### Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2015 Legislative Session  

**Bill Version:** HB 1  
**Fiscal Note Number:**  
**Publish Date:** 2015 Legislative Session  
**Identifier:** HB001-DHSS-HSS-02-05-15  
**Title:** STATE ARCTIC POLICY  
**Sponsor:** HERRON  
**Requester:** House Econ Development, Tourism & Arctic Policy  
**Department:** Department of Health and Social Services  
**Appropriation:** Departmental Support Services  
**Allocation:** Commissioner's Office  
**OMB Component Number:** 317  

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### Expenditures/Revenues

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

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**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

- None
- Total: 0.0  

**Positions**

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Temporary

**Change in Revenues**

- Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0  
  *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
  *(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

- Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) 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- If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:
  - Not applicable, initial version.

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Analysis

This bill asks the state to support and encourage consideration of the recommendations in the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission (AAPC) Implementation Plan. Priority lines of effort for the state’s Arctic policy include: (1) promoting economic and resource development; (2) addressing the infrastructure and response capacity gap in the Arctic; (3) supporting healthy communities; and (4) strengthening a state-based agenda for Arctic science & research.

If this bill passes, several DHSS Divisions would likely be required to assist with implementation, as it pertains to supporting healthy communities and strengthening a state-based agenda for Arctic science and research. Some of the major public and behavioral health impacts that need to be addressed will pertain to environmental contaminants, subsistence food resource changes, climate change, cultural changes in communities, changing infectious and chronic disease patterns, access to medical care, and emergency response capacity. Until more specifics are known, the department is unable to predict the cost, if any, to implementing the policy recommendations. Therefore, this is a zero fiscal note.