

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: _____
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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title RELATING TO PREGNANT WOMEN AND
FETAL ALCOHOL EFFECTS

RDU Public Health
 Component Women, Children and Family Health

Sponsor WEYRAUCH
 Requester HOUSE (HES)

Component No. 2788

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services	283.7	292.2	301.1	310.1	319.4	328.9
Travel	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Contractual	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9
Supplies	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Equipment	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	315.6	324.1	333.0	342.0	351.3	360.8

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	315.6	324.1	333.0	342.0	351.3	360.8
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
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TOTAL	315.6	324.1	333.0	342.0	351.3	360.8

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: _____
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2007 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

CSHB312(HES) would establish an infant screening program in Alaska for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, as well as a diagnosis and treatment program to be administered by the Department of Health and Social Services. The bill also focuses on prevention. While most DHSS-related provisions of the bill would be overseen by the Office of FAS, the Division of Public Health is requesting \$315.6 in FY07 to fully fund Birth Defects and FAS Surveillance activities conducted by the Section of Women's, Children's and Family Health.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

The programs are funded through FY06 almost entirely with an RSA from the Office of FAS. But future funding is unknown, jeopardizing surveillance dollars. It is vital that this program continue so data can be used to evaluate the extensive education and prevention efforts launched in 2002.

Because alcohol-related birth defects may not be diagnosed until the child reaches 5 or 6 years of age, FAS surveillance needs to be supported at least through FY2010 in order to best evaluate the prevention efforts conducted between 2002 and 2005.

Any comprehensive effort to diagnose, treat and prevent FAS must include full funding for this vital surveillance activity.

Personnel (cost projections are increased by 3 percent annually):

Health Program Manager II or Public Health Specialist II (1.0 FTE - \$88,152) - to manage overall surveillance activities for birth defects and FAS.

Health Program Associates (2.0 FTE - \$142,080) - to conduct chart reviews of all birthing hospitals and other facilities that report birth defects; work includes ongoing data collection for FAS.

Research Analyst I (1.0 FTE - \$53,491) - to review reports from hospitals, enter data, conduct inquiries and work with chart abstractors on FAS surveillance.

Other costs:

Contractual - \$14.9 for lease space.

Travel - \$12.5 to visit hospitals that report the most volume of FAS data, and to an annual national birth defects conference.

Supplies - \$.5 for basic office needs.

Equipment - \$4.0 for computers and other equipment.