

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: HB052-DOH-HFLC-02-09-2023
Title: NO PATIENT LEFT ALONE ACT
Sponsor: VANCE
Requester: House Health and Social Services

Department: Department of Health
Appropriation: Health Care Services
Allocation: Health Facilities Licensing and Certification
OMB Component Number: 2944

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2024 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2024 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Personal Services	112.7		112.7	112.7	112.7	112.7	112.7
Travel	20.0		20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Services	64.0		64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0
Commodities	4.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	200.7	0.0	197.7	197.7	197.7	197.7	197.7

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	100.3		98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8	98.8
1003 GF/Match (UGF)	100.4		98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9	98.9
Total	200.7	0.0	197.7	197.7	197.7	197.7	197.7

Positions

Full-time	1.0						
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2023) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2024) 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? 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/24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:

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill establishes the right of patients or residents in a hospital, nursing facility, assisted living home, behavioral health facility, or hospice care, and recipients of medical services to have a support person of their choosing present at all times during their treatment or stay, and requiring covered health care entities to create, publish, and otherwise make available policies regarding this requirement. Such policies must include provisions describing any clinically necessary or reasonable restriction a covered health care entity may place on access to the patient or resident and the reason for the restriction.

This bill creates exceptions to these requirements – including language such as “clinically necessary and appropriate” and “subject to reasonable restrictions.”

This bill includes a wide range of facility types; however, this bill directly impacts the Division of Health Care Services Health Facilities Licensing and Certification program.

The division anticipates that additional staff and travel expenses will be needed to fully implement this bill, including performing additional onsite visitations, reviewing and responding to reported violations, and enforcing penalties.

The division estimates that the promulgation of the associated regulations will be adopted by July 1, 2024.

Financial Breakdown

The Division of Health Care Services will need one Program Coordinator 1 to prepare documents, organize hearings and legal consultations, obtain information from stakeholders, and manage cases.

One full-time Program Coordinator 1 (including benefits): Range 18, Anchorage: \$112.7 annually beginning in FY2024.

Travel: \$20.0 annually for Health Facilities Licensing and Certification Nurse Consultant positions to perform survey inspections and investigations.

Services: \$14.0 annually for office space, phone, reimbursable service agreements for position support; \$25.0 each annually for reimbursable service agreements for administrative hearings and legal consultations.

Commodities: Office supplies \$1.0 annually.

One-Time Commodities Cost: Computer, software, and office equipment: \$3.0 in the first year.

Costs associated with implementing this bill will be paid 50 percent federal and 50 percent GF Match.