

Fiscal Note

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2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 119
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Identifier: HB119-DFG-HAB-03-27-15
Title: LEG. APPROVAL OF BRISTOL BAY SULFIDE
MINE
Sponsor: JOSEPHSON
Requester: House Special Committee on Fisheries

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Habitat
Allocation: Habitat
OMB Component Number: 486

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				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services					110.0	50.0	50.0
Travel							
Services					75.0	30.0	30.0
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	185.0	80.0	80.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund					185.0	80.0	80.0
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	185.0	80.0	80.0

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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial Fiscal Note

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

House Bill 119 will require the Commissioner of Fish and Game make an independent determination that an applicant for a metallic sulfide mining operation located within the watershed of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the operation will not constitute a danger to the fisheries.

The Commissioner will need assistance in the form of subject matter expertise from staff and legal assistance in reviewing the numerous permits from multiple state and federal agencies, in order to make the independent determination. Each time a permit is issued or significantly modified, a new independent determination will need to be made. For a large mine project, it is expected that routine, ongoing permit modification and reissuance would result in an annual review.

The costs associated with carrying out the requirements in HB 119 are based upon the annual salary of a Habitat Biologist III at approximately \$110,000 in the first year and \$50,000 in subsequent years, and anticipated legal assistance of \$75,000 in the first year and \$30,000 in subsequent years. These costs are projected to begin in FY2019 as there are currently no mines that meet the criteria of the bill poised to need the legislative approval required if this bill becomes law. We estimate that FY2019 would be the soonest any potential mine would need to be evaluated under these new requirements.