

**HB**

**133**

<TARGET><BILL>HB 133</BILL><SUBJECT>HB  
133</SUBJECT><COMM>HJUD27</COMM></TARGET>



ALASKA COURT SYSTEM  
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The Honorable Carl Gatto  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182



Dear Representative Gatto:

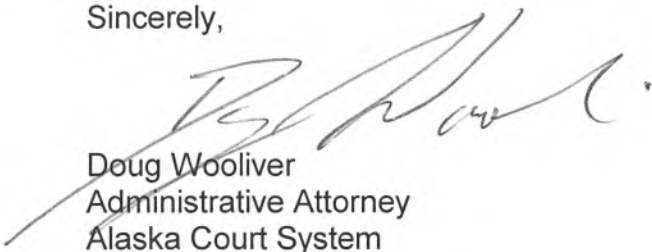
The Alaska Supreme Court respectfully requests that the House Judiciary Committee schedule HB 133 for a committee hearing. The bill creates two new superior court judge positions in Anchorage. The judges will handle civil cases.

Additional judges are needed because Anchorage superior court judges are the busiest in the state and a combination of more time being devoted to Child in Need of Aid cases and an ever-increasing number of unrepresented litigants has created a workload that is unsustainable.

Adding two new judges will not completely solve this problem, but it will provide some relief as the court works to develop alternative ways to manage the workload.

A fiscal note and sponsor statement are attached. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Doug Wooliver  
Administrative Attorney  
Alaska Court System

# Sponsor Statement

## HB 133

The Alaska Supreme Court is asking for two new superior court judges in Anchorage. The judges will be assigned to civil cases.

Additional judges are needed because Anchorage superior court judges have the highest caseloads in the state and a combination of devoting more time to Child in Need of Aid (CINA) cases and an ever-increasing number of domestic relations cases where the parties choose to litigate their case without the assistance of attorneys has created a workload that is unsustainable.

Although some of the additional work comes from an increase in case filings, much is the result of improved practices that better meet the needs of those who come to court. This is particularly true with CINA cases.

One change that has impacted workload involves how CINA cases are assigned to judges. Prior practice was to have standing masters (specialists who hear cases and make recommendations to judges) preside over all phases of a case with the exception of contested hearings. If a hearing was contested it would be assigned to an available superior court judge who would resolve the contested issue and then return the case to the standing master. Although that practice saved superior court time, it led to other problems as the family was shuffled back and forth between judges.

The new practice begins the same as the old; a CINA case starts with a master until there is a contested issue. However, once that occurs the case is permanently assigned to a superior court judge; it does not return to the master. This eliminates the judge-shuffling and allows the judge and the family to get to know each other. All parties agree that familiarity improves both the process and the outcome for the families. However, this model results in superior court judges spending more of their time on these cases.

In addition to CINA cases, another prime driver behind the current workload is the prevalence of unrepresented litigants in domestic relations cases. Although we do not have historical statistics that track these cases, Alaska judges, like judges from across the country, have seen a significant increase over the past several years.

Judges cite a list of time-consuming challenges that arise when counsel is absent from one side or both sides. Frequent motion practice, arguments unrelated to the relevant legal issues, delays stemming from the failure to submit needed information and judicial time spent calculating child support awards are some of those challenges. However, even though these litigants take more time, their cases are as important as those where the parties have lawyers and the judiciary is committed to ensuring that they too can meaningfully access the court.

Adding two new judges will not significantly reduce the workload of the Anchorage superior court (Anchorage superior court judges will still be the busiest superior court judges in the state), but it will provide some relief as the court works to develop alternative ways to manage that workload. Thank you for considering this request.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version HB133-ACS-TC-02-03-11  
 () Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title An Act Relating to the Number of Superior Court Judges Appropriation Alaska Court System  
 Allocation Trial Courts  
 Sponsor Senate Rules Committee  
 Requester Alaska Supreme Court OMB Component Number 768

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	888.4		888.4	888.4	888.4	888.4	888.4	888.4
Travel	10.0		10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Services	37.6		20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Commodities	79.6		12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>1,015.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>425.2</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF	1,440.8		930.4	930.4	930.4	930.4	930.4	930.4
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,440.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>	<b>930.4</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)**

This is the initial fiscal note for this bill.

