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Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES		0.0	(35,567.0)	(38,800.0)	(3,233.0)		
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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							
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version

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Analysis

Bill Language:

This bill would suspend the motor fuel tax for 24 months starting on July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Although the statutes state that the legislature may appropriate the revenue from motor fuel tax for specific purposes, including highway construction and maintenance and water and harbor facilities, all motor fuel tax receipts are paid into the General Fund. Current law also provides that sixty percent of taxes collected on aviation fuel sales at municipal airports are shared with the respective municipalities. Unless a specific appropriation is made to those municipalities through this or other legislation, municipalities would not receive revenue sharing for the period in which the fuel tax is suspended. Motor fuel distributors will continue to be required to provide information showing the amount of motor fuel used in the state so the Department can provide reports to the Federal Highway Administration and ensure Alaska does not lose federal highway funding as a result of the suspension.

Revenues:

Information from fuel tax collections is provided below. FY 2008, FY 2009 and FY 2010 are actual collections and shared tax amounts from motor fuel tax. FY 2011 and FY 2012 are forecasts.

	Tax Collections	Shared Aviation Tax
FY 2008 (actual)	\$42,000,000	\$148,000
FY 2009 (actual)	\$10,100,000	\$144,000
FY 2010 (actual)	\$28,800,000	\$130,566
FY 2011 (forecast)	\$38,500,000	\$140,000
FY 2012 (forecast)	\$38,800,000	\$140,000

It is important to note that the motor fuel tax was previously suspended during the period September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. Actual amounts collected in FY 2009 and FY 2010 reflect that suspension. Although the tax was suspended, there was a special appropriation to municipalities to ensure they received the amount of shared tax revenue from aviation fuel sales that they would have received had the fuel tax not been suspended. The reduction in revenue shown for FY 2012 and FY 2013 on the first page of this fiscal note would be further reduced by the municipal revenue share identified in the table above for FY 2012 and FY 2013 if a similar appropriation is made during this suspension period.

Under current law, motor fuel tax collected in a particular month is required to be remitted to the Department of Revenue by the end of the following month. Since the effective date of this legislation is July 1, 2011, taxpayers will be required to remit motor fuel tax for motor fuel sales made in June 2011 by July 31, 2011. Therefore, we expect to collect one month of revenue in FY 2012. There will be no revenue collected in FY 2013 and in FY 2014 revenue will be reduced by one month of activity to account for the suspension of the tax through June 2013.

Expenditures:

Department of Revenue can administer the provisions of this bill utilizing existing resources. There will be no reduction in expenditures as the Department will continue to process tax returns and report to the Federal Highway Administration.