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Title: HEALTHCARE COMPACTS; RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM
Sponsor: HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
Requester: (S) HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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								
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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/27

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation enacts four interstate licensure compacts: the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) for physicians and osteopathic physicians; the PA Licensure Compact for physician assistants; the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) for psychologists; and the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact Act (REPLICA) for emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, and paramedics.

EMS licensure is overseen by the Department of Health. Alaska has already aligned statutes to allow REPLICA participation by moving licensure of mobile intensive care paramedics from the Medical Board to the Department of Health.

Alaska must enact these four compacts, along with the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), to meet the federal commitments tied to the state's \$272 million Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) award. Failure to pass and implement all five compacts within the next two years will result in a loss of funds. Because the division will need time to implement these compacts, passage this year is essential to meet the federal deadline.

This legislation also amends the scope of practice and collaborative practice agreement requirements for physician assistants (PAs), allows PAs to work without collaborative practice agreements in certain circumstances, and establishes the qualifications for PA licensure in statute.

If the bill passes, multiple regulations projects will occur. However, the cost of these regulations projects can be absorbed within the existing authority and will likely be combined with other regulations projects.

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.