

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB058-DOA-OPA-3-7-2025
 Title: OPA: PUBLIC ADVOCATE APPOINTMENT
 Sponsor: FIELDS
 Requester: (H) Community and Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Administration
 Appropriation: Legal and Advocacy Services
 Allocation: Office of Public Advocacy
 OMB Component Number: 43

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2026	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2026 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill modifies various statutes to similarly align the Public Advocate with the Public Defender's statutory framework and authority. Specifically, it adds a new section to Office of Public Advocacy's statute (AS 44.21.405) that mirrors the Public Defender's appointment and removal process outlined in AS 18.85.020 - 18.85.060.

Under this bill, the Judicial Council would forward at least two candidates to the Governor for selection, with legislative confirmation required. The department does not anticipate a fiscal impact and submits a zero fiscal note.