

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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 Bill Version: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title ELIMINATE ANNUAL ADOPTION SUBSIDY  
REVIEWS

BRU Purchased Services  
 Component Subsidized Adoptions/Guardians

Sponsor RULES COMMITTEE  
 Requester GOVERNOR

Component No. 1962

**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	( 270.0)	( 270.0)	( 270.0)	( 270.0)	( 270.0)	( 270.0)
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	( 85.0)	( 85.0)	( 85.0)	( 85.0)	( 85.0)	( 85.0)
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	( 185.0)	( 185.0)	( 185.0)	( 185.0)	( 185.0)	( 185.0)
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>	<b>( 270.0)</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) 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)

This bill would repeal AS 25.23.220, which requires the Department of Health and Social Services to conduct an annual evaluation of the need for continued adoption or guardianship subsidy payments and the amount of those payments. This bill also amends AS 47.07.020(b)(10) and AS 47.07.035(31) to remove reference to AS 25.23.220.

Persons who adopt or become legal guardians for a hard-to-place child may receive a monthly subsidy payment for the care and support of that child. After the court finalizes an adoption or guardianship with subsidy, the family is independent of the Department with the exception of a statutorily required annual evaluation of the subsidy.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

Adoptive parents and guardians have the right to request a review of their subsidy payments at any time. The repeal of AS 25.23.220 would not affect this right, but would be a cost saving measure for the Department of Health and Social Services. There were 1,854 children in the subsidy program in December 2002. The Division estimates this bill would generate costs savings of \$185,000 general funds and \$85,000 federal funds for a total savings of \$270,000. This savings is through cost containment to existing subsidy amounts and the processing costs associated with the mail out, review and evaluation of subsidy data and the follow up work necessary to finalize the review process.

The cost savings shown on this fiscal note has already been included in the Governor's amended FY2004 budget.