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 Title: PFD Dividends to Deceased Individuals RDU: Taxation and Treasury
 Component: Permanent Fund Dividend Division
 Sponsor: Senator Meyer
 Requester: Senate Finance Committee Component Number: 981

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
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services	57.2		57.2	57.2	57.2	57.2	57.2
Travel							
Contractual	27.0		27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0
Supplies	2.5		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	86.7	0.0	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()							

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts	86.7		86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
TOTAL	86.7	0.0	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time	1.0		1	1	1	1	1
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Historically, approx. 3,500 people die in Alaska each year. It is understood that all absence and eligibility rules will apply to deceased individuals, therefore, it is presumed that approx 1,750 people per year will qualify for this provision. Application on behalf of a deceased person will create an automatic eligibility case that must be assigned to a technician and worked. The average time a technician can expect to put into an deceased individual's eligibility case is estimated at one hour. This includes public response time in answering the many questions the executors of the estates will have regarding the deceased individuals eligibility as well as time spent reviewing documents, requesting information and writing letters. 1,750 man hours translates to 50 weeks or one full time position.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

It is expected that 100 of those applications will result in denial/appeal which translates to one full month of Appeals technician time, adding to the backlog that currently exists. OAH typically spends 15-20 hours at \$135 hour per case. This is estimated to increase our costs of Formal hearings by as much as \$27,000 annually. Supply cost is based solely on increased 1099 mailing.

1,750 additional complicated cases annually is not something the division can absorb without increased staffing. At current staffing levels, regular eligiblity casework is not complete for a given year until well into the 4th month of the following year. Applicants who appeal at the informal level can expect resolution of their case to take approximately 8 months.