

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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Identifier (File Name): HB208-DOR-TAX-04-04-09 Dept. Affected: Revenue 04  
 Title: Cruise Ship Gambling Taxes RDU: Taxation and Treasury  
 Sponsor: Representative Crawford Component: Taxation and Treasury  
 Requester: (H) Community & Regional Affairs Component No.: 2476

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>(3,400.0)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(6,200.0)</b>	<b>(6,200.0)</b>	<b>(6,200.0)</b>	<b>(6,200.0)</b>	<b>(6,200.0)</b>	<b>(6,200.0)</b>
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: 0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached.

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### ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

#### **Bill Language**

This bill would repeal the Large Passenger Vessel Gambling tax. The tax is currently levied at the rate of 33% of adjusted gross income from gaming activities conducted in state waters, with revenue going to the General Fund. This bill has an immediate effective date, but returns are currently filed on a calendar year basis. For purposes of this analysis we assume that half of the voyages in calendar year 2009 (representing FY 2010 tax revenue) will be subject to the tax.

#### **Revenue**

For calendar year 2007, the latest year for which information is available, the Large Passenger Vessel Gambling tax generated \$6.8 million. With about 980,000 passengers in 2007 this was about \$6.90 per passenger. Calendar year 2008 set a record with over 1 million passengers, but the cruise industry has recently reported weak bookings for 2009 and capacity reductions for 2010. Therefore our revenue estimates assumes 993,000 passengers in 2009 and 893,000 passengers in 2010 and beyond. Estimates assume that tax per passenger will remain at about \$6.90 per passenger.

#### **Expenditures**

Because this bill repeals only one component of the Department's commercial passenger vessel program, it will not result in cost savings to the Department.