

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2025 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 47  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: SB047-DNR-DPOR-02-12-25  
Title: CHUGACH STATE PARK EASEMENTS  
Sponsor: GIESSEL  
Requester: (S)TRA

Department: Department of Natural Resources  
Appropriation: Parks & Outdoor Recreation  
Allocation: Parks Management & Access  
OMB Component Number: 3001

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

|                        | FY2026<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY2026<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |            |            |            |            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2026                              | FY 2026  | FY 2027                 | FY 2028    | FY 2029    | FY 2030    | FY 2031    |
| 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> | <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> | <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> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</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? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

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

Through the committee process, the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) understanding of this legislation has changed. As such, the municipality seeking an easement would pay for the costs of an easement, the department no longer estimates a fiscal impact.

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| Approved By: | Brent Goodrum, Deputy Commissioner | Date:  | 02/12/25            |
| Agency:      | Department of Natural Resources    |        |                     |

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

Senate Bill 47 proposes updates to the management responsibilities of Chugach State Park, allowing for greater flexibility in land management and infrastructure improvements.

This bill allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to grant easements or rights-of-way in Chugach State Park to municipalities if such actions improve public access or are in the public interest. This authority solves an issue allowing municipalities to bond for improvements inside of a legislatively designated state park.

This bill will improve infrastructure and encourage tourism, benefiting businesses such as tour operators, outdoor outfitters, and local retailers. This bill has the potential to allow for more commercial use of park land due to improved access and safety to trailheads within Chugach State Park.

DNR does not anticipate a fiscal impact, as the municipality requesting an easement or right-of-way under this bill shall be responsible for all applicable application fees and costs associated with processing a request.