

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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 Bill Version: HB 395
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
 Title An Act Extending the Period of the Fire Season RDU Statewide Fire Suppression Program
 Component Fire Suppression Preparedness
 Sponsor OLSON, Hawker, Seaton
 Requester (H) RES Component No. 2705

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	514.5	514.5	514.5	514.5	514.5	514.5
Travel						
Contractual	395.6	395.6	431.5	431.5	431.5	431.5
Supplies	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	922.1	922.1	958.0	958.0	958.0	958.0

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	922.1	922.1	958.0	958.0	958.0	958.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	922.1	922.1	958.0	958.0	958.0	958.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

Check 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)

Fires are occurring in greater numbers and with a greater risk to life and property earlier in the year than they have historically. The Tracy Avenue Fire, which started in April 2005 and threatened the community of Homer, was the earliest large, complex fire in the State's history. The Division of Forestry is not currently staffed nor equipped to adequately respond to fires that occur this early. This legislation would change the start of the designated fire season and, if funded, would provide the Division of Forestry with the ability to adequately respond to these early fires threatening communities and the ability to regulate open burning through issuance of burn permits.

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 Agency: Natural Resources

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

This bill provides for a one month earlier fire season. This will require extensions to permanent seasonal fire staff and extensions to helicopter and air tanker contracts.

Personal Services \$514.5

This provides an extension to permanent seasonal firefighters, prevention staff, and fire support staff which allows for fire response and fire prevention during the earlier fire season.

Contractual Services \$395.6

This provides for contract extensions for helicopters and an air tanker to cover the earlier fire season plus additional normal operating costs (utilities, lease space, phones, etc.) associated with a longer fire season. Higher contractual costs starting in FY 2009 are based on expected changes in the renegotiations to the next 5 year air tanker contract.

Supplies \$12.0

Routine operating supplies associated with a longer fire season.