

**Juneau Superior Court Remodel**

**FY2014 Request: \$998,600**

**Reference No: 57097**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Renovation and Remodeling

**Category:** Law and Justice

**Location:** Juneau Areawide

**House District:** Juneau Areawide (HD 31-32)

**Impact House District:** Juneau Areawide (HD 31-32)

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2018 **Contact Phone:** (907)264-8215

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will add a courtroom and a hearing room to the Dimond Courthouse to accommodate additional court and grand jury proceedings.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>Total</u>
Gen Fund	\$998,600						\$998,600
<b>Total:</b>	\$998,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$998,600

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

No prior funding history.

**Project Description/Justification:**

The Dimond Courthouse in Juneau has five courtrooms and five judicial officers. The courtrooms are in use throughout the day. The Juneau court has the second highest number of superior court filings per superior court judge in the state. To increase operational efficiency and reduce delays in cases and hearings, one additional courtroom and one hearing room are needed.

During weeks that the grand jury is in session, the number of courtrooms available for trials and hearings is reduced to four because the current hearing room designated for grand jury proceedings is too small and the grand jurors therefore must convene in one of the courtrooms.

In addition to the strain that the grand jury proceedings put on the courtroom use, pro tem judges and judges from other courts in the first district travel to Juneau to hold trials and other court proceedings in an effort to provide relief to the Juneau judges and caseload. Due to the limited availability of courtrooms, accommodating an additional judge and juggling court calendars is very challenging. Adding a sixth courtroom in the Dimond Courthouse would reduce delays in court proceedings that are caused by insufficient courtroom space.

The cost to accommodate an additional courtroom in the Dimond Courthouse will be \$829,600, and expansion of a hearing room to accommodate grand jury proceedings will cost \$169,000.

