

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB143-EED-SSA-12-4-23
Title: EDUCATION FOR DEAF & HEARING IMPAIRED
Sponsor: GRAY-JACKSON
Requester: Senate Education

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services
Allocation: Student and School Achievement
OMB Component Number: 2796

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 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services	6.0						
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	6.0						
Total	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/25

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 relates to students in public schools who are deaf or hard of hearing in Alaska. The bill amends AS 14.30.272 *Procedural safeguards* by requiring school districts to provide comprehensive, neutral, and unbiased information regarding hearing technology, communication methods, services, programs, and support available to parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The bill allows parents to choose the method of communication that is most appropriate for their child and requires services to be delivered by professionals with training, experience, and a background in the chosen method of communication.

The bill also establishes a centralized program for the deaf, which provides residential services as part of its educational program and can be operated by a school district under an agreement with the Department of Education and Early Development. The department currently provides funding for students who attend the program operated by a school district, which is directed in this legislation.

This fiscal note includes a one-time cost of \$6.0 for legal fees to implement the necessary regulation changes.