

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2024 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 116  
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Title: ASSOCIATE AND PROFESSIONAL  
COUNSELORS  
Sponsor: GIESSEL BY REQUEST  
Requester: (S) FIN

Department: Department of Health  
Appropriation: Medicaid Services  
Allocation: Medicaid Services  
OMB Component Number: 3234

## 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>	<b>FY 2025</b>		<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</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>		<b>0.0</b>		<b>0.0</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? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/25

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

N/A; Initial fiscal note
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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

This bill adds “associate counselor” as a licensed profession under AS 08.29.

This bill directs the Board of Professional Counselors to stipulate – through regulations – the criteria for associate counselor licensure; the types of associate counselor programs that are authorized for licensure; and the criteria for supervisor certification.

The Division of Behavioral Health and the Division of Health Care Services, located within the Department of Health, are submitting a zero dollar Medicaid Services fiscal note for this bill. An estimate for the number of individuals in Alaska that will become or are currently eligible to be licensed associate counselors is not available. This fiscal note assumes that the Medicaid costs from the associate counselor license are currently contemplated within the department’s current Medicaid services budget.

Both the Division of Behavioral Health and the Division of Health Care services will need to promulgate regulations related to the onboarding of this new license type.