

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB125-DCCED-DOI-03-26-13
Title: TOPICAL EYE MEDS PRESCRIPTION REFILLS
Sponsor: HOLMES
Requester: House Labor and Commerce

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Appropriation: Insurance Operations
Allocation: Insurance Operations
OMB Component Number: 354

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Personal Services	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB 125 would require a health care insurance plan in the group or individual market to allow for the limited refilling of a topical eye medication prescription before the last day of the prescribed dosage period without regard to a coverage restriction for early refill of prescription renewals.

HB 125 could create a situation where an insured person receives a refill of a medication prior to the original dosage being used. This additional coverage would be deemed a new mandated benefit, according to the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). As a result of the ACA requirement, starting on 1/1/14 the state would be required to pay the difference in premium that the inclusion of these "new" mandated benefits would have in policies that are Qualified Health Plans.

The fiscal impact from HB 125 cannot be accurately determined at this time. In order to reach an accurate assumption every health insurer in Alaska would have to provide the information for each policy written that covers a prescription for topical eye medication. Additionally, one person's policy could provide different coverage levels than another person's policy, making it impossible to ascertain the exact fiscal impact of HB 125.