

Fiscal Note

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

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation
Appropriation: Environmental Health
Allocation: Environmental Health
OMB Component Number: 3202

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	171.8		171.8	171.8	171.8	171.8	171.8	171.8
Travel	7.5		7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
Services	10.3		10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3
Commodities	7.5		3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	197.1	0.0	193.1	193.1	193.1	193.1	193.1	193.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1003 GF/Match (UGF)	197.1		193.1	193.1	193.1	193.1	193.1	193.1
Total	197.1	0.0	193.1	193.1	193.1	193.1	193.1	193.1

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

House Bill 335 amends statutes related to veterinary licensing and emergency management to establish a statewide pet and service animal disaster emergency plan and expand representation of animal care interests within emergency planning structures.

The bill exempts out-of-state veterinarians and veterinary technicians from Alaska licensure requirements when providing assistance under the disaster plan. It requires the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) to prepare and maintain the pet and service animal disaster emergency plan as part of the State Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The bill also expands membership of the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission and requires local emergency planning committees to include animal care and control personnel.

Although DHS&EM holds statutory responsibility under House Bill 335, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Division of Environmental Health, Office of the State Veterinarian holds primary functional responsibility for pet evacuation and sheltering under the EOP framework. The bill formalizes and expands pet evacuation, sheltering, reunification, and veterinary response planning requirements, creating increased coordination, preparedness, training, and implementation workload for DEC.

Personal Services: *Assistant Veterinarian, \$171.8:* An Assistant State Veterinarian is required to fulfill ongoing preparedness, coordination, and implementation responsibilities associated with pet and service animal disaster planning under the State Emergency Operations Plan. The bill formalizes continuous planning, training, responder coordination, and program oversight functions that necessitate dedicated, full-time veterinary capacity in addition to disaster activation duties.

Travel: *Community outreach, \$7.5 annually:* Travel costs for five trips (*\$1.5 per trip*) for statewide community outreach and training, to include participation in local emergency response planning, drills, and exercises.

Services: *Allocated annual common costs, \$10.3.*

Commodities: *Office and Program Supplies, \$7.5 (FY27; \$3.5 thereafter):* Minimal supplies necessary to support one new staff position and basic program administration.

Funding: *Unrestricted General Funds \$197.1 (FY27; \$193.1 thereafter).*