

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 32  
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Identifier: HB032-DEC-FSS-03-10-17  
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)

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	***	<b>0.0</b>	***	***	***	***	***

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	***	<b>0.0</b>	***	***	***	***	***

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*  
*(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/18

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

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

This proposed legislation amends AS 17.20 to include the labeling requirement of genetically modified (GMO) 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 Department of Environmental Conservation's regulations), the scope of the Department's regulated community would expand significantly.

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. With existing resources, the Department expects to be able to perform limited retailer and processor outreach and education, labeling reviews, and respond to complaints. The Department would not be able to take enforcement action because the State lacks the analytical resources to conduct genetic testing to confirm that a food product is in fact GMO.