

FISCAL NOTE

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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
 Title Railroad Utility Corridor to & in Canada BRU Alaska Railroad Corporation
 Component _____
 Sponsor Senator Cowdery
 Requester Senate Transportation Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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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--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

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)

Please see Analysis Continuation.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is a public corporation supported by revenues generated through freight, passenger and real estate services. ARRC does not receive state subsidies for operations or capital improvements, but does receive federal grants used primarily for capital projects. At this point, 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 beyond, there will not be a fiscal impact to the State's general fund. There would be a fiscal impact if the State helps ARRC match federal dollars. There have been previous estimates that it would take approximately \$5 million to delineate and survey the corridor from the Alaska Railroad near Fairbanks to the Canadian border.

Additionally, this bill would allow ARRC to investigate extending from the Alaskan border to connect to the North American rail system. At this time, ARRC has not estimated the cost to determine the route and conduct surveys for this corridor section. This bill would also allow ARRC to acquire the right of way in this corridor. We assume that State land would be acquired at no cost to ARRC. Military land could be transferred through working with the state's congressional delegation. However, Native lands would require purchase or granting of easements; at this juncture, we do not have any estimates for such associated costs.