

FISCAL NOTE

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Identifier (file name): HB320-DPS-SAR-01-25-08 Dept. Affected: Public Safety
 Title: "An Act relating to the certification of search and rescue personnel and organizations; . . ." RDU: Alaska State Troopers
 Sponsor: Representative Meyer Component: Search & Rescue
 Requester: House Labor and Commerce Component Number: 513

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	261.1		261.1	261.1	261.1	261.1	261.1	261.1
Travel	25.0		25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
Contractual	103.9		74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3	74.3
Supplies	9.8		9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.8
Equipment	100.9							
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	500.7	0.0	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2

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	500.7		370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	500.7	0.0	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2	370.2

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*
 This bill requires that the DPS establish qualifications required to certify search and rescue (SAR) personnel and organizations, and provide certification of such. The DPS is also required to maintain a register of the certified SAR personnel and organizations. This bill allows a political subdivision to provide benefits and compensation to volunteer search and rescue personnel. Finally, this bill provides that a SAR person, who is providing a service outside an incorporated city or borough, is an employee of the state and may be eligible for workers compensation coverage.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Passage of this legislation will result in a significant allocation of DPS resources to manage and oversee the training and certification of SAR personnel and groups. Currently there are approximately 1000 active SAR volunteers located in numerous communities throughout the state. To fully comply with this legislation it is anticipated that at a minimum, three new employees would need to be added to the DPS. The justification for the additional positions is as follows:

A DPS Lieutenant to lead and supervise the DPS SAR section. This position would establish statewide SAR qualifications and work with the various SAR agencies to conduct certification of the units and personnel.

A DPS Sergeant that would act as a training coordinator. This position would require extensive travel and would be actively involved in conducting and coordinating the training necessary to certify SAR agencies and personnel.

An Administrative Assistant III to support the Lieutenant and Sergeant and maintain the records associated with the certification of SAR agencies and personnel.

Included in this analysis is the funding needed for staff travel, communications, lease space, office supplies, uniforms, ammunition, law enforcement supplies, vehicles for the two police officers, and one-time costs such as academy training, portable radio, computers, firearms, and office furniture.

It is expected that if SAR agencies and personnel are required to certify, the DPS will assume the responsibility of providing the training necessary for them to comply with the requirements. It is also known by the DPS that there is significant and ongoing turnover within in the SAR community which will require the DPS to provide constant oversight, certification and training in perpetuity, if this legislation passes.

Finally, there will be additional and ongoing costs to the DPS to pay the workers compensation coverage premiums for those covered by this legislation. At this time, Risk Management is unable to predict what this premium will be so DPS is unable to provide an estimated annual cost. DPS may need to seek future appropriations to cover this cost.