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**Bill Number:** S. 0093 Introduced on January 10, 2017

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Subject: Alimony and Allowances Definitions

Requestor: Senate Judiciary RFA Analyst(s): Heineman and Gardner

Impact Date: February 17, 2017

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact** 

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds, as the bill is not expected to increase the number of court hearings.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

### Introduced on January 10, 2017 State Expenditure

This bill adds two new forms of alimony which family courts may award. The bill also redefines continued cohabitation for purposes of terminating alimony or separate maintenance and support awards, and it prescribes factors the family court must consider in determining if continued cohabitation exists.

**Judicial Department.** The department does not anticipate the number of family court hearings will increase, because judges have two new forms of alimony to award and different factors for finding continued cohabitation exists. If a significant number of additional hearings should result, the affect will be to increase the court backlog, but not expenditures. Therefore, this bill will not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

#### **State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure** 

N/A

**Local Revenue** 

N/A

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