

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2022 Legislative Session

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Identifier: LL0031-1-DOA-PDA-1-31-22  
 Title: HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES  
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Administration  
 Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services  
 Allocation: Public Defender Agency  
 OMB Component Number: 1631

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2023	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2023 Request	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
Personal Services	166.3		166.3	166.3	166.3	166.3	166.3	166.3
Travel	5.2		5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
Services	38.2		38.2	38.2	38.2	38.2	38.2	38.2
Commodities	2.2		2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	211.9		211.9	211.9	211.9	211.9	211.9	211.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>	<b>211.9</b>

## Positions

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

## Change in Revenues

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2022) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2023) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Administration		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
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The bill increases the penalties for harassment and requires increased sex offender registry. This bill modifies the harassment statutes by creating the new crime of harassment in the first degree (C felony), if an individual intentionally subject a person to offensive physical contact by touching, over clothing, that person's genitals, buttocks, or female breast. It also requires a sex offender to report additional information to the Department of Public Safety, adds offenses that require sex offender registration, imposes a lifetime revocation of a teaching certificate if a person has been convicted of distribution or possession of child pornography, and expands the arrest authority of pretrial service officers for multiple offenses.

These changes elevate the seriousness and penalties of existing crimes. More serious cases require additional litigation throughout all stages of the process, but particularly increased jury trials, contested sentencing hearings, and post-conviction litigation. The Public Defender Agency anticipates an increase in workload and increasing costs for the Agency related to the litigation of these cases, particularly as the Agency has already seen workload growth and increased appointments in recent fiscal years and is unable to absorb additional increases in workload with current staffing.

This legislation will require staff to manage the increased discovery and client contact related to the litigation for sex crimes and changes to registration requirements. The Agency will need one law office assistant and one paralegal position to handle increases in workload as a result of increased penalties and registration requirements in sex cases.

Add Law Office Assistant 1 (range 11, Anchorage)

Personal Services – \$70.7

Indirect rates – \$13.7

Travel – \$2.5

Commodities – \$1.1

Add Paralegal 2 (range 16, Anchorage)

Personal Services – \$95.6

Indirect rates – \$13.7

Case costs, expert witnesses, testimony, etc - \$10.6

Travel – \$2.5

Commodities – \$1.1