

Fiscal Note

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Title: POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY DAY
Sponsor: TUCK
Requester: House Special Committee on MVA

Department: Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
Appropriation: Military and Veterans' Affairs
Allocation: Office of the Commissioner
OMB Component Number: 414

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 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0						

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HCR 25 would establish 27 June 2016 as "Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day" in Alaska in an effort to 1) bring awareness to the people suffering from post-traumatic stress injury, 2) encourage people to reach out to their fellow citizens to provide support and eliminate the stigma associated with such injuries, 3) encourage the Departments of Military and Veterans' Affairs and Health and Social Services to continue educating service members and veterans, victims of abuse, crime, and natural disaster, their families, and the public about the causes, symptoms, and possible treatment of post-traumatic stress injuries.

A nationwide effort is under way to change the convention of referring to post-traumatic stress from a disorder to an injury in order to increase awareness, remove the stigma, and help more Americans get the help they need to recover from post-traumatic stress injuries. The United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, and eight states have passed similar resolutions to establish 27 June as "Post-Traumatic Injury Awareness Day."

The Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs applauds any effort to raise public awareness of post-traumatic stress injuries in both military and civilian populations, and welcomes broader understanding of their causes, effects, and treatments. While it is conceivable and even desirable more sufferers of post-traumatic stress injuries would seek treatment as a result of the passage of this bill, the Department's Office of Veterans' Affairs anticipates no measurable increase in service demand. OVA personnel and Veteran Service Officers assist tens of thousands of veterans each year and are equipped to address whatever case load increase might result. Consequently, the Department anticipates no fiscal impacts from the passage of this bill.