

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB053-UA-SYSBRA-2-16-2019
Title: UNIV. REPORTING REQS FOR ACCREDITATION
Sponsor: STEVENS
Requester: (S) EDUCATION

Department: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Budget Reductions/Additions - Systemwide
OMB Component Number: 1296

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2020	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2020 Request	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2020	FY 2020					
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

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2020) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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/comments:

Not applicable. This is an initial version based on the 2-13-19 Governor's FY2020 request.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The University of Alaska estimates that this legislation would have no fiscal impact on current operations.

Under current law, AS 14.40.190, the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska must prepare a report that provides:

- a) the condition of university property; receipts and expenditures; administration and disposition of appropriated and restricted funds, including the unexpended balance of university receipts; and on the educational and other work performed by the university during the preceding year. This report is due annually at the beginning of each regular legislative session.
- b) information on teacher preparation, retention and recruitment programs and initiatives at the University of Alaska. This report is to be entitled "Alaska's University for Alaska's Schools" and is due no later than the 30th day of the first regular legislative session. It is sometimes referred to as the SB 241 Report, after the 2008 bill establishing the requirement [Chapter 71, SLA 2008].

This legislation would add a third reporting requirement by adding a new subsection (c) to AS 14.40.190. The board would be required to prepare a biennial report on the status of national, regional, and programmatic accreditations at the University of Alaska, and describing the efforts being made to maintain or achieve those accreditations. The report would be presented to the House and Senate Education Committees no later than the 30th day of the first regular legislative session.

Per existing board policy, P10.06.010, each university is required to regularly assess all instructional programs to evaluate their quality and effectiveness. These program reviews are designed to meet the standards of applicable national, regional and specialized accrediting bodies. Annually, each university must provide the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the board, a report on the status of these ongoing program reviews which includes a discussion on academic accreditation. The internal processes for compiling, tracking and reporting this information annually to the board already exist, and can provide the basis for a biennial report to the legislature on accreditation status. Accordingly, the university estimates that this legislation would have no fiscal impact.