

# Fiscal Note

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Title: AK WORK & SAVE PROGRAM  
Sponsor: WIELECHOWSKI  
Requester: (H) FIN

Department: Department of Revenue  
Appropriation: Taxation and Treasury  
Allocation: Treasury Division  
OMB Component Number: 121

**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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>						
Personal Services	299.0		299.0	299.0	299.0	299.0	299.0	299.0
Travel	23.0		23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
Services	333.0		33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0	33.0
Commodities	5.0		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	5.0	0.1
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>660.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>355.1</b>	<b>355.1</b>	<b>355.1</b>	<b>355.1</b>	<b>360.0</b>	<b>355.1</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	660.0		355.1	355.1	355.1	360.0	355.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>660.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>355.1</b>	<b>355.1</b>	<b>355.1</b>	<b>360.0</b>	<b>355.1</b>

**Positions**

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
<b>Total</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</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?** Yes  
*(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/27

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

This fiscal note's funding sources have been updated to 1004 UGF due to funding uncertainty pointed out by Legislative Finance. Ideally, a new funding source would be created for the program, but revenue projections are currently unknown. The department will evaluate revenue projections in future budget planning periods to best align the funding sources with available program revenues. The analysis has been updated to explain the fund source change.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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BILL NO. CSSB021(LC)

### Analysis

This legislation amends AS 44.25 by adding sections 44.25.400 - 44.25.490 to establish the Alaska Work and Save Program in the Department of Revenue to be administered by the Commissioner of Revenue or their designee.

This fiscal note addresses costs assuming the State would join an existing state's SecureChoice program, like Colorado's program, that relies on Vestwell's third party vendor platform to streamline program delivery, cost and to benefit from the vendor's expertise. The costs assumes two new staff; 1 Program Coordinator and 1 Administrative Officer, who will oversee all aspects of the program, including identifying how the program will be administered, outreach and training for onboarding processes, coordination with employers in the program and the budgeting and financial management of the program. These positions will need to travel to meetings that bring small business and entrepreneurs together such as the Alaska Regional conference and Alaska Business Summit to engage with employers as well as national meetings with the vendor and other national organizations and to work with the hosting state.

In addition to internal costs to get the program started, most programs have an implementation fee paid to the State/vendor for joining their program that is included in the first year, which we have estimated to be \$300,000, based on discussions with Vestwell. Participants would pay for the ongoing program fees from their accounts in addition to investment fees.

Revenue Impact: The revenue impact of this bill is indeterminate because there are many unknowns. If Alaska were to join the Colorado program, it would receive a 5 basis point fee (.0005) on total assets in the program as well as per account fee that could be charged, of which the highest in the program is \$4 per year. Using the above fees and an estimate of 2,500 accounts opened in the first year with an average balance of \$900, revenue would be \$11,000 in the first year of implementation and grow annually.

Funding: Ideally, a new funding source would be created for the program. As revenue projections are unknown, unrestricted general funds will be required in the initial startup of this program. The department will evaluate revenue projections in future budget planning periods to best align the funding sources with available program revenues.

Regulations: In this bill, 44.25.420(a)(2) states that the administrator shall adopt regulations to implement AS 44.25.400 - 44.25.490;

Supplemental for FY2026: This fiscal note assumes that the first year of the program will be in FY2027.