

Fiscal Note

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Title: TEACHER/STATE EMPLOYEE STUDENT LOAN
PRGRM
Sponsor: STORY
Requester: (S) Education

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
Allocation: Program Administration & Operations
OMB Component Number: 2738

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 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services	39.0		29.6	29.6			
Travel							
Services	6.0			10.0			
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	1,000.0		1,000.0	1,000.0			
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	1,045.0	0.0	1,029.6	1,039.6	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1226 High Ed (DGF)	1,045.0		1,029.6	1,039.6			
Total	1,045.0	0.0	1,029.6	1,039.6	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

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/27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

Updated from SLA2025 to SLA2026 fiscal note template and to reflect changes made in version C.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

CSHB 28 creates a temporary student loan repayment pilot program administered by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) to help retain Alaska's public school teachers and State of Alaska employees by providing escalating loan repayment assistance over three years. Eligible participants with outstanding student loans used to pay for a degree or certificate program completed either outside the state or at the University of Alaska may receive up to \$4,000 in year one, \$8,000 in year two, and \$12,000 in year three (or proportional amounts based on smaller loan balances), with a limit of 125 participants and \$1 million in awards per fiscal year. The program is designed as a retention incentive, requires ACPE to track outcomes and report to the Legislature on its effectiveness.

The program uses an escalating, three-year structure based on the participant's original loan balance at entry:
\$24,000+ in loans: \$4,000 (Year 1), \$8,000 (Year 2), \$12,000 (Year 3)
Under \$24,000: 1/6, 1/3, and 1/2 of the original balance across the three years

The program is capped at 125 participants and \$1,000,000 in grants per fiscal year. If funding is insufficient, ACPE must reduce awards proportionally.

ACPE must establish the application process, adopt regulations, track participant outcomes over three years, and report to the Legislature on whether the program improves workforce retention. Reports are due annually in 2027, 2028, 2029 with a final effectiveness report in 2030.

Additional administrative costs associated with this program include:

Personal Services:

\$39.0 FY2027 for one third of a full-range 16 staff to implement program, develop communication and application materials, provide data research to identify and target Alaskans out of state and administer the program; \$29.6 FY2028 and FY2029 one fourth of a full-time range 16 staff to administer the program and provide required reporting on the program.

Services:

\$6.0 FY2027 for promulgating new regulations; \$10.0 FY2029 for required evaluation of the program.