

Fiscal Note

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2019 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SB055CS(JUD)-JUD-ACS-03-15-19
 Title: TEMP. APPOINTMENTS TO COURT OF APPEALS
 Sponsor: WILSON
 Requester: Senate Judiciary Committee

Department: Judiciary
 Appropriation: Alaska Court System
 Allocation: Appellate Courts
 OMB Component Number: 767

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2020	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2020 Request	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Personal Services	274.7		274.7				
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	274.7	0.0	274.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	274.7		274.7				
Total	274.7	0.0	274.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0				
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Amended to reflect changes in the Senate Judiciary Committee substitute, which shortened the temporary term from three years to two years.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The Senate Judiciary Committee substitute for Senate Bill 55 authorizes the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court to appoint an additional judge to serve on the Court of Appeals on a temporary basis. The authority would expire in two years. The Court of Appeals, which handles criminal cases, currently has three sitting judges.

Because the Court of Appeals has been experiencing a backlog on resolving criminal cases for the last several years, the court system anticipates that, if SB 55 becomes law, the Chief Justice would use the authority and appoint one additional person to serve as a judge on that court for Fiscal Years 20 and 21.

The total cost of hiring one additional judge, as reflected in this fiscal note, is \$274,723, which includes the base salary for a sitting Court of Appeals judge (\$193,836) plus benefits for a PERS employee in that position. The court system would not seek funding for office space, supplies, any additional staff, or any other resources to assist the appointed judge.