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Title: CARBON STORAGE
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: (H) Finance

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Appropriation: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Allocation: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
OMB Component Number: 3269

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2024 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2024 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Personal Services	388.0		388.0	388.0	388.0	388.0	388.0
Travel							
Services	650.0		650.0	350.0	350.0	350.0	350.0
Commodities	20.0						
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	1,058.0	0.0	1,038.0	738.0	738.0	738.0	738.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	1,058.0		1,038.0				
1252 DGF Temp (DGF)				738.0	738.0	738.0	738.0
Total	1,058.0	0.0	1,038.0	738.0	738.0	738.0	738.0

Positions

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

1252 DGF Temp (DGF)	***		***	738.0	738.0	738.0	738.0
Total	***	0.0	***	738.0	738.0	738.0	738.0

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? Yes
(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/24

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Corrects the fiscal note to reflect the Carbon Storage Facility Administrative Fund, not the Carbon Storage Closure Trust Fund, is the fund source for regulating the program. Updated to reflect positions in out years instead of personal services costs, reflect updated time estimates for revenue receipts, and update regulations date.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill draft expands existing authority and responsibilities of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) to create a regulatory structure for carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) in Alaska. This bill grants AOGCC authority to pursue primacy from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over Class VI wells needed for CCUS injection, and amends the general property laws of Alaska to clarify pore space ownership for private parties. The bill also creates a carbon storage closure trust fund to pay for post-closure maintenance and monitoring of carbon dioxide storage facilities by the state, and establishes AOGCC's regulatory authority over carbon dioxide injection and storage facilities.

If the bill passes the following expenses will be incurred:

Personal Services: \$388.0 per year for one fully-exempt Senior Carbon Engineer (R26) and one fully-exempt Carbon Assistant (R18)

Services: \$50.0 in each year for statewide and department allocated core services costs
\$300.0 in FY2024 and FY2025 for legal support through the Department of Law
\$300.0 in each year for other contractual services, which may include contracted expertise for project development

Commodities: \$20.0 in FY2024 only for setup costs for new employees

FY2024-FY2025 will mainly be focused on obtaining primacy and promulgating regulations. The general fund expenditures for these years may be offset by potential grant receipts through the EPA Class VI Grant Program. In order to accept these federal funds, AOGCC will need language allowing collection of federal receipts as they become available.

The volume of permit applications and program activity beginning in FY2026 is not known at this time. AOGCC anticipates that program management and administration may to be accomplished through either contractual support, AOGCC staff, or a combination of the two. In this fiscal note, costs for program support are included in the personal services and services line from FY2026-FY2029.

This legislation also creates the Carbon Storage Facility Administrative Fund (CSFAF). The amount and timing of revenue to support operations is not yet known. In the first two years' operations are funded from general funds. Revenues collected in the CSFAF will be used to support the costs of regulating the program incurred by the AOGCC starting in year 3. The amount of revenue to be collected in the fund is not known at this time but is anticipated to be sufficient to support annual operations. Revenue collections are shown in this note as equal to expenditures beginning in FY2026.

Regulations in support of the program will be required.