analysis

Section 134 of the proposed legislation directs the department to implement a drug testing program for any person who has been convicted of a drug related felony during or in the five years preceding a period in which they are receiving public assistance.

The assistance programs included in this section of the proposed legislation include day care assistance, general relief assistance, adult public assistance, Alaska affordable heating assistance or food stamps. The proposed legislation directs the department to drug test at least quarterly, on renewal of eligibility and randomly for illegal controlled substances and to disqualify those who test positive for a period of 6 months from the date of notice that they tested positive.

The department anticipates a potential savings of **\$41.0 annually in cost avoidance associated with Adult Public Assistance benefits** that will not be issued as a result of positive drug test results for the approximately 86 recipients who are convicted drug felons.

Assumptions:

The existing drug felon count will continue to remain the same and be tested at a minimum of 6 times per year. The possible savings are based on an estimation that 13 will test positive with an average monthly benefit per household of \$263 would potentially result in an annual savings of \$41,028.