

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Bill Version: HB 296
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Identifier: HB296-DHSS-PHAS-2-2-18
Title: YOUTH MARIJUANA PREVENTION
PROGRAMS/FUND
Sponsor: CLAMAN
Requester: House HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Public Health
Allocation: Public Health Administrative Services
OMB Component Number: 292

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019	100.9		100.9	100.9	100.9
Personal Services			5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0
Travel			597.4		1,231.6	1,231.6	1,231.6
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	703.3	0.0	2,125.0	2,125.0	2,125.0	2,125.0	2,125.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1178 temp code (UGF)	703.3	2,125.0	2,125.0	2,125.0	2,125.0	2,125.0
Total	703.3	0.0	2,125.0	2,125.0	2,125.0	2,125.0

Positions

Full-time	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? n/a

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

HB 296 version "I" would establish a new Marijuana Use Prevention, Education & Treatment Fund ("Fund") as an account within the general fund. The bill directs 50% of the marijuana excise tax proceeds levied under AS 43.61.010 to the Fund. The remaining proceeds will be distributed to the recidivism reduction fund (AS 43.61.010(c)). Currently 50% of marijuana excise tax proceeds is distributed to the recidivism reduction fund and 50% to the general fund. The legislature may make equal appropriations from this Fund to a marijuana use prevention youth services grant program to be administered by the Alaska Children's Trust Board established under AS 37.14.225, and a comprehensive marijuana use education and treatment program to be administered by the Department of Health and Social Services. This fiscal note assumes \$10 million in marijuana excise tax revenue per year based on monthly taxes collected for September to November 2017 (Department of Revenue <http://tax.alaska.gov/programs/programs/reports/index.aspx?60000>), and appropriations to DHSS of 25% or \$2.5 million annually.

The Department of Health and Social Services would administer a marijuana use education treatment program that must include:

- (A) a community-based marijuana misuse prevention component;
- (B) marijuana public education designed to communicate messages to help prevent youth initiation of marijuana use, educate the public about the effects of marijuana use, educate the public about marijuana laws;
- (C) surveys of youth and adult populations concerning knowledge, awareness, attitude, and use of marijuana products;
- (D) monitoring of population health status related to consequences of marijuana use; and,
- (E) substance abuse screening, brief intervention, referral, and treatment.

The Division of Public Health would be responsible for components (A)-(D), while the treatment component (E) will be appropriated to the Division of Behavioral Health in a separate fiscal note. Currently, the department does not have any funds to direct to these efforts.

The Division of Public Health would enhance existing, related grant programs for public health, behavioral health, children's services, juvenile justice, and education (e.g. suicide prevention, tobacco prevention, etc.) to expand their current activities to include evidence-based, substance misuse prevention programming; create education materials including webinars, print materials, Internet resources, and parent and teacher toolkits that focus on preventing youth initiation of marijuana and unsafe marijuana uses in adult populations (e.g. prevent drugged driving, promote safe storage); support existing surveys of youth, pregnant women, and adult risk factors and behaviors by including marijuana-specific questions; track trends in health outcomes related to marijuana use; and provide resources for poison control.

The division would hire a new Public Health Specialist (Range 18, ANC/GP) to serve as consultant and subject matter expert in planning and implementing programmatic evaluations, health surveys and assessments, health education materials, and delivery of the community program services. Travel will be needed to bring stakeholders and partners to Anchorage to gather input on program goals and objectives. Services would provide technical assistance to grantees on marijuana prevention programming, production of educational materials, health surveys and assessments, program evaluation, and support for the poison control hotline. Grant funds would support marijuana programming efforts in existing grant programs targeted at youth (tobacco prevention, suicide prevention, etc.). The program will leverage these existing grants to minimize the need for additional staffing and administrative expenses. Year 1 reflects the start up and implementation activities needed so that the program would be fully implemented in year 2.