

Fiscal Note

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Title: PFAS USE & REMEDIATION, WATER TESTING
Sponsor: HALL
Requester: (H) STATE AFFAIRS

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 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	316.8		316.8	316.8	316.8	316.8	316.8	316.8
Travel	12.0		12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Services	59.5		59.5	59.5	59.5	59.5	59.5	59.5
Commodities	15.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	403.3	0.0	389.3	389.3	389.3	389.3	389.3	389.3

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	403.3		389.3	389.3	389.3	389.3	389.3	389.3
Total	403.3	0.0	389.3	389.3	389.3	389.3	389.3	389.3

Positions

Full-time	2.0		2.0	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? 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

House Bill 235 would create a formal process within the Division of Water for establishing discharge limits for an emerging pollutant, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), in existing State and Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits. Such a process is necessary because certain entities collect, treat, and discharge wastewater that may contain PFAS at concentrations with the potential to exceed the limits proposed in the bill.

Personal Services: The Division of Water would require two new positions.

Environmental Program Specialist 4 positions, \$158.4 x 2, \$316.8: These positions will develop guidance, provide training, and conduct audits to ensure environmental data related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances is accurate and legally defensible. They will support permitting by establishing policies, quality assurance systems, and coordination with permittees. The positions will also respond to suspected releases by overseeing sampling, documenting site conditions, and coordinating compliance actions.

Travel: *Outreach and Oversight \$12.0 annually:* Operational costs associated with oversight, outreach, and training to support implementation.

Contractual Services: *Department of Law \$30.0 annually:* Legal services for regulations updates, policy changes, and compliance assistance.

Other contractual costs \$10.5 annually: Operating costs include increased building lease costs associated with additional positions, training, and allocated common costs.

Commodities: *Office and Program Supplies, FY27 \$15.0, \$1.0 annually thereafter.* Supplies necessary to support new positions and general office supplies in subsequent years.

Funding: The program would be funded by Undesignated General Funds, including ongoing operating costs.