

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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 Title Authorizing the governor to delegate the adjunct general RDU Statewide Fire Suppression  
the authority to order the organized militia into active state service... Component Fire Suppression Activity  
 Sponsor Rules Committee  
 Requester H FIN Component Number 2706

**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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
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 Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>*** INDETERMINATE ***</b>					

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: Indeterminate

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*

The cost is indeterminate. See analysis.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

Since 2000, the Guard has been utilized four times, once in 2002 twice in 2004 and once in 2007. Actual availability of the Guard has been impacted by their mobilizations to other parts of the world, making them totally unavailable during some fire seasons.

Identification of costs associated with future usage is dependent upon factors we cannot predict – such as the severity of the fire season, availability of National Guard Units, the configuration (number and types of positions or resources required for the situation). The Division of Forestry can only utilize the National Guard units after we have used all available civilian assets (also a variable that is impacted by other industry use and the season). In recent years there has been a lack of civilian helicopters in the state. A number of factors in the aviation and oil and gas industries have led to a steady decline in the number of civilian helicopters available for use on wildland fires.

Summary of use since 2000:

- In 2002, AKNG flew for 39.0 helicopter hours and DOF paid \$177,000 for a total of 5 days. During this fire season the Guard was not called in to active state service.
- In 2004, AKNG flew 258.1 helicopter hours and DOF paid \$1,010,895.92 (includes flight hours, personnel, meals, lodging, etc.), during 2 different mobilizations totaling 50 days. The Guard was called in to active state service this fire season.
- In 2007, AKNG flew 30.4 helicopter hours and DOF paid \$147,351.80 for a total of 4 days (includes flight hours, personnel, and a fuel truck,...no meals and lodging as the crews flew back and forth from the Willow to Fort Rich every night). During this fire season the Guard was not called in to active state service.

In 2002 and 2007 this proposed legislation would not have increased the amount paid - as the National Guard units were not put on Active Duty and thus continued to receive their normal guard pay plus overtime.

Summary of increase in costs (2004 example):

The cost of a Blackhawk flight crew in 2004 under State Active Duty pay was \$691/day. Under the EFF-pay rate scenario, the cost of this crew would have been \$869/day, resulting in an increase of 20.48%.

In 2004, the cost of Alaska Army National Guard personnel was \$245.1. Under the EFF-pay scenario, this cost would have increased by \$50.2 to a total of \$295.3.