

Fiscal Note

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Title: REGULATE PFAS USE; FIRE/WATER SAFETY
Sponsor: KIEHL
Requester: Senate Resources

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation
Appropriation: Environmental Health
Allocation: Environmental Health
OMB Component Number: 3202

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	411.7		411.7	411.7	411.7	411.7	411.7
Travel	38.5		38.5	38.5	38.5	38.5	38.5
Services	94.7		66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7
Commodities	30.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	574.9	0.0	518.9	518.9	518.9	518.9	518.9

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	574.9		518.9	518.9	518.9	518.9	518.9
Total	574.9	0.0	518.9	518.9	518.9	518.9	518.9

Positions

Full-time	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/31/21

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

This bill defines and establishes concentrations limits for per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water. It requires that the Department of Environmental Conservation periodically test all drinking water in areas where PFAS has been released near a drinking water source. If results are above the limits established by the bill, it requires the Department to provide alternative drinking water. While the Division of Spill Prevention & Response would maintain authority to conduct site characterization, testing, and monitoring, the Drinking Water program in the Division of Environmental Health has the expertise to ensure drinking water is safe.

The Department does not currently have regulatory authority over private drinking water systems. Changes to 18 AAC 80 will be required to add regulatory requirements for, and authority over, private water systems relative to PFAS releases. As these systems are not currently regulated, it is unclear what the universe of private drinking water systems is that could potentially be impacted.

Personal Services:

The Division of Environmental Health would require four additional positions. Three Environmental Program Specialists would conduct work specific to evaluating testing data, developing a database of impacted private drinking water systems, providing technical and compliance assistance to owners/operators of contaminated private drinking water systems, ensuring data integrity and availability of certified private drinking water laboratories, and coordinating with other local, State, and federal agencies. An Engineer would review and approve proposed treatment systems for contaminated private drinking water systems.

Travel:

Travel would be required for program staff to conduct site visits and inspections, provide outreach to impacted Alaskans, and for staff training. Some out of state travel may be required.

Services:

Contractual costs include maintenance of a database system to track private water systems contaminated with PFAS in the State. It is also expected outreach materials would be developed and distributed in areas with impacted private drinking water systems. The Department would also require assistance from the Department of Law to develop regulations, as well as to advise the program as needed.

Commodities:

Supply costs reflect new employee costs in the first year, and general office supplies in the out years.