

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	SB 163
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Identifier: DEC-WQ-12-30-15  
 Title: NATL. RES. WATER  
       NOMINATION/DESIGNATION  
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation  
 Appropriation: Water  
 Allocation: Water Quality  
 OMB Component Number: 2062

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2017 Request	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/17

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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## Analysis

**Analysis/Assumptions:**

The purpose of the legislation is to provide a process by which waters can be designated Outstanding National Resource Waters, or Tier 3 waters, by the Legislature. A process is required by the Clean Water Act, but has not yet been defined in Alaska. There are currently no Tier 3 waters in the state.

Work will be done by existing staff in the Division of Water. These staff already work extensively with the water quality standards that provide the framework for the required Tier 3 designation process. In addition, nominations for Tier 3 waters have already been received by the Division and are being tracked by water quality standards staff. The additional workload associated with forwarding the nominations to the Legislature will be incorporated by prioritizing the existing work.

Regulations may be promulgated to describe the process for nomination and the process for the interested or affected public to submit additional information. The Division has already done extensive work on draft regulations. After additional outreach and public notice, it is expected that regulations would be adopted by June 30, 2017.