

2023 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL #1

OFFERED IN: The Senate Finance Committee

TO: HB 39

OFFERED BY: Senator Kiehl

FISCAL YEAR: FY24

DEPARTMENT: Health
APPROPRIATION: Medicaid Services
ALLOCATION: Medicaid Services

ADD: \$117.8 Gen Fund (1004)

DELETE CONDITIONING WORDAGE:

DEPARTMENT: Health
APPROPRIATION: Medicaid Services

[No money appropriated in this appropriation may be expended for an abortion that is not a mandatory service required under AS 47.07.030(a). The money appropriated for the Department of Health may be expended only for mandatory services required under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, unless a U.S. Supreme Court decision provides new precedent, and for optional services offered by the state under the state plan for medical assistance that has been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.]

EXPLANATION: The Alaska Constitution protects Alaskans' right to access reproductive health care, including abortions. The Alaska Supreme Court has ruled this conditional language violates our Constitution. This amendment removes unconstitutional language and restores the associated funding.