

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

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Title QUARTERLY PFD PAYMENTS AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY RDU Public Assistance

Sponsor RAMRAS Component PFD Hold Harmless

Requester HOUSE (STA) Component No. 225

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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 (0)						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
1050 PFD Fund						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: _____

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The PFD Hold Harmless program (PFD-HH) replaces public assistance benefits for individuals who would otherwise be denied because federal rules require that their PFD be counted as income or resources. Currently, the PFD is disbursed once per year. Public assistance recipients are held harmless in the month it is received and up to three additional months, for a total of four months per distribution year.

This bill provides for an optional quarterly PFD payment. We assume that recipients of public assistance benefits will not choose the quarterly payment option. All public assistance recipients are low-income and historically use the PFD to cover emergent needs, to satisfy debts, or to purchase clothing or other items needed to support self-sufficiency. Moreover, DPA will offer recipients information and education advising against election of the quarterly PFD option as the bill limits access to benefit replacement with hold harmless funding to only one four-month period per fiscal year.

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