

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 123  
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Identifier: HB123-DHSS-BVS-2-24-17  
Title: DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH CARE COSTS  
Sponsor: SPOHNHOLZ  
Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Public Health  
Allocation: Bureau of Vital Statistics  
OMB Component Number: 961

## 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>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

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>

## 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/19**

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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BILL NO. HB123

**Analysis**

House Bill 123 requires healthcare providers and facilities to compile an annual list of the undiscounted price of the most common healthcare procedures and diagnosis codes performed in person or by telehealth. The reporting entities are required to report these annual lists to the Department of Health and Social Services and post them in their offices and on their websites. The Department is required to compile these reports in a database, and post them on its website. Failure to comply is a civil penalty of \$50 to \$2,500 applied per day of late reporting. These changes would be effective January 1, 2018.

The Health Analytics and Vital Records Section of the department would be responsible for implementing the health care services and price information bill. The department would have to build and staff a new database to compile the provider (and possibly the facility) lists and create a webpage to post the information. If the intent is for a simple webpage despository of the facilities' and providers' lists in PDF format, then the cost of the website and the staff time to post the lists can be absorbed by the section, and does not require an appropriation. Estimated staff time to maintain and post the lists would be negligible, and could be absorbed within current resources. This is on the understanding that the department is not being asked to collect, analyze, or otherwise maintain data and information contained in these lists, and that the lists would be posted as-is when received from the facility or provider.

Additionally, the department would need regulations to establish reporting guidelines, and prescribe the format and submission process. This will ensure file compatibility and uniformity in order to streamline the posting process and minimize administrative burden on the reporting entities and the department. Regulations are expected to be in place July 1, 2019.