

Fiscal Note

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Title: DISASTER EMERGENCY PLAN FOR PETS
Sponsor: EISCHEID
Requester: (H) LABOR & COMMERCE

Department: Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs
Appropriation: Military and Veterans' Affairs
Allocation: Homeland Security and Emergency Management
OMB Component Number: 2657

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						
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services	400.0		175.0		175.0		175.0	175.0
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	400.0	0.0	175.0		175.0		175.0	175.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	400.0		175.0		175.0		175.0	175.0
Total	400.0	0.0	175.0		175.0		175.0	175.0

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? n/a

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial Version of Fiscal Note

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation implements requirements for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management related to disaster emergency plans for pets in Alaska. While the State of Alaska already has an emergency operations plan that takes animals into consideration during a response to a disaster or emergency, there are additional requirements included that would require the division to implement two new programs.

Implementing this legislation will impact the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), and require funding to successfully address the new requirements.

The first requirement consists of establishment of an identification system to ensure that an owner of a pet or service animal who is separated from the pet or service animal during an evacuation is provided with all information necessary to locate and reclaim the pet or service animal. This would require a contract to develop a system that would be meet the needs of the department during an emergency or disaster that could take place anywhere in the state. The cost for this contract is based off the average costs for software and application development, 350.0, and a continuing operating cost into future years of 150.0 to accommodate for the need to make changes/modifications, and contractors to assist with management of the system during an emergency or disaster.

The second requirement consists of implementation of a public information program that provides owners of pets and service animals with disaster emergency resources relating to pets and service animals; and includes several minimum requirements for the program. This would require a contract to develop a program that would meet the requirements of this section for successful implementation by division preparedness staff. The estimated cost for a contract to develop this public information program is 50.0, and a continuing operating cost into future years of 25.0 to accommodate for the need to make changes/modifications, and costs for production and distribution of materials to communities and organizations.