

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB092-DEC-FSS-03-06-15
Title: LABEL GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOOD
Sponsor: TARR
Requester: House Resources Committee

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation
Appropriation: Environmental Health
Allocation: Food Safety & Sanitation
OMB Component Number: 2343

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/17**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Environmental Conservation		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Analysis/Assumptions:

This proposed legislation amends AS 17.20 to include the labeling requirement of genetically modified food. The bill creates additional labeling and supplier verification recordkeeping requirements for processed food offered for retail sale, or requires that those who offer raw/unpeeled fruit or processed products for retail sale obtain statements regarding use of genetic engineering in order to avoid labeling requirements.

Because this bill includes most food sold at retail (not just activities that require a permit to operate a food establishment under DEC regulations), the scope of DEC's regulated community will expand requiring additional resources.

As written, the fiscal impact to the Department cannot be determined at this time due to the immense scope of regulated entities that would be impacted and the resources that the Department would need in order to become prepared to conduct outreach and inspection activities. Potentially hundreds, if not thousands of facilities in Alaska that are not currently regulated by the Department would be subject to the labeling requirements.

With an effective date of 1/1/16, Alaska would become the first state to implement a GMO labeling law in the country (Vermont's law is effective 7/1/16). Significant resources would be required in order to hire and train staff, educate affected food establishments, develop regulations and procedures, and conduct inspections and enforcement actions.