

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2016 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SB072-DHSS-SDSA-1-28-16  
Title: DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS FOR PATIENTS  
Sponsor: GIESSEL  
Requester: Senate HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Senior and Disabilities Services  
Allocation: Senior and Disabilities Services Administration  
OMB Component Number: 2663

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*  
(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? no  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Updated for new fiscal year; no other changes.
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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

This bill requires a hospital to give a discharging patient the opportunity to name a caregiver to provide aftercare; a patient is not required to choose or name a caregiver, and the named caregiver is not obligated to provide aftercare. It requires a hospital to attempt to contact the named caregiver, notify the named caregiver of when the patient will be discharged, meet and instruct the named caregiver in aftercare tasks, and record this information in the patient's medical record. The hospital may contract out the duty to instruct the caregiver. The bill allows non-compliance with the provisions of the statute if compliance would delay discharge, and specifies that the provisions of the statute do not constitute a "right of action" against a hospital, its employees or contractors.

These provisions do not represent an additional cost to the Department.