

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Sponsor: CLAMAN
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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)

	FY2027	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

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

Senate Bill 246 would clarify who is authorized to install or modify small septic systems in Alaska (sized to receive not more than 1,500 gallon per days). The Department of Environmental Conservation (department) regulates onsite wastewater systems under Alaska Statute Title 46, while engineer professional licensing requirements are addressed under Alaska Statute Title 08. Although these statutes and the associated regulations are not directly in conflict, differing interpretations by statewide professional organizations have led to confusion regarding who may perform certain types of septic system work.

The bill would align statutory language with the existing regulatory framework housed within the Division of Water's Certified Installer Program. Under that program, individuals must meet specific training, testing, and qualification requirements to install or modify small onsite wastewater systems.

As written, the department can implement this clarification using existing resources.