

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

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| Bill Version:       | CSHB 239(JUD) |
| Fiscal Note Number: | 3             |
| (H) Publish Date:   | 3/5/2026      |

Identifier: HB239-DOA-PDA-2-6-26  
 Title: CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST  
 Sponsor: KOPP  
 Requester: (H) Judiciary

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)

|                               | FY2027                  | Included in               | Out-Year Cost Estimates |            |            |            |            |            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | Appropriation Requested | Governor's FY2027 Request | FY 2027                 | FY 2028    | FY 2029    | FY 2030    | FY 2031    | FY 2032    |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>FY 2027</b>          | <b>FY 2027</b>            |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Personal Services             |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Travel                        |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Services                      |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Commodities                   |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Capital Outlay                |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Grants & Benefits             |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| Miscellaneous                 |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Operating</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> |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 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> |

**Positions**

|           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 (FY2026) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) 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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| Approved By: | Stefanie Bingham, Administrative Services Director | Date:  | 02/06/26      |
| Agency:      | Department of Administration                       |        |               |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

House Bill 239 enhances penalties for criminally negligent homicide by creating a class A felony category when the offender causes a death while operating a motor vehicle and knowingly fails to stop and render assistance.

The Public Defender Agency anticipates that increased penalties will elevate the complexity and workload of cases involving criminally negligent homicide. However, the agency cannot predict the extent of this impact and therefore submits a zero fiscal note at this time. The agency will continue to monitor the effects of this legislation and assess whether additional resources may be needed in the future.