

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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 Title: PFD Dividends to Deceased Individuals  
 Sponsor: Senator Meyer  
 Requester: (H) Finance Committee  
 Dept. Affected: Revenue  
 RDU: Taxation and Treasury  
 Component: Permanent Fund Dividend Division  
 Component Number: 981

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	57.2		57.2	57.2	57.2	57.2	57.2	57.2
Travel								
Contractual	27.0		27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0
Supplies	2.5		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Permanent Fund Dividend	86.7		86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7	86.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>86.7</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	1.0		1	1	1	1	1
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Historically, approx. 3,500 people die in Alaska each year. It is understood that all absence and eligibility rules will apply to deceased individuals, therefore, it is presumed that approx 1,750 people per year will qualify for this provision. Application on behalf of a deceased person will create an automatic eligibility case that must be assigned to a technician and worked. The average time a technician will spend in response to a deceased individual's case is estimated at one hour. This includes public response time in answering questions the executors of the estates will have regarding the deceased individuals eligibility as well as time spent reviewing documents, requesting information and writing letters. 1,750 man hours translates to 50 weeks or one full time position.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

It is expected that 100 of those applications will result in denial/appeal which translates to one full month of Appeals technician time, adding to the backlog that currently exists. OAH Costs are expected to increase as a result of this legislation by as much as \$27,000 annually. Supply cost is based solely on increased mailings.

1,750 additional cases annually is not something the division can absorb without increased staffing. At current staffing levels, regular eligibility casework is not complete for a given year until well into the 4th month of the following year. Applicants who appeal at the informal level can expect resolution of their case to take approximately 4 months.