

Fiscal Note

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Title: LICENSE MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE
PARAMEDICS
Sponsor: REVAK
Requester: (S) HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Public Health
Allocation: Emergency Programs
OMB Component Number: 2877

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							
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 (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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/21

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

SB173M consolidates oversight of the emergency medical services system under a single agency. This bill will transfer mobile intensive care paramedic licensure to the department's State Emergency Medical Services Office, whose statutory mission is maintaining a statewide, comprehensive EMS system.

Currently, regulation of the EMS system is split between the State Medical Board and the Department of Health and Social Services. The department has responsibility for certifying emergency medical technicians, EMT instructors, EMT training, ground ambulance, medevac services, paramedic instructors, and paramedic training--but not the paramedics themselves. Paramedics are licensed by the State Medical Board.

The bill does not change the scope of practice, license requirements, or fee schedule for the approximately 600 paramedics licensed in Alaska. The bill provides for a smooth transition on January 1, 2021 with an immediate effective date for regulations, provisions to ensure current biennial licenses remain in effect until new regulations are in place, and continuity of license histories with the transfer of files and pending disciplinary cases. Less than 50 new applications are received annually.

There is no fiscal impact, therefore this is a zero fiscal note. The additional case load can be absorbed with the existing staff of 6 FTEs, 5 of which are required to have paramedic experience. There is sufficient budgeted authority for the additional \$10,000-15,000 GF/Program receipts from paramedic licenses annually. Existing data systems are ready to incorporate paramedic licensure. Medical direction will be provided by the existing DHSS Chief Medical Officer and the EMS Medical Director's Committee comprised of 11 members specialized in emergency medicine.