

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2014 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 347  
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Identifier: HB347-DHSS-ATAP-03-21-14  
Title: FOOD STAMPS; TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE  
Sponsor: TARR  
Requester: House Health & Social Services Committee

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Public Assistance  
Allocation: Alaska Temporary Assistance Program  
OMB Component Number: 220

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	***	<b>0.0</b>	***	***	***	***	***

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	***	<b>0.0</b>	***	***	***	***	***

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/15

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Health & Social Services		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

The Fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be accurately determined at this time.

HB347 disqualifies persons convicted of a drug felony after August 22, 1996 from receiving either Alaska Temporary Assistance Program benefits or food stamps, unless the person can demonstrate "to the satisfaction of the department" that they have been rehabilitated after treatment for drug addiction.

Under federal law, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant funds cannot be used to pay benefits for convicted drug felons. The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) presently uses general funds alone to cover benefits for convicted drug felons. If DHSS were allowed to provide ATAP to drug felons only upon their rehabilitation, current GF costs might be reduced.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/food stamps) is fully federally funded and federal law prohibits payment to convicted drug felons, whether rehabilitated or not. Therefore, the program would not see an impact from this legislation.

Under the proposed legislation, there would be some fiscal impact to the Division of Public Assistance, but it cannot be estimated with any accuracy. While there is a known number of drug felons currently receiving benefits, it is not possible to determine the percentage who could be considered rehabilitated.