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Title: LIMITED TEACHER CERTIFICATES;
LANGUAGES
Sponsor: KREISS-TOMKINS
Requester: House Labor & Commerce

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Education Support and Administrative Services
Allocation: Teacher Certification
OMB Component Number: 1240

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	6.0						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	6.0						
Total	6.0	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 (FY2020) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/21

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated for second session and to accurately reflect out-year costs.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation repeals and reenacts AS 14.20.025, Limited teacher certificates. This legislation would continue to allow for a person with expertise in Alaska Native languages, Alaska culture, military sciences, and vocational areas to gain a limited teacher certificate in those specific areas. The legislation expands the persons eligible for a limited certificate to include individuals with expertise in all world language other than English. Additionally, a person with expertise in either an Alaska Native or a world language who demonstrates expertise in subject areas like mathematics, science, and social studies may teach in the subject areas using the language other than English for instruction.

This legislation maintains the State Board of Education and Early Development's authority to require an individual that qualifies for a limited teaching certificate to undertake academic training as specified by the State Board. It also requires that the local school board of the district or regional educational attendance area request the issuance of a limited teacher certificate to an applicant. The request must specify the subject and instructional language for which the certificate would be valid. This legislation prohibits the State Board from adopting an examination requirement for a limited certificate issued under this legislation unless the examination is in the instructional language for which the limited certificate is valid. Finally, the legislation establishes the length of the initial limited certificate as one year, with the option of extending or renewing the certificate upon request of the local school board that initially requested the issuance of the certificate.

This legislation allows the State Board authority to find innovative mechanisms to determine the content area and pedagogical competency of educators providing instruction in languages other than English. Currently, statutes require a basic competency exam, a bachelor's degree, and the enrollment in, or completion of, a teacher preparation program to teach specific content areas (like mathematics, reading, language arts, science, and social studies). The additional authority provided by this legislation would remove these requirements and allow the State Board to develop alternative assessments of an educator's knowledge, skills, and abilities in these areas.

No effective date has been provided.

The department would need to review regulations and make necessary changes to bring teacher certification regulations into conformity with the repeal and reenactment of AS 14.20.025. There is a one-time increment of \$6.0 to implement the necessary regulation changes.