

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2024 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 170  
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Identifier: SB170-DOH-SBPP-1-22-24  
Title: EXTEND SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT PROGRAM  
Sponsor: KAWASAKI  
Requester: (S) FIN

Department: Department of Health  
Appropriation: Senior Benefits Payment Program  
Allocation: Senior Benefits Payment Program  
OMB Component Number: 2897

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	23,542.3		24,013.1	24,493.4	24,983.3	25,482.9	25,992.6	
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>23,542.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24,013.1</b>	<b>24,493.4</b>	<b>24,983.3</b>	<b>25,482.9</b>	<b>25,992.6</b>	

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	23,542.3		24,013.1	24,493.4	24,983.3	25,482.9	25,992.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,542.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24,013.1</b>	<b>24,493.4</b>	<b>24,983.3</b>	<b>25,482.9</b>	<b>25,992.6</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 (FY2024) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** 0  
*(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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/24**

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

N/A; Initial version.

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Agency: <u>Department of Health</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

Fiscal impact assumptions factor in current regulations for the Senior Benefits Payment Program which includes language that instructs the division to reduce benefit payments for the highest income/lowest benefit tier to remain within the appropriated budget. Starting in FY2018, the division has reduced the lowest benefit tier payment from \$125/month to \$76/month.

Current Benefit Levels:

- \$250/month payment level - Income up to 75% of Alaska Federal Poverty Level
- \$175/month payment level - Income between 75% and 100% Alaska Federal Poverty Level
- \$76/month payment level - Income between 100% and 175% Alaska Federal Poverty Level

For purposes of these projections, the division assumes participation levels will continue at the historical 2% annual increase and benefit levels will align with current statute AS 47.45.302(b)(3).

Based on this assumption the divisions anticipates participation as follows:

- \$250 - 24,317 participates totaling \$6,079.3
- \$175 - 63,243 participates totaling \$11,067.5
- \$125 - 51,164 participates totaling \$6,395.5

Projected total Senior Benefit expenditure for initial year = \$23,542.3