

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB170-DOH-SBPP-1-22-24
Title: EXTEND SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT
PROGRAM
Sponsor: KAWASAKI
Requester: (S) FIN

Department: Department of Health
Appropriation: Senior Benefits Payment Program
Allocation: Senior Benefits Payment Program
OMB Component Number: 2897

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025						
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	23,542.3		24,013.1	24,493.4	24,983.3	25,482.9	25,992.6
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	23,542.3	0.0	24,013.1	24,493.4	24,983.3	25,482.9	25,992.6

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	23,542.3	24,013.1	24,493.4	24,983.3	25,482.9	25,992.6
Total	23,542.3	0.0	24,013.1	24,493.4	24,983.3	25,482.9

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? 0

(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/24

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

N/A; Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Fiscal impact assumptions factor in current regulations for the Senior Benefits Payment Program which includes language that instructs the division to reduce benefit payments for the highest income/lowest benefit tier to remain within the appropriated budget. Starting in FY2018, the division has reduced the lowest benefit tier payment from \$125/month to \$76/month.

Current Benefit Levels:

\$250/month payment level - Income up to 75% of Alaska Federal Poverty Level
\$175/month payment level - Income between 75% and 100% Alaska Federal Poverty Level
\$76/month payment level - Income between 100% and 175% Alaska Federal Poverty Level

For purposes of these projections, the division assumes participation levels will continue at the historical 2% annual increase and benefit levels will align with current statute AS 47.45.302(b)(3).

Based on this assumption the division anticipates participation as follows:

\$250 - 24,317 participates totaling \$6,079.3
\$175 - 63,243 participates totaling \$11,067.5
\$125 - 51,164 participates totaling \$6,395.5

Projected total Senior Benefit expenditure for initial year = \$23,542.3