

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 147  
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Identifier: SB147-DHSS-SBPP-1-23-16  
Title: SENIOR BENEFITS PROG. ELIGIBILITY  
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
Requester: Senate HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Public Assistance  
Allocation: Senior Benefits Payment Program  
OMB Component Number: 2897

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2017 Request	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits			(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund			(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>	<b>(43.2)</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **06/30/16**

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable; initial version.

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**FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS**

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**Analysis**

When the Senior Benefits Program was initially designed, it adopted many of the same eligibility criteria as Alaska's Adult Public Assistance Program. As a result, all Adult Public Assistance recipients are also eligible for Senior Benefits. However, when the Senior Benefits Payment Program was designed, the Adult Public Assistance program's United States citizen and/or qualified alien requirement was overlooked.

Addition of this criterion to the Senior Benefits program would more closely align the two programs.

The change would provide for an overall annual program savings of \$43.2. Since the Division of Public Assistance administers both programs, the change would make the Senior Benefits Payment Program easier to administer. Changes to Title 7 Alaska Administrative Code 47.547 will be necessary to amend the language with the corresponding change in statute.