

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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 Bill Version: CSSB 278(RES)  
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 Title AK Climate Change Task Force RDU Resource Development  
 Component Geological Development  
 Sponsor Senator Olson  
 Requester (S) RES Component No. 1031

**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						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>*** INDETERMINATE***</b>					

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

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>*** INDETERMINATE***</b>					

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)

SB278 would create the Alaska Climate Change Task Force composed of 13 members including one ex-officio member of the Commissioner, or designee, from the Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of the Task Force is to: 1) assess the current and potential impacts of climate warming trends on state citizens, natural resources, and the economy, in particular, the adverse effects on natural resource development, forest safety, fish and game utilization, and transportation and community infrastructures. 2) estimate the cost to the state and its citizens of adverse effects associated with climate warming, and 3) make recommendations to the legislature and the administration on measures that would address or mitigate the near and long-term affects of climate change.  
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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

\*\*\* The fiscal impact of this legislation is **indeterminate** at this time. Properly identifying specific circumstances of flooding, erosion, land stability, changes to permafrost due to climate changes, impacts to development infrastructure, exploration activities (i.e., tundra travel), and forest health and management, could take significant in-depth research on existing data, as well as the possibility of additional data gathering and interpretation. This work could also entail the purchase of remote sensing data and analysis of such data depending on the scientific level of the proposed assessment and recommendations. Alternatively, the task force could merely rely on the combined expertise of the members and make recommendations for future research and assessment needs to the Legislature from that basis. In the latter scenario the fiscal note could be -0-.