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Allocation Community and Regional Affairs
Sponsor Senator French
Requester House Labor and Commerce
OMB Component Number 2879

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Personal Services	180.5		180.5	180.5	180.5	180.5	180.5
Travel	15.0		15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
Services	32.6		17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6	17.6
Commodities	6.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	234.1	0.0	214.1	214.1	214.1	214.1	214.1

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	234.1	0.0	214.1	214.1	214.1	214.1	214.1
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other (please identify)							
TOTAL	234.1	0.0	214.1	214.1	214.1	214.1	214.1

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost

POSITIONS

Full-time	2		2	2	2	2	2
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Initial Version

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Analysis

SB 87 establishes a grant fund for health care providers serving Alaskans who are sixty-five years of age or over. The grants will be paid to medical providers that increase primary care access for Alaska's seniors. All health care providers - including physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants - would be eligible for grants.

The bill gives the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development the powers necessary to operate the grant program. The Department is required to consult with the Department of Health and Human Services to determine if the compensation that providers are receiving for caring for seniors is adequate.

This legislation does not indicate the source of the resources that would be needed to pay for these grants. There are likely additional fiscal impacts beyond adding grant management staff. As the legislation moves forward and the parameters of the grant program become more clear, the Department will work with the Department of Health and Social Services to insure that the staffing for the grant program is adequate and appropriate.

The following is an analysis of the potential cost to implement SB 87:

Personnel Services of \$180.5 is for a Grant Administrator II & III will be required at a minimum for the Division to have experts on medical billing practices and Medicare regulations to monitor and check that applicants served are in fact eligible.

Travel of \$15.0 is estimated to cover the cost of travel for monitoring the grants, employee training, marketing and outreach.

Services cost of \$32.6 for FY12 include a onetime cost of \$15.0 for regulations review and adoption, and an ongoing cost of \$17.6 for information technology, telecommunications, postage, printing, and building lease costs.

Commodities of \$6.0 consist of onetime set up costs and on-going standard operating supplies.