## Fiscal Note

State of Alaska Bill Version: HB 49 2015 Legislative Session Fiscal Note Number: () Publish Date: Identifier: HB049-DCCED-CBPL-02-06-15 Department: Department of Commerce, Community and Title: BENEFIT CORPORATIONS **Economic Development SEATON** Sponsor: Appropriation: Corporations, Business and Professional Requester: (H) Labor & Commerce Licensing Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing OMB Component Number: 2360 **Expenditures/Revenues** Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars) Included in FY2016 Governor's Appropriation FY2016 **Out-Year Cost Estimates** Requested Request **OPERATING EXPENDITURES** FY 2016 **FY 2016** FY 2017 FY 2018 FY 2019 FY 2020 FY 2021 Personal Services Travel Services 40.0 Commodities Capital Outlay **Grants & Benefits** Miscellaneous **Total Operating** 40.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 Fund Source (Operating Only) 1005 GF/Prgm 40.0 40.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 **Total Positions** Full-time Part-time Temporary Change in Revenues **Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost:** (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? Yes If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/16 Why this fiscal note differs from previous version: Not applicable, initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

## STATE OF ALASKA 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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## **Analysis**

HB49 allows a new or existing corporation organized under AS 10.06 or AS 10.45 to become a benefit corporation. In addition, it amends AS 10.06.633 to allow for the administrative dissolution of a benefit corporation if it fails to file or pay the filing fee for a benefit report.

In addition to their purpose under AS 10.06, benefit corporations have a purpose of creating a general public benefit from the business and operations of the benefit corporation. General public benefit means a "material positive effect on people and their surroundings, taken as a whole, assessed against a third-party standard."

A benefit corporation may also identify one or more specific public benefit purposes which means a benefit which serves a public welfare, religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purpose, or another purpose beyond the strict interest of the shareholders of the benefit corporation.

In addition to the establishment of this corporation type, this bill will create new criteria under AS 10.60 which may amend an existing business corporation or professional corporation's status as a benefit corporation.

The Corporation Section database will need modification to allow for the creation or amendment of a benefit corporation status and the associated reports and official requirements of a benefit corporation.

If the bill passes the following expenses will be incurred:

Services: \$37.5 (one time information-technology costs to modify the licensing database)

\$2.5 (legal cost to amend regulations, printing, and postage)

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