

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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 Title: Hearing Screening for Newborns BRU: State Health Services  
 Component: Maternal, Child, & Family Hlth  
 Sponsor: Joule  
 Requester: House (HES) Component Number: 290

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services				100.0	100.0	100.0
Travel				5.7	5.7	5.7
Contractual	150.0	140.0	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.5
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	437.7	437.7	437.7	437.7	437.7	437.7
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>587.7</b>	<b>577.7</b>	<b>537.7</b>	<b>644.9</b>	<b>644.9</b>	<b>644.9</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	387.7	377.7	337.7	444.9	444.9	444.9
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>587.7</b>	<b>577.7</b>	<b>537.7</b>	<b>644.9</b>	<b>644.9</b>	<b>644.9</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2002 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time				1	1	1
Part-time				1	1	1
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

**Contractual: \$150.0**

\*Database development - \$80.0

A contract will be issued to develop a statewide early hearing detection and intervention tracking system which will be used by birth facilities and audiologists to track and provide required reporting on infants with hearing loss. This database will be located in all facilities throughout the state and will provide the state office with data to assure that all infants with hearing loss are receiving appropriate and timely services.

\*Public Service Announcement -\$30.0

A contract will be issued to develop 1 more culturally appropriate PSAs for television and radio. These PSAs will educate the public on the importance of early detection and intervention for infants with hearing loss.

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**ANALYSIS: (continued)****\*Other Outreach Activities - \$10.0**

A contract will be issued to develop educational materials (posters, brochures, resource directories). These materials will be distributed at hospitals, in OB offices, and other public venues.

**Diagnostics - \$30.0**

Contracts will be issued with audiologists around the state to provide diagnostic services to infants suspected by screening as having a hearing loss. These infants will have no other sources of funds for coverage of these audiologic services.

We anticipate that contractual costs will be higher in the first years of the program due to start-up costs associated with database development and education and outreach activities. Costs are anticipated to decrease and stabilize as the program becomes established.

**Grants and Claims: \$437.7****\* Uninsured Newborn Hearing Screening - \$200.0**

These funds will cover hearing screening for newborns without public or private insurance.

**\*Early Intervention (ILP) - \$209.0**

This funding will be issued in grants to existing ILP programs to provide appropriate intervention services to the additional children who experience hearing loss who will be identified through increased screening. The majority of these grant funds will go to the Alaska Early Intervention Hearing Resource Program which is an itinerant consultant program that travels statewide providing specialized services to children with hearing impairment.

**\*Travel for Uninsured - \$28.7**

These funds will cover transportation to hub areas for hearing screening for children born in rural areas without UNHS facilities.

**Increased GF Funding for FY2005: \$111.5**

Currently, MCFH is receiving a federal grant for four years which covers staffing for the program as described below. The federal grant allows MCFH to begin implementing a statewide UNHS program. When federal funding expires in FY2005, there will be a need for state funds to sustain program staffing and other needed activities. Specifically, funds will be required to continue supporting:

\*A full-time Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Coordinator (Health Program Manager II - Range 19) who will oversee reporting and tracking activities, outreach and education efforts and provide technical assistance at UNHS facilities around the state.

\* A part-time Administrative Clerk III - Range 10 who will provide administrative support for the activities required for implementation of a statewide UNHS system.

\*Program Coordinator travel.

\*Other costs associated with the program such as interpreters for meetings and teleconferences.