

Fiscal Note

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Title: ADD FACULTY MEMBER UNIV BOARD OF REGENTS
Sponsor: WOOL
Requester: House Education

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					
			FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel	4.5		4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	4.5	0.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	4.5		4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Total	4.5	0.0	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Currently, the University of Alaska (UA) Board of Regents is an 11-member board, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Alaska Legislature. Members serve 8-year terms, with the exception of the student regent who serves a 2-year term.

This legislation expands the Board of Regents (BOR) to 12 members by adding one full-time faculty member. The Faculty Senate from each of UA's three accredited universities would elect two faculty members to forward to the Governor for consideration. The Governor would select one regent from the list of six names forwarded by the universities. The faculty regent must be confirmed by the legislature and would serve a two-year term.

The legislation requires the faculty regent to be employed by, and have received tenure from one of the three universities within the UA System. Currently, regents are not university employees. This fiscal analysis assumes the faculty regent will serve voluntarily, and will be unpaid, as is the case with existing regents.

UA estimates that adding a faculty member to the BOR will add an incremental travel cost of \$4,500 annually. In FY19, the current 11-member board incurred total travel related expenses of \$49,000 to participate in five in-person regular meetings and six special or emergency meetings. Adding an additional member would therefore be expected to increase annual travel costs by approximately \$4,500.

If the legislative intent is to hold the faculty regent harmless for work missed as a result of their BOR duties, UA may incur additional costs associated with paying other faculty to cover those teaching duties.