

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: HB115CS(FIN)-DNR-MLW-03-20-15
Title: AK SOVEREIGNTY;US TRANSFER LAND TO
ALASKA
Sponsor: CHENAULT
Requester: House Finance Committee

Department: Department of Natural Resources
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
Allocation: Mining, Land & Water
OMB Component Number: 3002

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				
	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	***		***	***	***	***	***
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

This CS slightly modified the lands affected by the bill. The fiscal impact is still indeterminate; the analysis section was revised to match the CS.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This analysis assumes that the bill would be successful at least in part in getting the federal government to convey public lands to the state as stated in Section 3. If successful, this bill could more than double state ownership of acreage assets (currently about 100 million acres) and, depending on the kinds of federal lands included in the transfer, potentially increase state acreage even more than that. Receiving the Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and US Forest Service managed federal lands, without considering the submerged land, would increase land owned or managed by the state by approximately 166 million acres.

Once title has been accepted, the state and not the Federal government would assume the costs for managing the conveyed lands. These costs are unknown and could be significant. Considering the existing staff and cost it takes to manage the existing state lands, and to evaluate them prior to conveyance, this significant increase of land ownership could require a correspondingly significant increase of staff and expense to manage the new lands. However, these costs could be more than offset by potential revenues from these lands.