

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 RDU: Public Assistance  
 Component: SeniorCare

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: RELATING TO SENIOR CARE

Sponsor: OLSON  
 Requester: SENATE (HES)

Component No. 2760

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims	( 3,931.8)	( 3,818.4)	( 3,703.2)	( 3,586.2)	( 3,469.2)	( 3,350.4)
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>( 3,931.8)</b>	<b>( 3,818.4)</b>	<b>( 3,703.2)</b>	<b>( 3,586.2)</b>	<b>( 3,469.2)</b>	<b>( 3,350.4)</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)</b>						

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	( 1,549.0)	( 1,435.6)	( 1,320.4)	( 1,203.4)	( 1,086.4)	( 967.6)
1037 GF/Mental Health						
11189 SeniorCare Fund	( 2,382.8)	( 2,382.8)	( 2,382.8)	( 2,382.8)	( 2,382.8)	( 2,382.8)
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>( 3,931.8)</b>	<b>( 3,818.4)</b>	<b>( 3,703.2)</b>	<b>( 3,586.2)</b>	<b>( 3,469.2)</b>	<b>( 3,350.4)</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

The Senior Care program helps low-income seniors over age 65 remain independent in the community by providing an income supplement of \$120 per month to help meet their basic needs, such as food and housing. Nearly 7,000 seniors are currently receiving financial help from the Senior Care Program, and about 140 are receiving help in paying for the premium and deductibles of prescription drug insurance through the prescription drug benefit.

This bill provides for continuation of the Senior Care Program, and increases the monthly income supplement for low income seniors from \$120 per month to \$150 per month. It eliminates the prescription drug benefit (payment of premiums and deductibles) which has had very low enrollment, and keeps the program's income qualifying standards at 135% of the 2005 federal poverty guideline for Alaska (below \$16,133 for an individual, and below \$21,641 for a couple).

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

**Assumptions**

\* The Alaska Longevity Bonus (ALB) Program will be reopened and funded in FY08.

\* This fiscal note makes the assumptions that seniors who qualify for the ALB will not qualify for SeniorCare, and that seniors who formerly received an ALB payment of at least \$150 will elect to receive the higher ALB payment instead of SeniorCare.

\* 2,208 former ALB recipients received an ALB payment of \$150 or more during the phase-out of the ALB program.

\* During FY09-FY13, the number of seniors receiving help from the Senior Care Program will grow at a rate of 1.3%/year (based on 6-year average rate of growth in the old age component of the APA program).

FY	Caseload	1.3% Growth	Revised Caseload	Less ALB	Total	Cost Total x 150 x 12
FY08	7,043		7,043	(2,208)	4,835	\$8,703.0
FY09	4,835	63	4,898		4,898	\$8,816.4
FY10	4,898	64	4,962		4,962	\$8,931.6
FY11	4,962	65	5,027		5,027	\$9,048.6
FY12	5,027	65	5,092		5,092	\$9,165.6
FY13	5,092	66	5,158		5,158	\$9,284.4

Administration

There are no additional administrative costs for operating the Senior Care Program. These costs are included in the Governor's FY08 budget.