

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	HB 316
Fiscal Note Number:	2
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Identifier: HB316-ACS-JUD-03-04-26  
 Title: ADJUST DAMAGE LIMIT: PERS INJ/WRG DTH  
 Sponsor: GRAY  
 Requester: House Judiciary Committee

Department: Judiciary  
 Appropriation: Alaska Court System  
 Allocation: Trial Courts  
 OMB Component Number: 768

**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 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>

**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>

**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>

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Initial version.
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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
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House Bill 316, version A, provides that the current statutory maximum dollar amounts that may be awarded for non-economic damages in a civil lawsuit will be adjusted for inflation. Sections 1 and 2. The bill further specifies that that the maximum amounts of recovery shall be adjusted using 100% of the CPI increase since 1997. Section 3.

The court system handles civil actions for wrongful death and personal injury claims. The statutory maximum amounts in AS 09.17.010 are applied to non-economic damage awards for personal injury or wrongful death, and if HB 316 passes and those statutory amounts are changed, the court will apply the new amounts without fiscal impact.

The court therefore submits this zero fiscal note.