

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB251-DOLWD-WCAC-2-19-26
Title: REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS
COMMISSION
Sponsor: WIELECHOWSKI
Requester: (S) JUD

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Appropriation: Workers' Compensation
Allocation: Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission
OMB Component Number: 2816

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	(201.1)		(402.2)	(402.2)	(402.2)	(402.2)	(402.2)	(402.2)
Travel								
Services	(55.9)		(111.1)	(111.1)	(111.1)	(111.1)	(111.1)	(111.1)
Commodities	(2.5)		(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	(259.5)	0.0	(518.3)	(518.3)	(518.3)	(518.3)	(518.3)	(518.3)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	(13.0)		(25.3)	(25.3)	(25.3)	(25.3)	(25.3)
1157 Wrkrs Safe (DGF)	(246.5)		(493.0)	(493.0)	(493.0)	(493.0)	(493.0)
Total	(259.5)	0.0	(518.3)	(518.3)	(518.3)	(518.3)	(518.3)

Positions

Full-time			(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/26

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

The Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission (WCAC) hears appeals of final decisions and orders of the Workers' Compensation Board. This legislation would require new appeal cases to be filed with the Alaska Superior Court beginning on June 1, 2026, but would retain the WCAC's jurisdiction over pending matters until December 1, 2026. The WCAC would dissolve effective December 31, 2026.

This legislation would eliminate two positions and associated funding necessary to operate the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission. Based on the December 31, 2026 date for the final repeal of the commission, FY2027 cost savings are expected to be 50 percent of the budgeted costs for the year.

The regulations applicable to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission under 8 AAC 57.010 through 8 AAC 57.990 would need to be amended and ultimately repealed once the WCAC was dissolved.