

# Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB96-PHPA-HSTA 4-2-19  
Title: PIONEERS' HOME AND VETERANS' HOME  
RATES  
Sponsor: FIELDS  
Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Alaska Pioneer Homes  
Allocation: Alaska Pioneer Homes Payment Assistance  
OMB Component Number: 3236

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2020 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2020 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	5,000.0	20,902.8	5,000.0	5,000.0	5,000.0	5,000.0	5,000.0
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>20,902.8</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	5,000.0	20,902.8	5,000.0	5,000.0	5,000.0	5,000.0	5,000.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>20,902.8</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>5,000.0</b>	<b>5,000.0</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 (FY2019) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2020) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/20

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Based on the Governor's amended budget including amendments submitted 3/28/19. Current FY19 UGF funding levels within the Pioneer Homes appropriation are maintained and distributed under the Governor's new structure. Currently, \$33.2 million UGF is appropriated to the Pioneer Home allocation which includes all payment assistance. This fiscal note recognizes the Governor's new Payment Assistance allocation with the proposed \$20.9 million UGF, and reflects \$5 million in additional UGF to support residents participating in the Payment Assistance Program. The remaining \$7.3 million UGF is reflected in a separate fiscal note for the Pioneer Homes allocation. Although this legislation proposes rate increases, there is no change in FY19 UGF funding levels in an effort to minimize disruption to Pioneer Homes residents.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

HB 96 raises Pioneer Home rates, which have not kept pace with inflation since 2004, and caps future rate increases equivalent to the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment. HB 96 aligns rate levels with the Department's plans to expand from three to five tiers of patient care, including new "behavioral health neighborhoods" that can capture higher reimbursement rates. HB 96 maintains the Department's flexibility to balance use of General Funds between traditional Pioneer Home support and newly proposed Payment Assistance.