

Fiscal Note

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Title: MARRIAGE & SPOUSES
Sponsor: JOSEPHSON
Requester: House JUD

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Public Health
Allocation: Bureau of Vital Statistics
OMB Component Number: 961

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/20

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 amends a number of statutes related to marriage, adoption, birth certificates, state custody of a minor, divorce, dissolution, and legal separation; loans, trusts, spousal immunity and confidential marital communications, probate and nonprobate transfers, life and health insurance, workers' compensation, and property ownership by replacing gendered terms such as husband, wife, mother, and father to the gender-neutral terms of spouse(s) or parent(s), respectively. This language change pertains to the Department of Health and Social Services' Health Analytics and Vital Records Section through the *Alaska Vital Statistics Act* and indirectly through the *Alaska Marriage Code*.

Related to the changes in the *Alaska Marriage Code*, the operational impact to the section would be minor. Changes would include gendered language on birth, adoption, and paternity affidavit forms and certificates. In 2014, in light of the *Obergefell* decision, marriage certificates and their corresponding forms were changed to comply with the ruling. For the most part, this change has been reflected in birth certificates, and other forms would need to be updated, which requires minor programming by staff already in progress.

The changes to the Paternity subsection in the *Alaska Vital Statistics Act* (AS 18.50.160(d)) are substantial. If this bill were to pass, regulatory changes would be required to maintain consistency of language between statute and regulations.

This is a zero fiscal note. The department believes it can absorb these costs and does not require an appropriation.