

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB118-UA-SS-3-26-2025
Title: ADD FACULTY MEMBER UNIV BOARD OF
REGENTS
Sponsor: STATE AFFAIRS
Requester: (S) Education

Department: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Systemwide Services
OMB Component Number: 730

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							
Travel	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	4.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Total	4.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

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

Currently, the University of Alaska (UA) Board of Regents is an 11-member board, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Alaska Legislature. Members serve 8-year terms, with the exception of the student regent who serves a 2-year term.

This legislation expands the Board of Regents (BOR) to 12 members by adding one full-time faculty member. The Faculty Senate from each of UA’s three accredited universities would elect two faculty members and be responsible for forwarding the results to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents’ Office will be responsible for delivering the names of the candidates to the Office of the Governor for the Governor’s consideration. The Governor would select one regent from the list of six names forwarded by the universities. The faculty regent must be confirmed by the legislature and would serve a two-year term.

The legislation requires the faculty regent to be employed by, and have received tenure from one of the three universities within the UA System. Currently, regents are not university employees. This fiscal analysis assumes the faculty regent will serve voluntarily and will be unpaid, as is the case with existing regents.

In FY24, the current 11-member board incurred total travel-related expenses of \$36,000 to participate in four in-person regular meetings (not all members traveled to every meeting). The average cost per meeting per traveler, assuming an average of 9 members traveled, was \$1,000. UA estimates that adding a faculty member to the BOR will add an incremental travel cost of \$4,000 annually.

If the legislative intent is to hold the faculty regent harmless for work missed as a result of their BOR duties, UA may incur additional costs associated with paying other faculty to cover those teaching duties.