Prepared by Doug Wooliver, Administrative Attorney  
 Division Alaska Court System  
 Approved by Doug Wooliver for Christine Johnson, Administrative Director  
Alaska Court System

Phone 907-463-4750  
 Date/Time 2/3/2011 @ 10:30 am  
 Date 2/3/2011

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB133

**Analysis**

House Bill 133 adds two new superior court judges to the Anchorage Bench. The Judges will be assigned civil caseloads. This fiscal note reflects the cost of the new judges along with their accompanying staff and one-time office-related expenses. This note also reflects the capital remodel costs necessary to accommodate two new superior court judges in the Nesbett Courthouse. These remodel costs are also included in the Alaska Court System's capital budget request as part of the court's long-term capital goals. Should the court's capital budget request be fully funded those costs would be removed from this note.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB133

Analysis

Alaska Court System  
Fiscal Note Calculations for HB133

Personal Services

Superior Court Judge - Anchorage (2)	514,200
In-Court Clerk - Anchorage, Range 12A (2)	125,200
Law Clerk - Anchorage, Range 13D (2)	123,800
Administrative Assistant - Anchorage, Range 12A (2)	125,200
Subtotal Personal Services	<u>888,400</u>

Travel

Judicial Conferences/Other	10,000
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WAN Fees, Software & Licensing

37,600

Supplies (desk, computer, courtroom electronics, and chair) for four PFT positions

79,600

Fiscal Note Total (Operating Expenses) 1,015,600

Breakdown by Expense Category:

Personal Services Total	888,400
Travel Total	10,000
Services Total	37,600
Commodities Total	79,600

Total Operating Expenses 1,015,600

Capital Expenditures

Remodel Nesbett Courthouse to Accommodate Judges & Staff	
Total Capital Expenses	<u><u>425,200</u></u>

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version HB 133  
 ( ) Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected Alaska Judicial Council  
 Title An Act Relating to the Number of Superior Court Judges Appropriation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allocation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor House Rules Committee  
 Requester Alaska Supreme Court OMB Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel	9.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Services	14.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Commodities	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>							

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	23.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

**Initial version.**

Prepared by Larry Cohn, Executive Director  
 Division Alaska Judicial Council  
 Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone 907-279-2526 ext. 1  
 Date/Time 2/1/11 4:30 p.m.  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Alaska Judicial Council**

**Analysis**

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 133

HB 133 adds two new superior court judges in the Third Judicial District. This fiscal note assumes that these positions will be filled separately, either because they will be in different venues or because the court may not have the facilities to proceed immediately on two new positions in a single venue. The Judicial Council's initial costs of filling these vacancies include funds needed to solicit applicants, to conduct investigations into their qualifications, and to convene a meeting to interview applicants and nominate the most qualified to the governor for appointment. A breakdown of costs is as follows:

<b><u>Travel</u></b>	Council members' travel to two meetings	<u>9,000</u>
<b><u>Contractual</u></b>	Printing, mailing, survey hosting, data analysis, advertising, miscellaneous	<u>14,100</u>
<b><u>Commodities</u></b>	Paper	<u>100</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<u><u>23,200</u></u>

If the Alaska Court System is able and willing to fill the two new positions simultaneously, and if the positions are in the same venue, the Judicial Council will coordinate its solicitation and screening of judicial applicants to achieve lower costs. In that case, the Council's funding request would be as follows:

<b><u>Travel</u></b>	Council members' travel to one meeting	<u>5,500</u>
<b><u>Contractual</u></b>	Printing, mailing, survey hosting, data analysis, advertising, miscellaneous	<u>7,900</u>
<b><u>Commodities</u></b>	Paper	<u>100</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<u><u>13,500</u></u>

An average superior court judge serves for twelve years. Costs associated with filling these positions in the future are amortized over the next twelve years.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version HB 133  
 (H) Publish Date 2/21/11

Identifier (file name) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected Alaska Court System  
 Title An Act Relating to the Number of Superior Court Judges Appropriation Judicial Council  
 Allocation Judicial Council  
 Sponsor House Rules Committee  
 Requester Alaska Supreme Court OMB Component Number 771

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel	9.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Services	14.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Commodities	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>							

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	23.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
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Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Initial version.

