

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2024 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 227  
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Identifier: HB227-VAR-EXE-01-20-24  
 Title: ELECTRIC UTILITY LIABILITY  
 Sponsor: RAUSCHER  
 Requester: HOUSE ENERGY

Department: Various  
 Appropriation: Various  
 Allocation: Executive Branch  
 OMB Component Number: 0

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2025	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2025 Request	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>FY 2030</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>	<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>	<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>	<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?** 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? No  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

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

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

House Bill 227 would provide complete immunity from civil liability for certain electrical utilities in the event of property damage, death, or personal injury resulting from contact between the utility's facilities and off-property vegetation. The utilities covered by this provision are those offering electric service to the public for compensation under a certificate of public convenience and necessity, issued under AS 42.05.221. The immunity provision would not apply if the vegetation at issue is within the bounds of property under the control of the utility, including easements or rights-of-way, and one of two additional conditions is met.

The administration does not anticipate any programmatic effects to departments as a result of this legislation; therefore, a zero fiscal note for all agencies is submitted.