

Fiscal Note

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Title: HEALTHCARE COMPACTS; RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM
Sponsor: HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
Requester: (S) HSS

Department: Department of Health
Appropriation: Public Health
Allocation: Emergency Programs
OMB Component Number: 2877

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 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/27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:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB281 establishes the Rural Health Transformation Program Advisory Council along with associated compact commissions that carry administrative obligations such as staffing, rulemaking, compliance monitoring, and meeting support; the bill adds a physician assistant to the State Medical Board and defines licensure and scope-of-practice standards, implements the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and the PA Licensure Compact, adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, recognizes the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact, and provides expedited licensure for veterans and active-duty service members.

SB281 amends multiple sections of the Alaska Statutes (AS), such as:

- AS 08.64.010: updates the composition of the State Medical Board to include a licensed Physician Assistant
- AS 08.64.101: expands board responsibilities to include regulation of compacts (Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and PA Licensure Compact)
- AS 08.64.107: repeals and reenacts the statute defining the Physician Assistant scope of practice and collaborative agreement requirements
- AS 08.64.190, AS 08.64.206, AS 08.64.230, and AS 08.64.250: are amended to add provisions for PA licensure qualifications, expedited licensing, and credentialing by endorsement.

It also enacts new statutory sections to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact and the PA Licensure Compact, formalizing these interstate agreements in Alaska law.

The bill does not specify its own effective date. It would therefore automatically become effective 90 days after the end of the legislative session in which it is passed, at 12:01 A.M. Alaska Standard Time.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact; therefore, this is a zero fiscal note.