

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

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 Title CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON
PERMANENT FUND

RDU Children's Services
 Component Foster Care Base Rate

Sponsor HOLM
 Requester HOUSE (STA)

Component No. 2236

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						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	24.9	(24.9)				
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	24.9	(24.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	24.9	(24.9)				
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	24.9	(24.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: _____

Mark 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)

The proposed changes to the PFD distribution in this bill would cause the payment to be counted as income and could impact the amount of Title IV-E federal receipts received by the Office of Children's Services for Foster Care.

This resolution can be viewed two ways in regards to Foster Care programs:

- 1) Children in OCS custody and in out-of-home care - If the monies go into their trust account the children will not lose benefits because the trust accounts are not accessible without court action.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

This would include the benefits of Title IV -E; Medicaid, and SSI/OASDI eligibility. Based on this we don't see any impact for the kids that are already in custody and placed out of the home **prior** to the 2004 PFD release.

2) There is a potential impact for those children that come into custody and are placed out of their homes during the month of the 2004 PFD distribution.

OCS data shows that 76 children were removed from their homes between 10/10/03 and 11/9/03. This would represent a good sampling of children that fell into category #2 during the time of the PFD release in 2003. These 76 kids would not have been Title IV -E eligible.

Foster Care Base Rate Assumption:

Multiplying just the foster care base rate for 30 days by those 76 children, results in \$46.1.

(\$20.22 base rate X 30 days -- \$606.0 / \$606.60 X 76 = \$46,101.60)

With the federal reimbursement rate of 53.99%, that would mean a loss of federally reimbursed funds equating to approximately \$24,890 for one month of the 76 children being Title IV-E ineligible. This loss in federal revenue would have to be replaced by state general funds in FY05 only. In FY06 the children would once again be eligible for Title IV -E federal reimbursement.

The fiscal note financial summary on page 1 shows the projected one-time cost in FY2005. FY2006 reflects that this funding can then be deleted. This would bring the program back to the base funding with no further changes to the funding level in FY2007-2010.

Note: This fiscal note reflects costs to the Foster Care Base Rate component only. Fiscal impacts to the Foster Care Augmented and Foster Care Special Needs components are detailed in separate fiscal notes.