Fiscal Note State of Alaska Bill Version: **HB 49** 2015 Legislative Session Fiscal Note Number: () Publish Date: Identifier: CSHB049-DCCED-CBPL-03-13-15 Department: Department of Commerce, Community and Title: BENEFIT CORPORATIONS **Economic Development** Appropriation: Corporations, Business and Professional Sponsor: **SEATON** Requester: (H) FINANCE 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 11.9 Commodities Capital Outlay **Grants & Benefits** Miscellaneous **Total Operating** 11.9 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 Fund Source (Operating Only) 1005 GF/Prgm 11.9 0.0 Total 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 11.9 **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 Yes If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/16 Why this fiscal note differs from previous version: CSHB 49 amends HB 49 to decrease the extent of the program system changes to the corporations database.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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BILL NO. CSHB 49 (L&C)

Analysis

CSHB 49 will add a new chapter to AS 10 Alaska corporation code, Chapter 60 Benefit Corporations which 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 its purpose under AS 10.06, a benefit corporation shall 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.

CSHB49 amends HB49 to require the benefit report to be part of the biennial report.

The Corporation Section database will need modification to allow for the adding and removing of a benefit corporation status, the associated reports and officials required for a benefit corporation.

If the bill passes, the following expenses will be incurred:

- \$9.4 in one-time information technology costs to modify the licensing database;
- \$2.5 in legal cost to amend regulations, printing, and postage.

Corporation licensing fees in the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing are funded by general fund program receipts, fund source 1005 GF/Prgm (DGF). Corporation fees are set per Title 10; revenue in excess of authorized budgeted expenses reverts to the State of Alaska general fund.

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