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 Division Alaska Judicial Council  
 Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 907-279-2526 ext. 1  
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 Date \_\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Alaska Judicial Council**

**Analysis**

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 133

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version HB 133  
( ) Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name) HB133-DOA-OPA-2-19-11 Dept. Affected Administration  
Title An Act increasing the number of superior court judges..... Appropriation Legal and Advocacy Services  
Allocation Office of Public Advocacy  
Sponsor House Rules Committee  
Requester House Judiciary OMB Component Number 43

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	181.7		181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7
Travel	4.1		4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Services	30.2		30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2
Commodities	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Capital Outlay	13.4		1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Grants								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>232.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF	232.4		220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	2.0		2	2	2	2	2
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Prepared by Rachel Levitt, Acting Director  
Division Office of Public Advocacy  
Approved by John Cramer, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Administration

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Date/Time 2/19/11, 9:15 a.m.  
Date 2/19/2011

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 133

**Analysis**

This bill will create two new Superior Court judge positions in the Third Judicial District. These two new judges will be handling Anchorage Child in Need of Aid matters. Currently, there are ten Anchorage Superior Court judges handling CINA matters. The addition of two new Superior Court judges will considerably increase the number of CINA cases heard on a weekly basis.

The Office of Public Advocacy currently has five (full time equivalent) staff attorneys in Anchorage who represent parents in CINA matters. The addition of two more judges will greatly increase the demands on these attorneys and their support staff to prepare for and appear in court for CINA matters. In order to adequately address the increased demands on the agency, the agency will need one additional attorney and one additional law office assistant.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version HB133  
( ) Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name) HB133-DOA-PDA-2-19-11 Dept. Affected Administration  
Title An Act increasing the number of superior court judges..... Appropriation Legal and Advocacy Services  
Allocation Public Defender Agency  
Sponsor House Rules Committee  
Requester House Judiciary OMB Component Number 1631

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	181.7		181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7	181.7
Travel	4.1		4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Services	30.2		30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2	30.2
Commodities	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Capital Outlay	13.4		1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Grants								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>232.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF	232.4		220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	220.3
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>	<b>220.3</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	2.0		2	2	2	2	2
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Prepared by Quinlan Steiner, Director  
Division Public Defender Agency  
Approved by John Cramer, Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Administration

Phone 907 334-4414  
Date/Time 2/19/11 9:45AM  
Date 2/19/2011

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 133

**Analysis**

This bill provides for two new superior court judges in Anchorage. These positions are expected to handle a civil caseload of Child in Need of Aid (CINA) matters. The additional judicial positions are expected to increase weekly court room appearances and will increase the workload associated with all civil cases as the Agency attempts to prepare its cases in a timely manner to meet the demand of increased court hearings.

The civil division has six attorneys who are required to appear before the current ten superior court judges handling CINA matters. The Agency anticipates the need for two additional positions, one attorney position in the civil division and one law office assistant to meet the anticipated workload increase.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version HB 133  
( ) Publish Date 1/31/2011

Identifier (file name) HB133-DOC-OC-02-22-11 Dept. Affected DOC  
Title "An Act increasing the number of superior court judges" Appropriation Population Management  
Allocation Statewide Probation & Parole  
Sponsor Rules Committee  
Requester Rules by Request OMB Component Number 2826

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants								
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>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>0.0</b>
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>								

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (Inter-Agency)								
<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>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)**

This is the first version of the bill.

Prepared by Leslie Houston, Director  
Division Dept. of Corrections - Administrative Services  
Approved by Joseph D. Schmidt, Commissioner  
Dept. of Corrections

Phone 465-3339  
Date/Time 2/22/11 9:00 AM  
Date 2/22/2011

**FISCAL NOTE**

**STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. HB 133** \_\_\_\_\_

**Analysis**

The legislation adds two new civil superior court judges to the third judicial district.

