

Fiscal Note

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Title: LAND USE/DISP/EXCHANGES; WATER RIGHTS
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: Senate Finance Committee

Department: Department of Natural Resources
Appropriation: Land & Water Resources
Allocation: Mining, Land & Water
OMB Component Number: 3002

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)

None							
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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/15

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

The Senate Finance Committee adopted changes that would allow for a feasibility study for the development and operation of a hydroelectric site at Chikuminuk Lake. The Senate Finance committee also added a section that creates a new preference right to allow state lessees the option to purchase the land before it is conveyed to a municipality. Neither of these changes impact the fiscal note.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill proposes to make changes to statutes that are intended to continue progress made to the State of Alaska's permitting processes to ensure projects are permitted in a more timely, predictable and efficient manner while safeguarding the environment.

These proposed changes are not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the department or the State. The bill will either create efficiencies or prevent inefficiencies, which will allow the Division of Mining, Land, and Water to re-allocate staff time to other permits and authorizations thus helping to reduce the backlog.

Regulations will be amended to help implement certain new or substantially modified sections of the bill. The Department of Natural Resources will also amend regulations in order to conform to language changes. The Department would first focus on the regulations needed to implement the new or substantially modified sections. The department anticipates that it would take two years until all regulatory changes that might result from passage of this bill are adopted.

The Senate Finance Committee added two new provisions. The bill adds AS 41.21.167(e) stating that performance of a feasibility study for the development and operation of a hydroelectric site at Chikuminuk Lake is not considered an incompatible use in Wood-Tikchik State Park. The transition language states that DNR may not enforce or implement those provisions in the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Plan, dated October 2002, and regulations applicable that are inconsistent with AS 41.21.167(e) as enacted by this bill. This bill does not require any change to the management plan or the regulations.

The committee substitute also creates a new preference right in AS 38.05.035 to allow state lessees the option to purchase the land before it is conveyed to a municipality. This provision will have no additional fiscal impact on the department as there are existing staff who can adjudicate applications to purchase.