

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSSB 112(JUD)
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Identifier: SB112CS(HSS)-DOA-OPA-03-11-2016
 Title: ADOPTION OF CHILD IN STATE CUSTODY
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: Governor

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)

	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	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 (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? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

If enacted into law, this legislation would modify pertinent statutes, court rules and administrative regulations with regard to guardianship and adoption of children in state custody. Persons with an interest in the welfare of a child in state custody would be allowed to petition the Superior Court in pending Child-in-Need-of-Aid (CINA) proceedings to become the legal guardian of a child in state custody and/or to adopt a child in state custody.

State statutes would adopt definitions from existing federal law that pertain to Alaska Native and American Indian children who are in state custody and who are otherwise covered by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act. The new law would permit the state superior court to incorporate and consolidate petitions for guardianship/adoption into pending CINA proceedings, thus reducing the delay and costs from having separate proceedings. The bill requires the state Department of Health and Social Services to make implementing regulations and makes conforming amendments to civil court rules.

The bill does not directly affect or impact the operations of the Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) and therefore submits a zero fiscal note.