This legislation does not have any fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version HB 133  
( ) Publish Date 1/31/2011

Identifier (file name) HB133-DOC-OC-02-18-11 Dept. Affected DOC  
Title "An Act increasing the number of superior court judges" Appropriation Population Management  
Allocation Statewide Probation & Parole  
Sponsor Rules Committee  
Requester House Judiciary Committee OMB Component Number 2826

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4	85.4
Travel	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Services	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.3	15.3
Commodities	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>111.4</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>0.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>							
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	111.4	0.0	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (Inter-Agency)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>111.4</b>	<b>111.4</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)**

This is the first version of the bill.

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Dept. of Corrections

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 133

**Analysis**

The legislation adds two new superior court judges to the third judicial district. The fiscal impact to the department primarily will be in the Division of Probation & Parole, due to the increased workload surrounding felony pre-sentence investigations (PSI) and pre-sentence report (PSR) production for the superior court.

Should this legislation pass the Department of Corrections will require the addition of one full-time Adult Probation Officer II to handle up to 12 reports each month.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version HB133  
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Identifier (file name) HB133-DPS-DET-02-18-11 Dept. Affected Public Safety  
 Title "An act increasing the number of superior court judges." Appropriation Alaska State Troopers  
 Allocation AST Detachments  
 Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Rules by request \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester \_\_\_\_\_ House Judiciary \_\_\_\_\_ OMB Component Number 2325

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	91.6	91.6	91.6	91.6	91.6	91.6	91.6
Travel	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.1
Services	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Commodities	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
Capital Outlay	18.1						
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>117.3</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>							
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	135.4	117.3	117.3	117.3	117.3	117.3	117.3
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>117.3</b>	<b>117.3</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	1.0		1	1	1	1	1
Part-time							
Temporary							

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Not applicable, initial version

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB133

**Analysis**

This bill amends AS 22.10.120 by increasing superior court judges by two to a new total of 42. The new positions are to be located in Anchorage to handle Child in Need of Aid (CINA) cases and domestic relations cases. It is the department's understanding that there will be an additional two court rooms added in Anchorage.

Passage of this legislation will require one additional Court Service Officer (CSO).

Court Service Officers are responsible for the transportation of prisoners from correctional facilities to court appearances, medical care, other transportation centers and to communities within the State of Alaska. In addition, Court Services Officers serve documents in accordance with instructions from the courts and agency standard operating procedures, to include subpoenas, summons, writs, orders, complaints and other notices.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version HB133  
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Identifier (file name): HB133-LAW-CIV-02-17-11 Dept. Affected Law  
Title An Act increasing the number of superior court judges designated for Appropriation Civil  
the third judicial district; and providing for an effective date. Allocation Child Protection  
Sponsor Rules  
Requester (H) Judiciary OMB Component Number 2961

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	192.3		192.3	192.3	192.3	192.3	192.3
Travel	1.1		1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Services	26.7		26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.7
Commodities	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Capital Outlay	0.9		0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>							
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	225.0		225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>	<b>225.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	1.0		1	1	1	1	1
Part-time	0.5		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Temporary							

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB133

**Analysis**

This bill adds two new civil judges in Anchorage. Currently a significant portion of cases before the Anchorage judges are CINA (child in need of aid) cases. The addition of two new judges would increase the capacity of the court system to handle CINA cases, but would require an additional attorney in the Anchorage Child Protection Section to utilize the improved capacity to reduce delays inherent in the current system. To the extent the judges increase the capacity of the court system to process criminal cases, the criminal division of the department would similarly experience increased workloads. The Child Protection Section would need at least 1 FTE attorney position and a .5 support position to meet the increased demand on time and resources.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Version HB133  
 () Publish Date \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name) HB133-OOG-DOE-2-18-11 Dept. Affected OOG  
 Title "An Act increasing the number of superior court judges designated for the third judicial district.." Appropriation Elections  
 Allocation Elections  
 Sponsor Rules Committee  
 Requester House Judiciary Committee OMB Component Number 21

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants								
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>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other (please identify)								
<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>

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB133

**Analysis**

This legislation has no fiscal impact for the Division of Elections.