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

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>						
PERSONAL SERVICES	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0	115.0
SUPPLIES	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS & CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</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>CHANGE IN REVENUES (fund code)</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** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts	(2,388.9)	(2,388.9)	(2,388.9)	(2,388.9)	(2,388.9)	(2,388.9)
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1156 Receipt Supported Services	2,538.9	2,538.9	2,538.9	2,538.9	2,538.9	2,538.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: \$ 0.0

**POSITIONS**

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation will switch the funding source for the Recorder's Office from 1005/General Fund Program Receipts to 1156/Receipt Supported Services category. There will be no operational change as a result of this legislation.

**\$150.0 Increase in Operational Costs:**  
 The component continues to place increased emphasis on the critical need to preserve its historic records dating back to the 1800's. At the same time the component is moving into newer technologies and applications that will make access to new recordings faster and easier than it has ever been before. Both of these demands are draining existing component resources to unprecedented levels.

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Continuation of fiscal note for:

Recorder's Office Receipt Supported Services

Repetitive status quo operational funding over a number of years, coupled with significant increases in contractual and supply costs, has required the component to forego or limit expenditures in several areas, including equipment maintenance and repairs, postage, archiving, and equipment replacement. Due to such cost increments and increased demands for the component's services, the component will not be able to continue status quo operations into FY02 without added funding.

DNR has requested a fund source change in FY02 relating to the accounting and appropriation of fees for recording and related services provided by the component. The change would allow the component's program receipts to be accounted for separately and would allow for more appropriate budgeting for the needs of the department. This fiscal note reflects an increase of \$150.0 over the Governor's budget request for this component. This additional funding is necessary to cover the component's increased operating expenses in a number of areas related to technology and records preservation – the two major forces currently impacting the component's operations. Specifically, this increase includes:

\$15.0 to cover increased lease costs associated with acquisition of additional historical records from various magistrate offices throughout the state and to cover space needs for thousands of plat mylars that are expected to be returned to the component for permanent storage;

\$30.0 to cover increased maintenance costs for reader/printers and other equipment in recording offices throughout the state;

\$20.0 to cover off-site records storage and costs associated with accessioning permanent film records to State Archives in Juneau;

\$20.0 to cover increased postage and courier expense;

\$5.0 to cover increased phone line expense to support WAN connections in all recording offices statewide;

\$20.0 to provide non-perm or intern staffing to address mailout backlogs in various offices;

\$15.0 to cover supply needs associated with new technology and new equipment, including archive film, CDs, labels, bar code software, bar code printers, etc.;

\$25.0 to address digital conversion of film records in various locations.

All of these expenditures are necessary for continuation of basic recording functions as mandated by statute. This increase is necessary to facilitate the component's basic mission: to provide and maintain a secure and impartial place of record for legal documents affecting real and personal property in the manner prescribed by Alaska law and to protect, preserve and enhance the permanent public record for the benefit of present and future generations.

**HB108 – Recorder's Office switch to Receipt Supported Services Funding**

- This Legislation is patterned after last year's HB418 in which similarly situated programs were switched to a Receipt Supported Service Funding Source (such as Licensing, and Banking & Securities, and Corporations,).
- This legislation does NOT set up a dedicated Fund – it sets up an account within the General Fund and it will still require the Rec. Office to submit it's annual Operating and Capital Budgets for Legislative appropriation.
- This bill will provide for a stable funding source from the fees paid by the customers of the Recording Office.
- The Fiscal Note is \$150.0 for increase Facility Lease cost, postage, equipment maintenance, etc.
- SB29 includes \$225.0 for Rec. Office Receipt Supported Services – Equipment and Filming. Without this legislation this needs to be switched to GF Program receipts.
- The Annual Revenues are ~\$4.0 million a year while direct appropriations to the Recorder's Office in the Operating Budget are \$2.4 million GFPR.

- In last year's passage of HB418, one of the programs that was transferred to receipt supported services was "receipts of the division of the Department of Community and Economic Development that regulates banking, securities, and corporations." I think some similarities can be drawn between that program and the Recorder's Office:

1. Both agencies accept documents from the public for filing and many of the documents are time sensitive.
2. Both agencies programs are largely statutorily driven and regulated.
3. Both agencies generate more revenues than are appropriated to them for operating purposes.
4. Both agencies have experienced increased workloads and processing backlogs, and delays in both agencies translate to adverse impacts on the private sector.
5. Interestingly, in most other states, the corporation's filings and UCC filings are all handled by the same office. In Alaska they have been split into two different agencies. However, because of their close historic ties, it would seem that if receipt supported services is appropriate as a fund source for corporations, it should likewise be appropriate for the UCC filing fees and recording fees.