

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
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 Bill Version: CSHB 126(EDC)  
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Identifier (file name): HB126CS(EDC)-DHSS-FCBR-02-25-09 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 Title: Foster Care/CINA/Education of Homeless RDU: Children's Services  
 Component: Foster Care Base Rate  
 Sponsor: Gara  
 Requester: House EDC Component Number: 2236

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

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

	Appropriation Required		Information				
	FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services							
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims	725.0		445.2	445.2	445.2	445.2	445.2
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>725.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>445.2</b>	<b>445.2</b>	<b>445.2</b>	<b>445.2</b>	<b>445.2</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	0.0		55.6	73.9	73.9	73.9	73.9
1003 GF Match	725.0		389.6	371.3	371.3	371.3	371.3
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>725.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>445.2</b>	<b>445.2</b>	<b>445.2</b>	<b>445.2</b>	<b>445.2</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

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

The intent of CS HB 126 is to address the educational, medical, financial, and housing challenges that face youth as they transition out of foster care and to support those care providers that are willing to help them during that period of transition.

Sec. 11 amends AS 47.10.990 to change the definition of child to include under age 21 years if that person is living in out-of-home care as defined in AS 47.14.400.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

Assumptions applied to this fiscal note:

Foster care reimbursement payments will be made available to care for children who remain in the custody of the state, who are age 18 through 20;

Approximately 15% (17 children) of the 110 that turn age 18 annually will chose to stay in foster care until age 19; 10% (10) to age 20; 5% to 21 (6); totaling 34 children. This is based simply on program experience and the assumption that most children will want to leave foster care at age 18, but that others who have stable homes will decide to stay with their foster families and that most of these children will attend post secondary education programs.

In addition to the 33 children who may wish to participate in the program in its initial year, approximately 12 of those special needs children who are 18 years of age, 6 at age 19, and 6 at age 20 will remain in care for 2010, bringing the total for 2010 to 57 children. This is based on the current numbers of children who age out with special needs. We estimate that 18 children with special needs age out annually, with 6 of them already staying in foster care until age 20, leaving 12 that may chose to stay in care.

For years 2011 - 2015, the number of participants has been reduced to 35, where it may stabilize because OCS speculates those children reaching the age of 19 or 20 will more likely opt to chose the monetary stipend in this bill.

Calculations are based on 360 days at an average base foster care base rate of \$35.33 a day  $35.33 \times 30 = 1,060$ . This calculation is used to equally distribute funding estimates, and makes very little difference to the resulting totals.

Currently, federal reimbursement for the extension of the foster program is not available, however, the Adoption and Guardianship Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 includes the option to extend the assistance age through 20. This fiscal note assumes that option will be implemented when available October 1, 2010, therefore is available for the final three quarters of state fiscal year 2011 forward only.

SFY	# of Children	Age	Annual Cost Per Child	Total Est.	FFP	GF
2010	57	18,19,20	\$12,719	\$724,972	\$0	\$724,972
2011	35	18,19,20	\$12,719	\$445,158	\$55,631	\$389,527
2012	35	18,19,20	\$12,719	\$445,158	\$73,862	\$371,296
2013	35	18,19,20	\$12,719	\$445,158	\$73,862	\$371,296
2014	35	18,19,20	\$12,719	\$445,158	\$73,862	\$371,296
2015	35	18,19,20	\$12,719	\$445,158	\$73,862	\$371,296