

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2024 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 118  
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Identifier: SB118-DNR-DGGS-01-25-24  
Title: CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCES; REPORTS  
Sponsor: MERRICK  
Requester: S(RES)

Department: Department of Natural Resources  
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources  
Allocation: Geological & Geophysical Surveys  
OMB Component Number: 1031

## 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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	45.0						
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>45.0</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)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	45.0						
<b>Total</b>	<b>45.0</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>						

**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?** 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? No

If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## 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

This legislation will require the Department of Natural Resources to provide a report to the legislature. The Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) will write the report, with input from the Division of Mining, Land, and Water.

Report contents will include comparing the state's current production, potential future production to national, global production of critical and essential minerals, identify strategies to increase industry exploration, project state production and development of critical and essential minerals and, compare the state's permitting timelines and exploration incentives with the permitting timelines and exploration incentives in other jurisdictions.

The position selected to work on this project is federally funded. To complete this short-term project, the division requires a one-time UGF increment. There are no other existing PCNs that are state funded with the required scientific-technical expertise that can complete this project. Given the difficulties with recruiting highly skilled temporary positions, utilizing an existing project-driven position is the most appropriate option.

#### **Personal Services \$45.0 UGF (Budgeted for approximately four months)**

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