

**Change Record Detail with Description - Ignoring Included Scenarios (355)**  
**Department of Administration**

**Scenario:** FY2023 Fast Track Supplemental (20351)  
**Component:** Office of Public Advocacy (AR AOPA) (43)  
**RDU:** Legal and Advocacy Services (11)

Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
<b>HB325 Domestic Violence/Sexual Offenses/Consent</b>												
(Language)	Suppl	2,285.2	298.4	2.6	1,977.6	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		2,285.2										
<p>As a result of changes to legislation during the final hours of the 2022 legislative session, this provides authority required to increase services as requested in SLA 2022 House Bill 325. Effective January 1st, 2023, HB325 changes the definition of consent as it relates to sex assault allegations, which will have significant impacts on the way sexual assault cases are litigated and will require additional positions for the Legal Advocacy Services agencies to complete the workload resulting from these changes.</p> <p>These legal agencies are already understaffed and experiencing difficulty with recruitment and retention due to the high stress environment. The increase in serious felony level case filings continues while agency attorneys and staff face a mounting backlog of cases post trial suspensions because of the pandemic. This legislation will result in a significant increase in sexual assault cases filed and increase litigation in these cases. This supplemental is needed to maintain pace with the caseload activity.</p>												
<b>Contractor Rate and Cap Increase (FY23-FY24)</b>												
(Language)	MultiYr	825.0	0.0	0.0	825.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		825.0										
<p>The Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) needs to increase its hourly rate of pay and case caps to become competitive in the current job market of contract attorneys. OPA contracts out cases to the private sector when there are conflict of interests with existing staff or when there are no available attorneys to take on additional case appointments. OPA has no control over which the number of appointments made by the courts, and has a constitutional mandate to provide services to any and all appointments made to the agency.</p> <p>Currently, the agency is struggling to identify and hire additional qualified attorneys to meet the demands of the existing and ever-increasing workload. The court closure during the pandemic has created a backlog of cases, and agency attorneys are currently operating at or above the maximum ethical capacity.</p> <p>This funding will be used to increase the rates paid to contractual attorneys by 20% in order to address the difficulty of attracting contract attorneys to manage the increasing caseloads and conflicts currently present in the Alaska criminal justice system.</p>												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3,110.2</b>	<b>298.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2,802.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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**Department of Administration**

**Scenario:** FY2023 Fast Track Supplemental (20351)  
**Component:** Public Defender Agency (AR APDA) (1631)  
**RDU:** Legal and Advocacy Services (11)

Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
<b>HB325 Domestic Violence/Sexual Offenses/Consent</b>												
(Language)	Suppl	833.8	603.4	26.1	192.6	11.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		833.8										
<p>As a result of changes to legislation during the final hours of the 2022 legislative session, this provides authority required to increase services as requested in SLA 2022 House Bill 325. Effective January 1st, 2023, HB325 changes the definition of consent as it relates to sex assault allegations, which will have significant impacts on the way sexual assault cases are litigated and will require additional positions for the Legal Advocacy Services agencies to complete the workload resulting from these changes.</p> <p>These legal agencies are already understaffed and experiencing difficulty with recruitment and retention due to the high stress environment. The increase in serious felony level case filings continues while agency attorneys and staff face a mounting backlog of cases post trial suspensions because of the pandemic. This legislation will result in a significant increase in sexual assault cases filed and increase litigation in these cases. This supplemental is needed to maintain pace with the caseload activity.</p>												
<b>One-time Backlog Contractor Support (FY23-FY24)</b>												
(Language)	MultiYr	750.0	0.0	0.0	750.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		750.0										
<p>The Public Defender Agency is experiencing ongoing recruitment and retention difficulty due to the high stress environment and the demands of the existing and ever-increasing workload. Additional contractual support is needed to stabilize the contractual caseload needs of the agency.</p> <p>This funding is essential to care for the growing caseload burdens on attorneys at all levels and to guarantee they are practicing within the ethical guidelines currently in place. This will be even more essential as new caseload standards are expected this calendar year, which may establish that agency practitioners have high caseloads at levels lower than A and unclassified cases.</p> <p>The Agency's most experienced trial attorneys (predominantly assigned unclassified and class A felonies) carry significant caseloads that are at or above the maximum ethical capacity. Each of these high level attorneys carry an average of 100 cases, including approximately 25 unclassified and class A felonies at one time. Additionally, about half of these attorneys are also supervisors with the added responsibility of managing a team of attorneys and support staff, or lead an entire office.</p> <p>While these attorneys continue to receive new appointments regularly, this contractual relief would eliminate some of the burden they are under from the mounting backlog of pre-trial cases post-pandemic. This funding will allow the agency to reduce workloads to more ethical levels and allow the agency to make better progress on their existing cases.</p>												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,583.8</b>	<b>603.4</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>942.6</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Change Record Detail with Description - Ignoring Included Scenarios (355)**  
**Department of Health**

**Scenario:** FY2023 Fast Track Supplemental (20351)  
**Component:** Public Assistance Field Services (AR U067) (236)  
**RDU:** Public Assistance (73)

Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
<b>Medicaid Eligibility Redeterminations and Public Assistance Program Application Processing</b>												
(Language)	Suppl	3,733.0	0.0	0.0	3,733.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	30
	1002 Fed Rcpts	3,733.0										
<p>Medicaid eligibility must be redetermined for all 263,000 enrolled Alaskans from April 1, 2023 through August, 31, 2024 as required through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. This request includes contractual support, communication needs, temporary staffing, security, and software licensing.</p>												
<b>Transfer from Medicaid Services for Medicaid Eligibility Redeterminations and Public Assistance Program Appl Process</b>												
(Language)	Trin	3,088.7	0.0	0.0	3,088.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
	1003 G/F Match	3,088.7										
<p>Medicaid eligibility must be redetermined for all 263,000 enrolled Alaskans from April 1, 2023 through August, 31, 2024 as required through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. This request includes contractual support, communication needs, temporary staffing, security, and software licensing.</p>												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>6,821.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6,821.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>

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**Scenario:** FY2023 Fast Track Supplemental (20351)

**Component:** Medicaid Services (AR U012) (3234)

**RDU:** Medicaid Services (595)

Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		
										PFT	PPT	NP
<b>Transfer to Public Assistance for Medicaid Eligibility Redeterminations &amp; Public Assistance Program Application Process</b>												
(Language)	Trout	-3,088.7	0.0	0.0	-3,088.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
	1003 G/F Match	-3,088.7										
<p>Medicaid eligibility must be redetermined for all 263,000 enrolled Alaskans from April 1, 2023 through August, 31, 2024 as required through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. This request includes contractual support, communication needs, temporary staffing, security, and software licensing.</p>												
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>-3,088.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-3,088.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>