

Fiscal Note

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Title: ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING
Sponsor: TOBIN
Requester: Senate Resources

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation
Appropriation: Environmental Health
Allocation: Environmental Health
OMB Component Number: 3202

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 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	251.0		251.0	251.0	251.0	251.0	251.0	251.0
Travel	15.0		78.0	78.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0
Services	216.0		196.0	130.1	130.1	130.1	130.1	130.1
Commodities	15.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	497.0	0.0	526.0	460.1	421.1	421.1	421.1	421.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	497.0		526.0	460.1				
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)					421.1	421.1	421.1	421.1
Total	497.0	0.0	526.0	460.1	421.1	421.1	421.1	421.1

Positions

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

Change in Revenues

1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)					421.1	421.1	421.1
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	421.1	421.1	421.1

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? **Yes**
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **12/31/25**

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

This bill establishes an electronic stewardship program where manufacturers of specific electronics sold in Alaska would be accountable for the collection, recycling, and disposal of those designated electronics, with oversight provided by the department. The bill would also create an electronics recycling advisory council, whose members would be appointed by the commissioner.

Personal Services:

The Division of Environmental Health would require two additional positions.

A Program Coordinator 2 would develop, plan, coordinate, and oversee activities of the electronic device recycling program. The position would be responsible for regulation development, fee reviews and adjustments, program data and reporting, information sharing, and other activities to align with best practices. The position would also administer the electronics recycling advisory council.

An Environmental Health Specialist 3 would conduct work specific to providing technical and compliance assistance to manufacturers, retailers and consumers as well as complete e-scrap program plan reviews, manage a registration system, review annual reports, enforce regulations, oversee fee collection, and associated activities.

Travel:

Staff travel for training and program development is expected in year one followed by travel for both program staff and recycling advisory council members to attend required council meetings in subsequent years. Required travel frequency would decrease following council review and initial approval of manufacturer program plans.

Contractual Services:

Contractual costs include outreach to be developed and distributed to manufacturers, businesses, and the public in the interest of promoting the recycling of covered electronic devices. This includes but is not limited to establishing a toll-free number and publishing and maintaining a website with best practices, registered manufacturers, annual reports, and other program information.

An electronic product registration, plan review, data collection, and fee information management system would be required. Funding includes initial implementation in year one followed by annual maintenance fees.

A consultation contract would be utilized to facilitate program development, planning, compliance, communications, and related activities. Contracted financial services would be utilized to conduct annual fee studies as required in the bill. Fee studies are typically accomplished every four years.

Commodities:

Supply costs reflect new employee costs in the first year, and general office supplies in out years.

Funding Source:

Initially, the program would be funded by UGF. As regulations are passed and fees are collected, a shift to GFPR is expected.