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Identifier: HB151-DOLWD-UI-03-26-21
Title: UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR COVID-19
Sponsor: LABOR & COMMERCE
Requester: (H) L&C

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Appropriation: Employment and Training Services
Allocation: Unemployment Insurance
OMB Component Number: 2276

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2022	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
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 (FY2021) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable. Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation provides flexibility for Alaskans seeking unemployment insurance benefits who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill would waive a mandatory waiting period before benefits could begin, and would ease able and available criteria for up to 120 days. The legislation also increases the dependent allowance provision to \$75 per week for each dependent with no restriction on the maximum number of dependents.

Unemployment Insurance benefits are paid directly from the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, and are not included in a budget bill.

The fiscal impact of this legislation for waiving the waiting week is zero as these benefits are 100% federally funded and same-day reimbursed to the UI Trust Fund.

The forecasted fiscal impact from the UI Trust Fund for the \$75 dependent allowance is \$13.1 million in additional dependent allowance benefits on top of the existing statutory \$24 dependent allowance amount. Since this is only an estimate the Department of Labor and Workforce Development will continue to assess fiscal impacts of the legislation and will provide updates to the fiscal analysis.