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Title: COMM PSSG VESSEL ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPLIANCE
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: House Transportation

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation
Appropriation: Administration
Allocation: State Support Services
OMB Component Number: 2750

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
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)

1166 Vessel Com (Other)	41.0		41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0
1205 Ocn Ranger (Other)	(41.0)		(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)	(41.0)
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 (FY2024) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? Yes
(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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

This bill updates existing statutes regarding the Department of Environmental Conservation's ability to regulate and oversee the environmental impact of commercial passenger vessels in Alaska waters. This bill also establishes a simplified environmental compliance fee of \$5 per/lower berth for each voyage during which the commercial passenger vessel operates in the marine waters of the state. This replaces both the tiered environmental compliance fees and the \$4 ocean ranger fee.

All revenues from fees under this bill will continue to collect into the Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Fund. By eliminating the ocean ranger fee as a separate fee there will no longer be a fund code for tracking expenditures of ocean ranger fees separately from commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance fees. A fund source change from ocean ranger fees to commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance fees is necessary.