

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2016 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	SB 163
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Identifier: DEC-WQ-12-30-15
Title: NATL. RES. WATER
NOMINATION/DESIGNATION
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation
Appropriation: Water
Allocation: Water Quality
OMB Component Number: 2062

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
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 (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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/17

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Analysis/Assumptions:

The purpose of the legislation is to provide a process by which waters can be designated Outstanding National Resource Waters, or Tier 3 waters, by the Legislature. A process is required by the Clean Water Act, but has not yet been defined in Alaska. There are currently no Tier 3 waters in the state.

Work will be done by existing staff in the Division of Water. These staff already work extensively with the water quality standards that provide the framework for the required Tier 3 designation process. In addition, nominations for Tier 3 waters have already been received by the Division and are being tracked by water quality standards staff. The additional workload associated with forwarding the nominations to the Legislature will be incorporated by prioritizing the existing work.

Regulations may be promulgated to describe the process for nomination and the process for the interested or affected public to submit additional information. The Division has already done extensive work on draft regulations. After additional outreach and public notice, it is expected that regulations would be adopted by June 30, 2017.