

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 14  
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Identifier: HB014-DFG-HAB-04-21-17  
Title: LEG. APPROVAL OF BRISTOL BAY SULFIDE  
MINE  
Sponsor: JOSEPHSON  
Requester: House Fisheries

Department: Department of Fish and Game  
Appropriation: Statewide Support Services  
Allocation: Habitat  
OMB Component Number: 486

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2018 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Personal Services						110.0	25.0
Travel							
Services						75.0	10.0
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>185.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)						185.0	35.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>185.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

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>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

This bill requires the Department of Fish and Game Commissioner make an independent determination that an applicant for metallic sulfide mining operation located within the watershed of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the operation will not constitute a danger to the fisheries.

The Commissioner will need assistance in the form of subject matter expertise from staff and legal assistance in reviewing the numerous permits from state and federal agencies, in order to make the independent determination. Each time a permit is issued or significantly modified, a new independent determination will need to be made. For a large mine, it is expected that routine, ongoing permit modification and reissuance would result in an annual review.

Our costs are based on the annual salary cost of a Habitat Biologist IV (about \$110,000 per year to fund an existing vacant PCN) and legal and/or outside technical assistance (\$75,000 per year). Project startup is unknown. Costs are projected to begin in FY22 and GF included in this fiscal note will supplant the need for industry support, thus maintaining the bill's intent of achieving an independent determination.

For years beyond the first independent determination, costs are expected to be reduced given that many of the permits and authorizations will already have been reviewed. Annual costs for FY23 and beyond are expected to be \$25,000 for habitat biologists and \$10,000 for legal assistance.