

Fiscal Note

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 Title: GENETIC COUNS: LICENSING; ADVISORY
 CNCL.
 Sponsor: DUNBAR
 Requester: (S) LABOR & COMMERCE

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
 Economic Development
 Appropriation: Corporations, Business and Professional
 Licensing
 Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional
 Licensing
 OMB Component Number: 2360

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								
Travel	37.8		37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8
Services	24.5		24.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	62.3	0.0	62.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)	62.3		62.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3
Total	62.3	0.0	62.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF)	62.3		62.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3
Total	62.3	0.0	62.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3	52.3

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/27

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 legislation establishes a new license for, and the regulation of, genetic counselors. Based on the scope of practice identified in Section 4 (AS 08.53.160), genetic counselors work to identify, explain, and evaluate a client/patient’s genetic risk for medical conditions and diseases, and evaluate the client/patient’s responses to, risk of, or risk of recurrence of such conditions and diseases.

Though the regulation of genetic counselors would be under a new chapter (AS 08.53), the State Medical Board (“board”) would be responsible for the regulation of this profession, in consultation with a Genetic Counselor Advisory Council (“council”), which would be made up of members appointed by the State Medical board. Members of the council will serve staggered three-year terms and be entitled to per diem and travel expenses of standard boards and commission members.

Travel:	\$37.8	Five Advisory Council members to attend four meetings per year
Services:	\$10.0	Legal costs to amend regulations in FY2027 and FY2028 only
	\$10.0	Legal costs related to investigations in FY2027 and beyond
	\$1.4	Advertising of public notice of Advisory Council meetings FY2027 and beyond
	\$3.0	Training and conference fees FY2027 and beyond
	\$0.1	Stipends for board members attending board meeting in community of residence FY2027 and beyond

Professional licensing programs within the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing are funded by Receipt Supported Services, fund source 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF). Per AS 08.01.065, licensing fees for each occupation are set so the total amount of revenue collected approximately equals the occupation’s actual regulatory costs.