

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 96  
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Identifier: HB096CS(L&C)-DOH-SDSA-04-10-26  
Title: HOME CARE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADV  
BOARD  
Sponsor: PRAX  
Requester: (H) FIN

Department: Department of Health  
Appropriation: Senior and Disabilities Services  
Allocation: Senior and Disabilities Services Administration  
OMB Component Number: 2663

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

|                               | FY2027<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY2027<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |                |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                               |                                      |  | FY 2027                 | FY 2028        | FY 2029        | FY 2030        | FY 2031        |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>FY 2027</b>                       | <b>FY 2027</b>                                 | <b>FY 2028</b>          | <b>FY 2029</b> | <b>FY 2030</b> | <b>FY 2031</b> | <b>FY 2032</b> |
| Personal Services             | 139.6                                |  | 285.9                   | 285.9          | 285.9          | 285.9          | 285.9          |
| Travel                        | 38.0                                 |  | 38.0                    | 38.0           | 38.0           | 38.0           | 38.0           |
| Services                      | 24.0                                 |  | 48.0                    | 48.0           | 48.0           | 48.0           | 48.0           |
| Commodities                   | 5.0                                  |  | 7.0                     | 4.0            | 4.0            | 4.0            | 4.0            |
| Capital Outlay                |                                      |  |                         |                |                |                |                |
| Grants & Benefits             |                                      |  |                         |                |                |                |                |
| Miscellaneous                 |                                      |  |                         |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Operating</b>        | <b>206.6</b>                         | <b>0.0</b>                                     | <b>378.9</b>            | <b>375.9</b>   | <b>375.9</b>   | <b>375.9</b>   | <b>375.9</b>   |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

|                     |              |            |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 206.6        |            | 378.9        | 375.9        | 375.9        | 375.9        | 375.9        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>206.6</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>378.9</b> | <b>375.9</b> | <b>375.9</b> | <b>375.9</b> | <b>375.9</b> |

**Positions**

|           |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Full-time | 1.0 |  | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Part-time |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |
| Temporary |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |

**Change in Revenues**

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**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 to SLA2026 fiscal note template. Updated position data to reflect current costs. Updated travel costs to allow for adequate travel by the Home Care Employment Standards Advisory Board. Updated funding source to reflect changes in federal policy

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| Agency: Department of Health               |                      |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB096

**Analysis**

House Bill 96 establishes a board to investigate and report on the wages, workforce, and working conditions for covered services: chore services, hourly respite services, personal care services, and habilitation services.

The bill would require the board to meet at least three times annually and produce a biennial report of their findings and recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Health. The bill allows the board meetings to be held by teleconference or other electronic means. The commissioner can accept or reject the recommendations but must provide written explanation of rejections to the board and to the legislative committees that oversee health and social services. Rejections due to budgetary constraints require additional work with the Office of the Governor and the legislature to develop a budget proposal so that the recommendation could be accepted.

The bill requires that a biennial report be published on the department's website and contain key findings and recommendations regarding wages, rates for services, working conditions, recruitment challenges, and other information. The bill also requires that an annual report be published on the department's website containing information about the mean and median wages for chore services, hourly respite services, personal care services, and habilitation services by agency. Regulations would need to be developed that compel providers of these services to provide data on wages and other information sought, and to compel them to pay workers at the levels required in the bill.

The department anticipates needing two additional Health Program Manager 2 full-time positions to fulfill the reporting requirements.

Personal Services: One full-time Health Program Manager (including benefits): range 19, Anchorage: \$139.6 annually beginning in FY2027. Another full-time Health Program Manager (including benefits): range 19, Juneau \$146.3 annually beginning in FY2028

Travel: Travel for state staff and board members for meetings and presentations \$38.0 annually

Services: Office space, phone, reimbursable service agreements for position support and production of annual report \$24.0 annually per position

Commodities: Office supplies \$2.0 annually per position

One-Time Commodities Cost: Computer, software, and office equipment \$5.0 in the first year and second year