

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 4  
 Bill Version: CSHJR 4(STA)  
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 Title Proposing an amendment to the BRU Leg Council, Leg Operating Budget  
Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the duration... Component: All  
 Sponsor Representative Samuels, Rokeberg...  
 Requestor House Judiciary Component No. 782

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services	0.0	(516.0)	(172.0)	(516.0)	(516.0)	(516.0)
Travel	0.0	(285.0)	(95.0)	(285.0)	(285.0)	(285.0)
Contractual	0.0	(21.0)	(7.0)	(21.0)	(21.0)	(21.0)
Supplies	0.0	(21.0)	(7.0)	(21.0)	(21.0)	(21.0)
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(843.0)</b>	<b>(281.0)</b>	<b>(843.0)</b>	<b>(843.0)</b>	<b>(843.0)</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</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>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</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** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	0.0	(843.0)	(281.0)	(843.0)	(843.0)	(843.0)
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(843.0)</b>	<b>(281.0)</b>	<b>(843.0)</b>	<b>(843.0)</b>	<b>(843.0)</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

CSHJR 4(STA) would amend the Constitution of the State of Alaska by limiting the regular session to 90 days. If this resolution is passed and approved by the voters at the next general election in 2004, the earliest the 90 day session limit would be in effect would be 2006. The Legislature would realize a cost savings of approximately \$28.1 per day for each day of a shorter session. Shortening the session by 30 days would result in a cost savings of, 30 times \$28.1, or \$843.0 per year. Also, if the amendments pass, in gubernatorial election years, such as FY07, the session would be limited to 110 days. A cost savings of \$281.0 would be realized during these years.

The Legislature traditionally charges expenses occurring during session to session expense accounts, and expenses occurring during the interim to interim expense accounts. For example: Most

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

legislative staff payroll costs are charged to operating expense accounts during the interim. Staff salaries for most legislative staffers are charged to session expense accounts during the session. The legislative payroll is higher during a legislative session. If the session were shortened to 90 days, the session payroll would decrease and the interim payroll would increase. There would be a decrease in the total amount of the payroll due to the higher cost of personal services during a session. The majority of the personal services costs would be a transfer of costs between allocations.

The costs below are for items not needed for a shorter session.

	<b>Per Day</b>	<b>times 30 days</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personal Services</b>	17.2	30	516.0
<b>Travel</b>			
Session per diem costs 10.5 per day. If session were shortened more long term per diem claims would be filed during the year, approximately 1.0 per day 10.5 - 1.0 = 9.5	9.5	30	285.0
<b>Contractual</b>			
Telephones, chaplin fees, copier maintenance	0.7	30	21.0
<b>Supplies</b>			
Lounge supplies	0.7	30	21.0
Printshop paper supplies	_____		_____
	28.1		843.0

Current number of session days	120
Proposed number of session days	<u>90</u>
	30

**Gubernatorial election year savings:**

Personal Services	17.2	10	172.0
Travel	9.5	10	95.0
Contractual	0.7	10	7.0
Supplies	<u>0.7</u>	10	<u>7.0</u>
	28.1		281.0