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 Title: SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS:
 TESTING
 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)

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services	455.6		607.5	607.5	607.5	607.5	607.5
Travel							
Services	396.0		198.0				
Commodities	116.3		155.0	155.0	155.0	155.0	155.0
Capital Outlay	293.0						
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	1,260.9	0.0	960.5	762.5	762.5	762.5	762.5

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	1,260.9		960.5	762.5	762.5	762.5	762.5
Total	1,260.9	0.0	960.5	762.5	762.5	762.5	762.5

Positions

Full-time	6.0		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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This bill amends AS 44.41.065(a) by reducing the amount of time in which the state crime lab must test a sexual assault examination kit from one year to 60 days after the crime lab receives the sexual assault examination kit.

To achieve a 60-day turnaround time for testing of sexual assault examination kits while maintaining the current level of service for other DNA services (property crimes, homicides, etc.), the crime lab estimates that five new Forensic Scientist III positions and one new Forensic Technician position would be needed for a total annual cost of \$607,500. Necessary consumables (chemicals for testing) associated with testing performed by the staff is estimated at \$155,000 annually. The crime lab would also need to outsource kits the first two years, though it is not expected that any private forensic science service provider could meet a 60-day testing window.

Should this bill pass, the total first year costs are estimated at \$1,260,900 which includes nine months of personal services costs for five new Forensic Scientist III positions and one new Forensic Technician position, the cost of consumables for training the new staff, outsourcing of 360 sexual assault examination kits to maintain turnaround times while the new staff are trained, build out of additional office space, and purchase of two new instruments capable of handling the additional workflow.

Second year costs are estimated at \$960,500 which includes annual personal services costs for the six positions, annual costs for necessary consumables, and outsourcing of 180 sexual assault examination kits.

Third and subsequent years costs are estimated at \$762,500 which includes annual personal services costs for the six positions and annual costs for necessary consumables.

This fiscal note is contingent on approval of funding and positions requested in the Governor's FY2021 operating budget. Should that request not be approved, this fiscal note will need to be increased by an additional two Forensic Scientist positions, one Forensic Technician position, necessary consumables, and costs for appropriate outsourcing.