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Title: WORKERS COMP: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES
TESTS
Sponsor: OLSON
Requester: House Labor & Commerce

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Risk Management
Allocation: Risk Management
OMB Component Number: 71

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Risk Management (RM) would not be financially impacted by this proposed legislation.

This bill intends to amend AS 23.30.005 to require Alaska Workers Compensation Board (AWCB) to adopt regulations to test injured workers for opiate type drugs and to add AS 23.30.095(p) to specifically restrict physicians treating persons under workers compensation to not prescribe opiate type drug prescriptions for more than 30 days supply. The would include drugs under schedule IA, IIIA, and IIIA as set out in AS 11.71.140, AS 11.71.160, and AS 11.71.180 respectively.

The effect of the bill on RM would be that RM through the new regulations adopted by AWCB, would have the right to require an employee to undergo drug testing presumably via an urine analysis (UA) test if the employer/insurer believed, after 90 days, there was misuse of the controlled substance listed in Schedule IA under AS 11.71.140.

The cost of testing is unknown but it would be offset by the possibly of the opiate drug taken out of the employees prescription regimen or replaced with an non-opiate less costly drug. RM does not anticipate any additional cost to our self-insured program therefore we submit a zero fiscal note.