

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB088-DOA-PDA-2-27-25
 Title: CHILD PLACEMENT; DILIGENT SEARCH
 Sponsor: BJORKMAN
 Requester: (S) Health & Social Services

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)

	FY2026	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2026 Request	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026						
Personal Services	410.5		410.5	410.5	410.5	410.5	410.5	410.5
Travel	5.5		5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Services	72.1		72.1	72.1	72.1	72.1	72.1	72.1
Commodities	10.5		10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	498.6	0.0	498.6	498.6	498.6	498.6	498.6	498.6

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	498.6		498.6	498.6	498.6	498.6	498.6	498.6
Total	498.6	0.0	498.6	498.6	498.6	498.6	498.6	498.6

Positions

Full-time	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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 makes it easier for foster parents seeking to adopt children to maintain placement with children in their care and in some circumstances elevates placement with foster parents to the same preference given to family member placements. These changes are likely to increase litigation in child in need of aid cases where children are placed with potential adoptive parents over family members.

Increased litigation and length of time to disposition will increase costs for the Agency. The Agency will need the following additional positions to respond to increased workload:

Add flexibly staffed Attorney 1/2/3/4 (budgeted at the highest level at range 24/C, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$206.8

Travel - \$5.5

Contractual - \$27.7

Indirect Costs - \$14.8

Supplies - \$3.5

Add flexibly staffed Paralegal 1/2 (budgeted at the highest level at range 16/A, Anchorage)

Personal Services - \$100.6

Indirect Costs - \$14.8

Supplies - \$3.5

Add flexibly staffed Paralegal 1/2 (budgeted at the highest level at range 16/A, Fairbanks)

Personal Services - \$103.1

Indirect Costs - \$14.8

Supplies - \$3.5