

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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Identifier (file name): HB126CS(HSS)-DHSS-CSM-04-06-10 Dept. Affected: Health & Social Services  
 Title Foster Care/CINA/Education of Homeless RDU Children's Services  
 Component Children's Services Management  
 Sponsor Gara  
 Requester House HSS Component Number 2666

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

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual	204.2		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</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	73.5							
1003 GF Match	130.7							
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

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

The intent of CSHB126(HSS) is to extend foster care services to youth who stay in custody between the ages of 18 and 21, if it is determined to be in the best interest of the youth, and the youth consents to remain in care. It also extends the option to those youth ages 16 to 21 who have been emancipated to return to foster care.

The Office of Children's Services Online Resource for the Children of Alaska (ORCA) data base is mandated by the federal government and must be continuously updated to reflect changes in both state and federal law and policy. In addition, functionality in ORCA provides OCS the ability to claim federal reimbursement for eligible clients. Without these updates, OCS will not meet federal outcomes and mandates, will not establish the correct foster care rates for care providers of youth that are older than age 19, will not be able to claim federal reimbursement for costs associated with these older youth, and may be subject to federal fines.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

Functional Area	Enhancement Description	Total # of Hrs.	Total Cost
Update Services page with new youth Services	Page documents services OCS provides a youth or family member in care. The enhancement requires adding additional services such as Vocational Training.	200	\$22,000
Update Education page with post-secondary information	Page records youth education and training. The enhancement requires adding reference values for vocational and post-secondary education and training to record and report completion of the Services such as vocational training.	140	\$15,400
Update Out-of-Home Placement (OHP) page for unlicensed Independent Living Services	Page documents a child's IL placement. The enhancement requires updates to the services categories (foster care, group home, institution, etc.) and service types (going from 16-18 to 18-21). Additionally, updates to the business logic are needed to ensur	200	\$22,000
Update Out-of-Home Page for licensed Foster Care Services	The OHP page documents a child's placement with a licensed provider for correct FC payments. Services categories and service types for older youth required.	220	\$24,200
Update reference values for youth 18-21	ORCA pages use business logic that includes the person's age to complete work on the page. Updates to include older youth are required.	140	\$15,400
Update IV-E Eligibility calculations to include youth 18-21	Page calculates a child's eligibility for IV-E reimbursement funding. A new age category for older youth will be necessary.	340	\$37,400
Update Medicaid Eligibility calculations to include youth 18-21	Medicaid Eligibility page requires the new age category and new age parameters to determine eligibility for Medicaid services.	340	\$37,400
Update ORCA Reports to include youth 18-21	ORCA produces federally mandated and management reports that use age parameters. Parameters must be updated to include older youth.	76	\$8,360
Batch job updates to include youth 18-21	Background processing (batch jobs) determine eligibility reimbursement and payments amounts. Service types for older youth are necessary to correctly calculating reimbursements.	200	\$22,000
<b>TOTAL FISCAL NOTE COSTS. COST BELOW WILL BE ABSORBED INTO CURRENT ORCA FUNDING</b>			<b>\$204,200</b>
Update Interfaces	Interfaces are information exchanges between ORCA and other systems such as EIS, NSTAR, JOMIS. The enhancement requires updates to the Medicaid interface to include older youth.	200	\$22,000
Update ORCA automated messages and ticklers	ORCA automated messages and ticklers are tracking tools for line workers. Updates to the messages and ticklers to include the new age category is required.	140	\$15,400
Updates to Provider Licensing	Licensing Page documents the provider's license to provide services based on the child's age. The enhancement requires adding new license service categories and service type for older youth in order to collect federal reimbursements.	76	\$8,360
Case Plan Documents	Older youth in Foster Care will require additions to ongoing case plans (such as "received GED" to document services and outcomes for the youth. parameters.	140	\$15,400
Service Intake	Page documents requests for services from OCS and requires updates to the age parameters to allow services intakes for youth over 18.	76	\$8,360
Protective services Intake, Investigation, and Provider Investigation.	PS intake and Investigations provide for protective services reports of abuse and neglect. Pages require updates to the age parameters to include youth victims over 18.	140	\$15,400