

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2024 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 309  
 Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: HB309-DCCED-CBPL-03-15-24  
 Title: DELEGATION OF ROUTINE OPTOMETRY  
 SERVICES  
 Sponsor: RUFFRIDGE  
 Requester: (H) HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and  
 Economic Development  
 Appropriation: Corporations, Business and Professional  
 Licensing  
 Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional  
 Licensing  
 OMB Component Number: 2360

**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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</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? 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/25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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Agency:	Commerce, Community, and Economic Development		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

HB 309 would require the Alaska Board of Examiners in Optometry (“board”) to adopt regulations authorizing unlicensed agents of optometrists to perform routine services of optometry delegated by an optometrist. The legislation would prohibit an optometrist from delegating duties related to pain management and opioid use and addiction. Regulations would define the phrase “routine services of optometry.”

If the bill passes, the division will absorb the projected legal and printing costs for regulation change within the division's existing authority.

*Professional licensing programs within the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing are funded by Receipt Supported Services – fund source 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF). Licensing fees for each occupation are set per AS 08.01.065. The total amount of revenue collected approximately equals each occupation’s actual regulatory costs.*