# **Fiscal Note**

# State of Alaska 2025 Legislative Session

Bill Version: **HB** 96 Fiscal Note Number: () Publish Date:

Identifier: HB096-DOH-SDSA-03-21-2025 Department: Department of Health

Title: HOME CARE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADV Appropriation: Senior and Disabilities Services

> Senior and Disabilities Services Administration **BOARD**

Sponsor: **PRAX** OMB Component Number: 2663

Requester: (H) HSS

| Expenditures/Revenues           |                 |                 |          |         |                 |           |                |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|---------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Note: Amounts do not include in | nflation unless | otherwise noted | below.   |         |                 | (Thousand | ls of Dollars) |
|                                 |                 | Included in     |          |         |                 | •         |                |
|                                 | FY2026          | Governor's      |          |         |                 |           |                |
|                                 | Appropriation   | FY2026          |          | Out-Ye  | ear Cost Estima | ates      |                |
|                                 | Requested       | Request         |          |         |                 |           |                |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>   | FY 2026         | FY 2026         | FY 2027  | FY 2028 | FY 2029         | FY 2030   | FY 2031        |
| Personal Services               | 270.2           |                 | 270.2    | 270.2   | 270.2           | 270.2     | 270.2          |
| Travel                          | 20.0            |                 | 20.0     | 20.0    | 20.0            | 20.0      | 20.0           |
| Services                        | 48.0            |                 | 48.0     | 48.0    | 48.0            | 48.0      | 48.0           |
| Commodities                     | 10.0            |                 | 4.0      | 4.0     | 4.0             | 4.0       | 4.0            |
| Capital Outlay                  |                 |                 |          |         |                 |           |                |
| Grants & Benefits               |                 |                 |          |         |                 |           |                |
| Miscellaneous                   |                 |                 |          |         |                 |           |                |
| Total Operating                 | 348.2           | 0.0             | 342.2    | 342.2   | 342.2           | 342.2     | 342.2          |
|                                 |                 |                 | <u>.</u> | •       | <u> </u>        | •         |                |
| Fund Source (Operating Only)    | )               |                 |          |         |                 |           |                |
| 1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)            | 174.1           |                 | 171.1    | 171.1   | 171.1           | 171.1     | 171.1          |
| 1003 GF/Match (UGF)             | 174.1           |                 | 171.1    | 171.1   | 171.1           | 171.1     | 171.1          |
| Total                           | 348.2           | 0.0             | 342.2    | 342.2   | 342.2           | 342.2     | 342.2          |

| 1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed) | 174.1 |     | 171.1 | 171.1 | 171.1 | 171.1 | 171.1 |
|----------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1003 GF/Match (UGF)  | 174.1 |     | 171.1 | 171.1 | 171.1 | 171.1 | 171.1 |
| Total                | 348.2 | 0.0 | 342.2 | 342.2 | 342.2 | 342.2 | 342.2 |

#### **Positions**

| Full-time | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 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? 07/01/26

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

Not applicable, initial version.

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| Division:    | Senior and Disabilities Services     | Date:  | 03/20/2025    |
| Approved By: | Pam Halloran, Assistant Commissioner | Date:  | 03/21/25      |
| Agency:      | Department of Health                 | _      |               |

#### FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

## STATE OF ALASKA 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB096

#### **Analysis**

HB096 establishes a board to investigate and report on the wages, workforce, and working conditions for chore services, hourly respite services, personal care services, and habilitation services.

The bill would require the board to meet at least three times annually and produce a biennial report of their findings and recommendations to the commissioner of the department of health. The commissioner can accept or reject the recommendations but must provide written explanation of rejections to the board and to the legislative committees that oversee health and social services. Rejections due to budgetary constraints require additional work with the Office of the Governor and the legislature to develop a budget proposal so that the recommendation could be accepted.

The bill requires that the biennial report be published on the department's website. The bill also requires that an annual report be published on the department's website containing information about the mean and median wages for chore services, hourly respite services, personal care services, and habilitation services by agency. Regulations would need to be developed that compel providers of these services to provide data on wages and other information sought in the bill.

The department anticipates needing two additional full-time Health Program Manager 2 positions to fulfill the reporting requirements under HB096.

Personal Services: Two full-time Health Program Manager 2 (including benefits): range 19, Anchorage and Juneau: \$270.2 annually beginning in FY2026.

Travel: \$20.0 annually for travel of the board and state staff for meetings and presentations.

Services: \$48.0 annually for two positions for office space, phone, reimbursable service agreements for core services and production of annual report.

Commodities: Office supplies \$4.0 annually.

One-Time Commodities Cost: \$6.0 for two positions in the first year for computers, software, and office equipment.

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