

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: HB258-DEC-EH-01-23-26
Title: STATEWIDE SPAY & NEUTER PROGRAM
Sponsor: STAPP
Requester: (H) RESOURCES

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation
Appropriation: Environmental Health
Allocation: Environmental Health
OMB Component Number: 3202

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services	253.0		253.0	253.0	253.0	253.0	253.0
Travel							
Services	267.2		76.3	76.3	76.3	76.3	76.3
Commodities	16.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	536.2	0.0	331.3	331.3	331.3	331.3	331.3

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	536.2		331.3				
1274 Other Temp (Other)				331.3	331.3	331.3	331.3
Total	536.2	0.0	331.3	331.3	331.3	331.3	331.3

Positions

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

1274 Other Temp (Other)				331.3	331.3	331.3	331.3
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	331.3	331.3	331.3	331.3

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) 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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/26

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Environmental Conservation		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill establishes a statewide spay and neuter assistance fund and program administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation. The fund would be supported through donations including Permanent Fund dividend contributions, federal or private funds, special-request license plate revenues, and interest from the fund.

The program authorizes reimbursement to participating veterinarians, veterinary clinics, animal shelters, and nonprofit organizations for spay and neuter surgeries, presurgical examinations, and required vaccinations provided either (1) without charge or at a reduced rate to pets belonging to households at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or (2) to feral domestic dogs and cats when services are performed under a municipal ordinance allowing trap-neuter-vaccinate-release. This bill also authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances allowing the capture, sterilization, vaccination, and release of feral dogs and cats.

The department would administer intake and review of reimbursement requests, eligibility determinations, implementation of financial controls, development and maintenance of reimbursement rate schedules, provider enrollment and oversight, data collection, and submission of annual reports to the legislature. The bill would take effect January 1, 2027.

Personal Services: *Program Coordinator 2, \$147.4:* Administers the statewide program, including provider coordination, reimbursement rate management, eligibility verification, review and approval of reimbursement requests, program oversight, outreach, and required reporting and compliance activities.

Accounting Technician 2, \$105.6: Processes applications, vouchers, and reimbursements; maintains financial records; supports fiscal reporting; and ensures compliance with state accounting and financial control requirements.

Contractual Services: *Information Management System, \$200.0 (FY27 one-time; then \$30.0 annually for maintenance):* Contracted development and maintenance of an information management system to support application intake, eligibility tracking, provider participation, reimbursement processing, data storage, and reporting. Based on professional staff recommendations.

Education and Outreach, \$30.0 annually: Public awareness and outreach activities including website management, mailings, social media campaigns, and publication of participating providers.

Department of Law, \$20.9 (FY27 one-time): Regulation development and legal review, including protocols for eligibility verification and protection of personally identifiable information. Projected at 120 law hours.

Other Contractual Costs, \$16.3 annually: Postage and mailing costs for outreach and reimbursement processing, general legal support, and allocated common costs.

Supplies: *Office and Program Supplies, \$16.0 (FY27; \$2.0 annually thereafter):* Minimal supplies necessary to support two new staff positions and basic program administration.

Funding: The bill will initially be funded by general funds to support program startup and administration. An undetermined amount of special request license plate fees, donations, federal or private grants, and Permanent Fund Dividend contributions may replace general funds with program receipts in future years. The amount of revenue to be collected and the amount required to pay participating veterinarians and clinics statewide are unknown. The bill relies on voluntary revenue mechanisms, while program administration would require baseline capacity prior to the availability of program receipts.