

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2025 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SB105-DNR-DMLW-02-25-2025  
Title: STATE LAND FOR RECREATIONAL CABIN  
SITES  
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
Requester: (S) RES

Department: Department of Natural Resources  
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources  
Allocation: Mining, Land & Water  
OMB Component Number: 3002

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Personal Services	124.7	124.7	397.7	397.7	397.7	397.7	397.7
Travel			35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
Services	15.0	15.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0
Commodities	5.0	5.0	10.0				
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>144.7</b>	<b>144.7</b>	<b>487.7</b>	<b>477.7</b>	<b>477.7</b>	<b>477.7</b>	<b>477.7</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	144.7	144.7	487.7	477.7	477.7	477.7	477.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>144.7</b>	<b>144.7</b>	<b>487.7</b>	<b>477.7</b>	<b>477.7</b>	<b>477.7</b>	<b>477.7</b>

## Positions

Full-time	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None	***		***	***	***	***	***
<b>Total</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/30/27

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

Updated based on additional information

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Agency:	Natural Resources		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

This bill broadens the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) authority to make land available to Alaskans. This bill would enable more Alaskans to obtain state land as recreational cabin sites, either by lease and purchase, and provides a more streamlined process to do so.

Under this bill, recreational cabin sites will be made available through either a schedule of land offerings by DNR listing areas available for staking (already possible in statute) or through a new nomination process. The nomination process allows an eligible applicant to stake up to 10 acres of general domain state land that could be either leased for up to 10 years and then purchase, or purchased outright.

The bill excludes recreational cabin site leases or sales from the requirement for a written finding under AS 38.05.035. Land that is nominated and is not classified in a manner that allows for a recreational cabin site may be reclassified by the commissioner at the applicant's expense. Leases for recreational cabin sites would be limited to 10 years and lessees could purchase the site at fair market value at any time during the lease. Eligible applicants would be able to nominate and purchase, or purchase a parcel from a State land offering, once every 10 years.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water anticipates high interest in this program from former and current Personal Use Cabin Permit (PUCP) holders and other Alaskans. The division estimates that up to 400 PUCPs may be eligible under this program. Similarly, the division anticipates quite a few Alaskans will nominate lands under this bill.

The division anticipates a substantial number of nominations from other Alaskans. A total of three positions will be needed to fully implement the program. If demand exceeds the division's ability to adjudicate sites in a timely fashion, additional PCNs may be requested. The travel cost estimate is based on the number of trips per year that a surveyor would need to take. Many trips will require either chartered airplane or helicopter service, assuming the average trip will require two hours of flight time and some time on standby for aircraft.

The program will generate some revenue to the state; however, the timing and amount of that revenue is dependent on program use by Alaskans and as such is indeterminate at this time.

#### **DMLW Costs:**

##### **Personal Services \$397.7**

One permanent Full-Time Natural Resource Specialist 3, range 18, Anchorage \$124.7 - beginning in FY2026

One permanent Full-Time Natural Resource Specialist 3, range 18, Anchorage \$124.7 - beginning in FY2027

One permanent Full-Time Land Surveyor 1, range 21, Anchorage - \$148.3 - beginning in FY2027

##### **Travel \$35.0**

Estimating 20 trips per year for the Land Surveyor 1. Many trips will require either chartered fixed-wing aircraft or helicopter services to reach remote parcels

##### **Contractual \$45.0**

Core Costs by PCN (\$15.0 each annually)

##### **Supplies \$15.0**

Initial position setup, e.g. computer, office furniture, etc. (\$5.0 each one time cost)