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 RDU Alaska Longevity Bonus Programs
 Component Longevity Bonus Hold Harmless

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 Title LONGEVITY BONUS REAPPLICATIONS

Sponsor WIELECHOWSKI
 Requester SENATE (STA)

Component No. 2858

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	1,509.6	1,639.4	1,475.4	1,320.5	1,310.2	1,153.0
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	1,509.6	1,639.4	1,475.4	1,320.5	1,310.2	1,153.0

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	1,509.6	1,639.4	1,475.4	1,320.5	1,310.2	1,153.0
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other(Specify Type-do not abbreviate)						
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TOTAL	1,509.6	1,639.4	1,475.4	1,320.5	1,310.2	1,153.0

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)

This proposed legislation reinstates the Alaska Longevity Bonus (ALB) payments for individuals who were qualified to receive them before January 1, 1997, and who received a payment in June 2003 when funding for the program ended. To qualify for the ALB, individuals must reapply for the program before January 1, 2008, and be a resident of the state under AS 01.10.055 on the day the reapplication is signed and dated.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Hold Harmless

Alaska Longevity Bonus (ALB) Hold Harmless expenditures were determined by matching former ALB recipients against existing Adult Public Assistance recipients who also receive federal SSI benefits. This hold harmless amount is equal to the amount of SSI benefits that would be lost when the ALB payments are counted as income for the federal program.

Federal law governing the administration of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program requires the Alaska Longevity Bonus be counted as income when determining federal SSI benefits. Under AS 47.45.122, the ALB Hold Harmless replaces the SSI benefits that are denied. As the number of ALB/SSI recipients decrease, the benefits paid will also decrease, as does the Hold Harmless.