

# FISCAL NOTE

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 Title: Extension of the Alaska Railroad to Canada BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
and to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory Component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor: Representative James  
 Requester: House Transportation Component Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**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						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
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>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<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>

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						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

At this point, the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) matches all federal grant appropriations with its internal funds. Should this be the case regarding federal funding appropriated for corridor delineation to the Canadian border and Whitehorse, there will be not fiscal impact to the State's general fund. There will be a fiscal impact if the State helps the ARRC match the federal dollars. The ARRC is currently asking Senator Frank Murkowski to look for federal funding options for corridor delineation. It has been estimated it would take approximately \$5 million to delineate and survey the corridor from the Alaska Railroad near Fairbanks to the Canadian border. In addition, this bill would allow the ARRC to investigate the extension from the Alaska border to Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory. At this time, the ARRC has not estimated the cost to determine the Whitehorse route and conduct survey's for this section of corridor. Finally, the bill would allow the ARRC to acquire rights-of-way in the corridor. We assume that State land could be acquired for no cost. Military land could be transferred by our Congressional Delegation. Native lands would require purchase or easements and we do not have estimates for the associated costs.

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