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Identifier: SB37-DHSS-Public Health-03-11-19
Title: RENEWAL OF VACCINE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Sponsor: GIESSEL
Requester: (S) Finance

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Public Health
Allocation: Epidemiology
OMB Component Number: 296

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2020 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2020 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	**FY 2020**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**	**FY 2023**	**FY 2024**	**FY 2025**
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities	(12,500.0)	12,500.0	(12,500.0)				
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	**(12,500.0)**	**12,500.0**	**(12,500.0)**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1238 VaccAssess (DGF)	(12,500.0)	12,500.0	(12,500.0)				
Total	**(12,500.0)**	**12,500.0**	**(12,500.0)**	**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? yes

(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? n/a

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated to the Governor's 2/13/19 FY20 request. SB37 removes $12.5 million VaccAssess (DGF) authority from Epidemiology's base budget. The existing Fund Transfer language transferring GF/PR (estimated to be $12.5 million in FY20) to the Vaccine Assessment Account will be removed from the operating bill and replaced with Fund Cap language using the new Vaccine Assessment Fund.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB37 reauthorizes the statewide immunization program in the Department of Health and Social Services, which is scheduled to sunset January 1, 2021.

Estabilished in 2014, the Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program is a public-private partnership that monitors, purchases and distributes all childhood and select adult vaccines to providers, making access to vaccines universal for all Alaskans at no cost to the state. In 2018, the program covered more than 333,000 Alaskans, 45 percent the total population.

The Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program is fully funded by the state Vaccine Assessment Account through mandatory assessments from health plans and insurers. The Department of Health and Social Services manages the program and provides support to the Vaccine Assessment Council. The Council determinates the assessment rate.

Private health insurers, third party administrators, and other program participants pay an assessment to the state based on the number of beneficiaries they cover. The State uses the assessments to purchase pediatric and adult vaccines at discounted rates off a bulk contract. The State then distributes the vaccine sdirectly to healthcare providers at no additional charge to their patients. This program improves health and well-being while lowering overall vaccine costs by 20 to 30 percent.

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