

Fiscal Note

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Title: PERSON W/DISABILITY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
Sponsor: SADDLER
Requester: House L&C

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Medicaid Services
Allocation: Health Care Medicaid Services
OMB Component Number: 2077

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			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 (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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12 months

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

New section (06.65.330) in version N, not included in previous version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB188 establishes an Alaska Savings program for eligible disabled individuals. Program accounts may not be considered when determining eligibility for means-tested programs.

CSHB188(L&C), version N adds a new section (AS 06.65.330) that allows state Medicaid programs to file a claim against a decedent's program account to recover medical assistance costs of the individual after the account was established.

Staff will be required to monitor and track accounts and file claims. Administration of the accounts would involve monitoring account deposits and balances to confirm that they did not exceed allowable amounts, and monitoring account disbursements to confirm that they were for qualifying expenses. However, because the number of participants and the complexities of the accounts are unknown, the number of staff needed cannot be determined.

An indeterminate fiscal note is provided; DHSS cannot estimate recovery amounts because it is unknown 1) how many individuals will have savings accounts, 2) how much will remain in each account upon death of the individual, 3) amounts to be claimed (lien amounts), 4) what other entities will file liens, and 5) lien priority. The department does not currently know the size or age of the population of individuals potentially eligible for an ABLE account.

Regulation changes will be required and will be promulgated within 12 months of the legislation's effective date.