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 Title: SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS
 Sponsor: TARR
 Requester: (H)STA

Department: Department of Public Safety
 Appropriation: Statewide Support
 Allocation: Laboratory Services
 OMB Component Number: 527

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2020 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2020 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	216.8		216.8	216.8	216.8	216.8	216.8	216.8
Travel								
Services								
Commodities	31.0		62.0	62.0	62.0	62.0	62.0	62.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	247.8	0.0	278.8	278.8	278.8	278.8	278.8	278.8

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	247.8		278.8	278.8	278.8	278.8	278.8	278.8
Total	247.8	0.0	278.8	278.8	278.8	278.8	278.8	278.8

Positions

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
 (Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated to reflect the change in the timeline for the crime lab to test sexual assault kits from six months to one year.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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This bill amends AS 44.41 by adding a new section that requires law enforcement agencies to submit to the state crime lab for testing, all sexual assault kits collected by the agency within 30 days after collection; requires the state crime lab to test all eligible sexual assault kits within one year of a sexual assault kit being received by the crime lab; and requires that reasonable attempts be made to notify persons within two weeks after completion of the testing that their sexual assault kit has been tested.

Presently, not every sexual assault kit collected by law enforcement is submitted to the crime lab for scientific analysis. Approximately 120 kits fall into this category annually. This fiscal note assumes that, once received by the crime lab, all sexual assault kits will be tested except those defined as ineligible under the bill.

The crime lab estimates two additional Forensic Scientist III positions would be needed to address the increase in caseload and meet the required turnaround time for processing for a total annual cost of \$216,824. Necessary consumables (chemicals for testing) associated with testing completed by the two additional staff is estimated at \$62,000 annually. The two additional staff will enable the lab to maintain current turnaround times in all types of DNA casework in addition to meeting the one year turnaround time requirement for sexual assault kits. However, if the crime lab continues to see an increase in DNA case submissions as it has this fiscal year, prioritization of sexual assault cases will continue to increase over other DNA requests (such as property crimes) increasing the backlog and turnaround time of nonpriority cases.

Should this bill pass, the total first year costs are estimated at \$247,824 which includes the full annual personal services costs to account for necessary lead time to recruit, hire, and train staff prior to the bill's January 1, 2021, effective date, and half-year costs for consumables. Second and subsequent year costs are estimated at \$278,824.