

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2021 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB062-DHSS-BVS-2-19-2021  
Title: MARRIAGE WITNESSES  
Sponsor: CLAMAN  
Requester: (H) STA

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Public Health  
Allocation: Bureau of Vital Statistics  
OMB Component Number: 961

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/22

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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This bill amends AS 25.05.301 to remove the requirement for two witnesses to the solemnization of a marriage. Currently, state law requires two witnesses in addition to the person solemnizing the marriage to witness the marriage and sign the marriage certificate. Should this bill pass, only the participants and the person solemnizing the wedding need to be present.

The bill may require the Bureau of Vital Statistics to dispose of all current stock of marriage certificates, redesign the standard and decorative forms, and purchase stock of a new form. The cost to the section is nominal. However, the Bureau of Vital Statistics may choose to allow current certificate stock to be used up because the bill does not prohibit witnesses. Future orders of marriage certificates would have witness fields removed.

This bill appears to have no impact on public health or the collection of vital records related to marriage. Therefore, there is no programmatic or fiscal impact resulting in a zero dollar fiscal note.