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Title: SUMMER EBT BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN
Sponsor: DUNBAR
Requester: (S) Education Committee

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services
Allocation: Child Nutrition
OMB Component Number: 1955

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	413.2		413.2	413.2	413.2	413.2	413.2	413.2
Travel	15.0		15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Services	1,637.7		1,166.7	1,166.7	1,166.7	1,166.7	1,166.7	1,166.7
Commodities	230.5		210.5	210.5	210.5	210.5	210.5	210.5
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	10,472.0		10,472.0	10,472.0	10,472.0	10,472.0	10,472.0	10,472.0
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	12,768.4	0.0	12,277.4	12,277.4	12,277.4	12,277.4	12,277.4	12,277.4

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	11,620.2		11,374.7	11,374.7	11,374.7	11,374.7	11,374.7
1003 GF/Match (UGF)	1,148.2		902.7	902.7	902.7	902.7	902.7
Total	12,768.4	0.0	12,277.4	12,277.4	12,277.4	12,277.4	12,277.4

Positions

Full-time	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **Yes**
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **06/30/26**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) program, established under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, provides crucial benefits to Alaskan families and communities. While its implementation would bring significant financial assistance, it imposes a substantial administrative burden on the Department.

For the summer of 2024, the program could have delivered between \$156 and \$240 per eligible child, benefiting an estimated 53,000 to 58,000 children in Alaska. These figures, derived from data from DEED and the Food Research Action Center, translate to a potential total benefit of up to \$10.5 million statewide. The benefit structure mirrors the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), ensuring higher benefits for children in remote rural communities where grocery prices are significantly higher.

The total benefit amount of \$10,472.0 will be fully funded by the USDA.

Staffing Needs – \$413.2

The program requires four full-time positions to ensure compliance and effective administration:

Program Coordinator I: Responsible for overseeing the program, including training, contract management, verification, and reviews.

Education Associate II: Focused on eligibility determination and maintenance of contracts, including EBT card management.

Education Associate I (2 positions): Primarily responsible for eligibility processing and potential support for card-related issues.

One-Time Costs – \$491.0

Regulations Development: \$6.0

Office Supplies and Equipment for New Staff: \$20.0

Contracted EBT and Eligibility Platform Development: \$465.0

Ongoing Administrative Costs – \$1.8M annually

Federal assistance will provide a 50% match for ongoing administrative expenses, leaving \$902.7 to be funded by non-federal sources. Key costs include:

Travel: \$15.0 for federal compliance training for staff and training for grantees.

Department Administrative Support: \$70.4

Contracts and Maintenance: \$1,096.3 for EBT card management and eligibility platform maintenance, as well as postage.

Participant Communication Commodities: \$210.5

The Summer EBT program represents a significant opportunity to address food insecurity for children across Alaska, particularly in remote areas. However, implementing and maintaining the program comes with considerable administrative and financial challenges. To sustain the program, additional non-federal funding of \$902.7 annually will be required to match federal assistance and ensure compliance with program requirements.