

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2025 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB058-JUD-AJC-3-10-25
 Title: OPA: PUBLIC ADVOCATE APPOINTMENT
 Sponsor: FIELDS
 Requester: House Community & Regional Affairs Committee

Department: Judiciary
 Appropriation: Judicial Council
 Allocation: Judicial Council
 OMB Component Number: 771

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

House Bill 58 provides for the office of public advocacy to be administered by a public advocate who serves a four-year term. The bill provides that the public advocate be appointed by the governor from among two or more persons nominated by the judicial council, with the appointment subject to confirmation by the legislature in joint session. The vacancy, nomination, and appointment provisions of the bill generally mirror those for the position of public defender. The judicial council anticipates using the same procedures for nominating the public advocate that it already uses for nominating the public defender.

The judicial council anticipates that it can absorb the additional duties of screening and nominating applicants for the position of public advocate with no fiscal impact. The judicial council therefore submits this zero fiscal note.