

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2023 Legislative Session

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Identifier: 0337-DOR-PFD-2-22-23  
 Title: PERM FUND; EMPLOYMENT; ELIGIBILITY  
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR  
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Revenue  
 Appropriation: Taxation and Treasury  
 Allocation: Permanent Fund Dividend Division  
 OMB Component Number: 981

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2024	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2024 Request	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2023) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2024) 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? **Yes**  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/24

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Revenue		

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

This legislation amends AS 12.62 and AS 43.23 to authorize the Department of Revenue to collect fingerprints for completion of a national criminal history record check for the purpose of determining suitability for employment. The amendment to AS 12.62 authorizes the Department of Public Safety to conduct national criminal history checks for division employees. This bill as amends AS 43.23.008(a) to allow merchant mariners attending qualified vocational programs to qualify for an allowable absence from the state for eligibility purposes.

A new subsection is added to AS 43.23.008 to define the term “education on a full-time basis” for the purposes of calculating allowable absences for students receiving secondary or postsecondary education, vocational, professional, or other specific education. The proposed definition would allow the division to include intra-academic year holidays and breaks, but not summer breaks, in the full-time education calculation, as opposed for separately calculating holidays and breaks under the current iteration of the statute.

This bill provides statutory authority to collect fingerprints for the purpose of conducting background checks on DOR employees and amends AS 43.23.140(d) to allow the division to use electronic notice of levy for individuals who are subjected to a court order or writ for the collection of a debt. Currently, the division is required to provide notice of levy via mail, despite the consent of many applicants to receive electronic notices.

The provisions of this legislation are effective January 1, 2024.

The Division estimates:

Conducting background checks on 66 employees: \$3,184.50

Ongoing costs for future years with an approximate turnover of 10 staff annually: \$482.50

These costs are minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources; therefore, the department submits a zero fiscal note.