

Fiscal Note

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Title: DISABLED ALASKANS F&G LIC/DNR PERMITS
Sponsor: LEDOUX
Requester: House

Department: Department of Natural Resources
Appropriation: Parks & Outdoor Recreation
Allocation: Parks Management & Access
OMB Component Number: 3001

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							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	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 (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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version based on the 2.13.19 Governor's FY2020 request.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill extends the same free annual Alaska State Parks camping pass now available under AS 16.05 to Alaska National Guardsmen and military reservists, and to Alaska veterans rated as at least 50 percent disabled, to all Alaskans receiving compensation from a government agency for being at least 50 percent disabled, or who have an affidavit from a physician declaring them to be at least 50 percent disabled.

The free camping passes available under current law are biennial permits issued in odd years, that expire at the end of even years. The department issued 2,195 such permits in the two years ending December 31, 2018, about the same as in the previous biennium.

The average overnight fee at a state campground is \$15 per night. Those now qualifying for free camping permits use them an average of three times a year, staying an average of three nights each time, for a total of 19,755 overnight stays. The impact of the current statute is: 2,195 biennial passes * \$15 * 3 stays * 3 nights/stay = \$265.3 reduction in state revenue in FY 18. It also costs about \$500 a year to produce the free pass decals.

In comparison, fee-paying campers spent about 41,390 overnight stays in Alaska State Park campgrounds, generating \$620.8 in revenue in FY18.

Estimating the bill's fiscal impact on the department is not possible without more precise and meaningful eligibility criteria. Based the 2016 data that is the most recently available, the Centers for Disease Control estimate that of the 435,598 Alaskans aged 18 or older, approximately 19.2 percent -- 83,634 -- have some sort of disability, whether cognitive, hearing, mobility, vision, self-care, or independent living. However, the CDC data show that approximately 8.8 percent, or 38,332 Alaskans, have just a mobility disability.

It is also not possible to estimate how many disabled non-veteran Alaskans would apply for free camping permits under this bill, or how often they might use them. Regardless, because making free camping passes available to an unknown additional number of people will reduce department revenue by some amount, the department submits an indeterminate fiscal note.