

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 208  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: SB208CS(RES)-DNR-DMLW-04-24-26  
Title: AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASES  
Sponsor: BJORKMAN  
Requester: (S)Finance

Department: Department of Natural Resources  
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources  
Allocation: Mining, Land & Water  
OMB Component Number: 3002

**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 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</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>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

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>

**Positions**

Full-time							
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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 1/30/2027

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

While there is no fiscal change, the Division of Mining, Land and Water has added a new narrative pertaining to this version of the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

This version of the bill (Version T) proposes to streamline leasing of state land for agricultural purposes by prioritizing farmers' project plans and public benefit rather than highest bids. It allows the DNR commissioner to waive costly appraisals and surveys when appropriate, making access to land more affordable for Alaskans pursuing farm development. Leases are set up to 20-year terms with renewal options, and tenants who meet specified criteria may qualify to purchase the land after seven years. The bill also includes public notice, competitive selection based on agricultural merit, and clear provisions for lease termination and enforcement. This bill authorizes the commissioner to consider leases of state land for agricultural purposes, including land that is not currently classified as agricultural. Conforming regulations will be necessary. The division does not anticipate a fiscal impact in order to implement this bill.