

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
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 Bill Version: SB 8
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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):

Title: RIGHT OF PATIENTS TO CHOOSE GENDER OF HOSPITAL STAFF IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS RDU Behavioral Health

Sponsor: DAVIS Component: Alaska Psychiatric Institute
 Requester: SENATE (HES) Component No. 311

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						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (0)						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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 purpose of this bill is to require hospitals providing psychiatric services to proffer gender choice to patients requiring intimate care to document in the patient record, after "reasonable and good faith efforts to comply", a) failure to meet the patient's request for gender choice, but provision of intimate care by a licensed professional or b) failure to meet the patient's request for gender choice, but provision of intimate care by a non-licensed professional. Further, the bill would require posting of the notice of the patient's right of gender choice in intimate care situations.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

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The bill is congruent with the department's desire to accommodate the gender choice of patients, and to protect vulnerable populations from medically unnecessary invasions of privacy. Although, there may be an increase in staff workload due to an increase in documentation, the effect is believed to be negligible and no fiscal impact is expected.