

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB194-MVA-OVA-2-2-18
Title: USPHS & NOAA OFFICERS AS VETERANS
Sponsor: CLAMAN
Requester: (H) Military and Veterans' Affairs

Department: Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
Appropriation: Military and Veterans' Affairs
Allocation: Veterans' Services
OMB Component Number: 421

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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/comments:

Not Applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The bill would designate as veterans those persons who served in the “uniformed services” (extant statutes regarding veterans typically refer to their service in the “United States armed services”), specifically encompassing persons who have received honorable or general discharges from the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps. An anticipated amendment would extend veteran status to persons who served in the reserve units of the United States armed forces or the National Guard for at least twenty years and were discharged under honorable conditions. The bill enumerates more than twenty specific benefits to which veterans, including those made veterans by the passage of this bill, are entitled.

Presently, the DMVA Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) provides assistance to almost 62,000 Veterans per year. That work is divided between 4 full-time state employees and 17 contracted Veteran Service Officers (VSO), meaning each employee/VSO manages a caseload of about 3,000 Veterans. Over the past several years, Alaska's Veteran population also grew at a rate of approximately 5% per year, with no adjustments to staffing levels. Current estimates predict passage of this bill would likely recognize approximately 3,000 new Veterans, further increasing OVA's workload. To provide no less than the current level of service once this new population is included, DMVA projects the need for another Veteran Service Officer. With resourcing expressed in the SFY19 Governor's Budget submission, the Department can fund this requirement. Therefore, the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs is submitting a zero fiscal note.