

Fiscal Note

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2025 Legislative Session

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 Title: PERM FUND; EMPLOYMENT; ELIGIBILITY
 Sponsor: KIEHL
 Requester: (S) L&C

Department: Department of Revenue
 Appropriation: Taxation and Treasury
 Allocation: Permanent Fund Dividend Division
 OMB Component Number: 981

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2026	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2026 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	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	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	0.0

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **01/01/26**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**Analysis**

This legislation amends AS 12.62 and AS 43.23 to authorize the Department of Revenue to collect fingerprints for completion of a national criminal history record check for the purpose of determining suitability for employment. The amendment to AS 12.62 authorizes the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to conduct national criminal history checks for division employees.

A new subsection is added to AS 43.23.008 to define the term “education on a full-time basis” for the purposes of calculating allowable absences for students receiving secondary or postsecondary education, vocational, professional, or other specific education. The proposed definition would allow the division to include intra-academic year holidays and breaks, but not summer breaks, in the full-time education calculation, as opposed for separately calculating holidays and breaks under the current iteration of the statute.

This bill amends AS 43.23.008(a) to allow merchant mariners attending qualified vocational programs to qualify for an allowable absence from the state for eligibility purposes.

This legislation extends the allowable absence of continuous medical care to 180 days, in addition to the normal amount of time an applicant may be absent from the state.

This legislation amends AS 43.23.110(a). In current law, all information in a Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) application except for the applicant’s name is confidential. The bill makes all information, including the applicant's name, confidential.

This bill amends AS 43.23.140(d) to allow the division to use electronic notice of levy for individuals who are subjected to a court order or writ for the collection of a debt. Currently, the division is required to provide notice of levy via mail, despite the consent of many applicants to receive electronic notices.

The provisions of this legislation are effective January 1, 2026.

The fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is cost neutral. There will be initial and ongoing costs to perform criminal history record checks through DPS. These costs will likely be offset by savings from a higher utilization of electronic notice of levy.