

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB138CS(RES)-DEC-WIF-02-21-20
Title: NATIONAL RESOURCE WATER DESIGNATION
Sponsor: KOPP
Requester: House Resources Committee

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation
Appropriation: Water
Allocation: Water Quality, Infrastructure Support & Financing
OMB Component Number: 3204

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	21.3		14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2
Travel	53.0		33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0
Services	18.2		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Commodities	3.1		1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	95.6	0.0	54.8	54.8	54.8	54.8	54.8

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	95.6		54.8	54.8	54.8	54.8	54.8
Total	95.6	0.0	54.8	54.8	54.8	54.8	54.8

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

The new CS for HB 138 would create the seven person Alaska Outstanding Resource Water Advisory Commission (Commission) within the Department of Environmental Conservation. The Commission would be responsible for nominations for outstanding national resource waters. The Department would be the responsible stewards and staff of the Commission, with associated job duties detailed in the analysis section. This fiscal note includes additional analysis regarding the expected costs for the Department.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

House Bill 138 would place in statute the requirement that outstanding national resource water designations be made in statute. The bill also clarifies that a water body may not be managed by the Department of Environmental Conservation as an outstanding national resource water without a statutory designation.

The bill would also create the Alaska Outstanding Resource Water Advisory Commission (the Commission) in the Department of Environmental Conservation. The Commission would be responsible for accepting and reviewing nominations for Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs). The Department would be the responsible stewards of the Commission, which would require the Department to:

- Provide technical support to the Commissioner at advisory commission meetings;
- Assist with solicitation of Commission participants;
- Preparation of Commission materials;
- Logistical support in arranging meetings of the Commission;
- Engagement with participants on an issue-specific basis;
- Act as the contact for the acceptance of nominations;
- Review nominations for completeness;
- Prepare and facilitate public notice and public process should the Commission determine a nomination to be complete;
- Facilitate preparation of the required annual report to the Legislature; and
- Facilitate preparation of summary presentation to Governor and Legislature on nominated water and key issues.

Personal Services:

One short-term non-permanent position will be required for three months to assist with the additional workload. The position is reduced to two months in the out years with the assumption that there will be higher costs in the first year as the Commission gets established. The remaining work will be absorbed by existing staff.

Travel:

There will be two meetings a year for the Commission of seven people for an estimated cost of \$28.0. Additionally, there will need to be a public hearing in each hub community of the affected water body up for nomination, with two representatives needed to attend each hearing. The Department assumes there will be five nominations in the first year and two in out years.

Services:

A reimbursable services agreement with the Department of Law for bill preparation for each nomination at the current rate of \$169/hour will cost \$16.9 in the first year, and \$5.1 in out years. This line also reflects a proportionate share of department-wide costs.

Supplies:

Meeting materials for the two yearly meetings and public hearings will cost \$3.1 in the first year and \$1.6 in out years.