

Fiscal Note

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Title: U OF A REGENTS REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS
Sponsor: STEVENS
Requester: Education Committee

Department: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Statewide Services
OMB Component Number: 730

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	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

No changes; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The legislation would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on current University of Alaska operations.

This legislation would add a reporting requirement by adding a new subsection to AS 14.40.190. The board would be required to prepare a semiannual 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 University of Alaska System has dozens of programmatic accreditations at our three separately accredited universities. While the internal processes for compiling, tracking and reporting this information annually to the board already exists, accounting for the status of each individual program's accreditations on a semiannual basis would pose a considerable administrative work by provosts and faculty. Accordingly, the fiscal impact for the university system is indeterminate.