

FISCAL NOTE

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2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services

ID(File name) SB008CS(JUD)-DHSS-API-12-19-2007
 Title RIGHT OF PATIENTS TO CHOOSE GENDER OF HOSPITAL STAFF IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS
 RDU Behavioral Health
 Component Alaska Psychiatric Institute
 Sponsor DAVIS
 Requester SENATE (FIN)
 Component No. 311

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation		Information				
	Required						
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
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	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	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill requires hospitals providing psychiatric services to proffer gender choice to patients requiring intimate care, and 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.

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.

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