

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2023 Legislative Session

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| Bill Version:       | HB 67    |
| Fiscal Note Number: | 5        |
| (H) Publish Date:   | 2/8/2023 |

Identifier: LL0031-4-DOA-PDA-2-7-23  
 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)

|                               | FY2024                  | Included in               | Out-Year Cost Estimates |              |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                               | Appropriation Requested | Governor's FY2024 Request | FY 2024                 | FY 2025      | FY 2026      | FY 2027      | FY 2028      | FY 2029      |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>FY 2024</b>          | <b>FY 2024</b>            |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Personal Services             | 166.8                   |                           | 166.8                   | 166.8        | 166.8        | 166.8        | 166.8        | 166.8        |
| Travel                        |                         |                           |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Services                      | 30.4                    |                           | 30.4                    | 30.4         | 30.4         | 30.4         | 30.4         | 30.4         |
| Commodities                   | 4.0                     |                           | 4.0                     | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          | 4.0          |
| Capital Outlay                |                         |                           |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Grants & Benefits             |                         |                           |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Miscellaneous                 |                         |                           |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Total Operating</b>        | <b>201.2</b>            | <b>0.0</b>                | <b>201.2</b>            | <b>201.2</b> | <b>201.2</b> | <b>201.2</b> | <b>201.2</b> | <b>201.2</b> |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

|                    |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1005 GF/Prgm (DGF) | 201.2        |            | 201.2        | 201.2        | 201.2        | 201.2        | 201.2        | 201.2        |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>201.2</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>201.2</b> | <b>201.2</b> | <b>201.2</b> | <b>201.2</b> | <b>201.2</b> | <b>201.2</b> |

**Positions**

|           |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time | 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 (FY2023) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2024) 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

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**Analysis**

The bill allows the presentation of hearsay evidence at grand jury and increases sex offender registry. Registry requirements are a significant factor in assessing litigation strategies and options for the accused and may increase the number of cases that are brought to trial rather than resolved through plea agreements.

Increased jury trials, contested sentencing hearings, and post-conviction litigation will increase the workload and costs for the Public Defender Agency. Additional staff will be needed to manage an increase in discovery and client contact.

The Agency will need the following positions to address the increased workload:

Add Law Assistant 1-2 (range 13/C, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$83.4

Indirect rates- \$15.2

Commodities - \$4.0

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Commodities - \$4.0