

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB228-DCCED-COMM-02-09-24
Title: MENTAL HEALTH/PSYCHEDELIC MED. TASK
FORCE
Sponsor: ARMSTRONG
Requester: (H) MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Appropriation: Executive Administration
Allocation: Commissioner's Office
OMB Component Number: 1027

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 | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2025 | FY 2025 | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 | FY 2030 |
| Personal Services | 128.2 | | 128.2 | 128.2 | | | |
| Travel | 60.0 | | 60.0 | 60.0 | | | |
| Services | 122.0 | | 197.0 | 137.0 | | | |
| Commodities | 10.0 | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Benefits | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| Total Operating | 320.2 | 0.0 | 385.2 | 325.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Fund Source (Operating Only)

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 320.2 | | 385.2 | 325.2 | | | |
| Total | 320.2 | 0.0 | 385.2 | 325.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Positions

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----|--|-----|-----|--|--|--|
| Full-time | | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | | |
| Temporary | 1.0 | | 1.0 | 1.0 | | | |

Change in Revenues

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None | | | | | | | |
| Total | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 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? 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

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 bill directs the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to establish the Alaska Mental Health and Psychedelic Medicine Task Force for the purpose of studying how psychedelic medicines could be used to address Alaska's mental health crisis. This bill would also direct the task force to examine how to legalize and regulate the psychedelic medicines being considered.

One new temporary position would need to be established to support the task force. The bill requires a minimum of four meetings of the task force. Six meetings are assumed in this fiscal note, allowing for two meetings per year. Travel and per diem costs are included for the 14 members to attend those meetings. Services costs will be needed to support the task force with room rental, materials preparation, and other incidental costs. Contractual support will also be needed for report writing assistance to formalize the recommendations of the committee.

This task force would terminate at the start of the 35th Alaska State Legislature in January 2027. If this bill passes the following expenses will be incurred:

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|--------------------|---------|--|
| Personal Services: | \$128.2 | One temporary exempt Project Manager, range 20, in Juneau in all years |
| Travel: | \$ 56.0 | Travel for fourteen board members to attend two task force meetings per year |
| | \$ 4.0 | Travel for the Project Manager to attend two task force meetings per year |
| Services: | \$ 75.0 | Legal support services for legal and regulatory review in FY2025 & FY2026 |
| | \$ 40.0 | Legal support services for legal and regulatory review in FY2027 |
| | \$ 75.0 | Contractual support for a report writing in FY2026 |
| | \$ 50.0 | Contractual support for report writing in FY2027 |
| | \$ 2.0 | Printing costs |
| | \$ 20.0 | Meeting room rentals and associated materials and services |
| | \$ 25.0 | Statewide and department core service costs (\$25.0 / position / year) |
| Commodities: | \$ 10.0 | New position startup costs in FY2025 only |