

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: _____
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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SUBPOENA
POWERS

RDU Public Assistance
 Component Public Assistance Admin

Sponsor SENATE (HES)
 Requester SENATE (HES)

Component No. 233

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	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5

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						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other 1156 Receipt Services Funds	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5

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 addition of subpoena power will strengthen the Department's efforts to combat recipient welfare fraud in those cases that are not currently cost-effective to pursue due to associated costs of going to court to obtain a subpoena. Subpoena power will equip the Department to conduct more thorough investigations of questionable welfare applications and efficiently collect information needed to prosecute individuals receiving benefits fraudulently. Subpoena power will allow the Department to pursue approximately 16 additional Food Stamp fraud cases per year. The average amount recovered in each Food Stamp case is approximately \$977. Food Stamps are 100% federally funded, but recovery rules allow the state to retain 35% of fraudulently obtained benefits.

$$\$977 \times 16 = \$15,632 / .35 = \$5,471$$

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