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Title: SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE HEALTH
INSURANCE
Sponsor: EDUCATION
Requester: House Labor and Commerce

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Centralized Administrative Services
Allocation: Health Plans Administration
OMB Component Number: 2152

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
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)

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Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB196 introduces a new section to AS 14.20, AS 14.20.137, which extends group insurance coverage under AS39.30.090 to school district employees. It also amends AS39.30.090(a)(2) extending coverage to dependents of school district employees. It is estimated that 18,300 school district employees and 29,000 dependents will become members of the AlaskaCare Employee Health Plan. The addition of these 47,300 new members will quadruple the overall population of the AlaskaCare Employee Health Plan.

PUBLIC EDUCATION FUND -

How the bill works: starting on July 1, 2014, school districts would begin to enroll their employees in the AlaskaCare active employee health plan. That process must be complete no later than July 1, 2015. There are approximately 18,300 school district employees that would likely enroll over FY15-FY16. With dependents, the total population is approximately 47,300 covered lives.

Self-funded insurance pools tend to maintain a reserve of 3-4 months of claim costs. The reserve is available to pay claims in times of claim spikes so that recourse to external funding sources or mid-year premium increases is unnecessary.

We estimate that such a reserve for the 47,000 inbound covered lives would be approximately \$100mm. Having such a reserve in place on July 1, 2014 is important, because this population will begin to incur health claims immediately, and we need to have funds in place to pay them. The bill contemplates that the \$100mm would be drawn from the Public Education Fund over a 10 year period. The withdrawn funds would be repaid over a 10 year period. The source of the repayment for withdrawn funds would be school districts. The Department would send them a bill for the first 4 months of claims paid; the bill would be repaid over a 10 year period.

The bill contemplates that the health insurance benefit credit the state pays on behalf of all State of Alaska employees (\$1330/mo/ee in FY13; \$1389/mo/ee in FY14) would be paid by school districts on behalf of school district employees. The benefit credit equates to the premium for the AlaskaCare Economy level plan plus the premium for the Preventive Dental plan. The Department would send monthly bills to school districts to collect the benefit credit. These sums would be deposited in the Group Health and Life Benefits fund (AS 36.30.095) and used to pay claims and administer the system.